



St. Irene Church

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 2, 2016

Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 pm

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Ralph Guanci - 7th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, October 1 at 5:00 pm

Joseph Doherty - Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 2 at 8:00 am

Colleen Kelly - Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 2 at 11:00 am

George Canzano - Memorial Mass
Monday, October 3 at 9:00 am

Edward Whitehouse
7th Anniversary Mass

Jayden Parlee – Birthday Mass
Tuesday, October 4 at 9:00 am

Gerard Lobo - Memorial Mass
Thursday, October 6 at 9:00 am

Ben and Abbie Bakken

Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday, October 7 at 9:00 am

John and Margaret O'Connor
Memorial Mass

Saturday, October 8 at 5:00 pm

Khanh-Phuc Tu - Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 9 at 11:00 am

Banns of Marriage

3rd Publication

Christopher Fitzgerald and Valerie Traumuller

Blessing of the Animals

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, October 1st at 10:00 am in the church parking lot.

First Friday

Next Friday, October 7th is the First Friday of October. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

Low-Gluten Altar Bread is Available

If you have Celiac Disease and wish to receive Communion, please see the celebrant priest prior to Mass so he can consecrate the low-gluten hosts during the Mass.

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend, on Saturday October 1, Saint Irene's Women's Club celebrates their fiftieth anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving and a reception at the Westford Regency Hotel. Our parish was established on February 16, 1960 as a small country parish. From the beginning, one of our great assets has been the Women's Club. In the fall of 1970, the Women's Club started an annual Holiday Fair that was very successful financially a focal point for service in the parish. Over the years, the Fair was beautifully organized and attracted crafts people from all over the area. The women themselves spent many hours in the fall at the rectory making unique Christmas decorations and ornaments that many of us still treasure. In recent years, the women have used their talents and energy to provide gifts for our service men and women overseas at Christmas. They also have provided food baskets for needy families at the holidays and boxwood trees and apple pies for all. They have also organized social events such as the ham & bean suppers, Lenten soup and bread, fashion shows and other activities. We congratulate them and thank them for all they have done for Saint Irene's. Happy Anniversary.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction. First Tuesdays of the month include periods for silent prayer, recitation of the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy and finish at 9:00 pm. All other Tuesdays include the Liturgy of the Hours, silent prayer, the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament, and conclude at 8:30 pm. Please email Mary Ellen Bakken at adoration@StIrenes.org for more information.

Wednesday Morning Adoration

Every Wednesday morning, the Holy Mass is followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration until 12 noon.

During this time Fr. Romain is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Adoration is concluded by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Benediction. Come by anytime and spend some time with Jesus.

Religious Education

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Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 began on Sunday, September 18. Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am.

Classes for grades 6-8 are held on Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

Safety Sessions

October 2nd will begin Part I of our Safety Sessions for grades K-5 and will conclude on October 16th. Safety sessions for grades 6-8 are now part of the regular classroom curriculum.

Youth Living Rosary - Special Start Time

Grades 6-8 will host their annual Living Rosary on Monday, Oct. 3rd from **6:30**-8:00 pm.

Please note the special start time. ALL are welcome to attend!

Columbus Day Weekend

There will be NO CLASSES for grades K-5 on Sunday, Oct. 9th and Monday, Oct. 10th for grades 6-8 due to the Columbus Day Weekend. Classes will resume on Oct. 16 and 17.

Confirmation

Level 1 & 2 Confirmation classes will meet on Sunday, October 2 with attendance at 5:00 pm Mass. There will be no classes on Sunday, October 9th due to the holiday weekend.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Theater News

Are you interested in seeing "An American in Paris" at the Wang Theater? Please email info@stirenes.org as soon as possible. Judy Andrews is setting up a trip for late October.

Thank You – Saint Irene Picnic

Thank you to all of the Knights of Columbus for the wonderful gathering last week at St. Irene Parish. The company and food were terrific. Thank you also to the Peer Leaders and to Karen Gettings for providing the bouncy house for the children.

Children's Choir

We welcome children in grades K through 8 to come and sing with the Children's Choir. Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church from 6:15-7:00. The choir sings at the monthly Family Masses, as well as at Christmas, Easter, and First Communion. Rehearsals begin Oct. 6th.

Young Adult Contemporary Group

We welcome young adults ages 13 and up to come and sing at the Monthly Contemporary Mass. This Mass is always the 5:00 PM Mass on the first Sunday of every month. Our group meets at 4:00 and rehearses for an hour before singing at the 5:00 PM Mass. This group is open to vocalists and instrumentalists. No singing experience is necessary. Our first Mass is October 2nd.

Adult Choir

We welcome adults of any age to come and sing with the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church from 7:15-8:30. The choir sings at the 11:00 Mass every Sunday, as well as on Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Easter, and other important occasions. No experience or audition is required, just a love for singing! Rehearsals begin October 6th.

Instrumentalists

We would also love to have instrumentalists join the Music Ministry as well, so please

don't hesitate to contact Cypriana Coelho after Mass or at: music@stirenes.org.

Volunteer Needed for Christmas Mass Parking

For the past three years Lisa Hales and her family have coordinated the parking for the Christmas Eve Masses at St. Irene's. We thank them very much for their help.

Unfortunately, Lisa has moved out of the Carlisle area and we are seeking a new volunteer who can take over this duty. If you can help, please call the rectory (978)369-3940 or email info@StIrenes.org. Thank you.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2016/2017:

Saturday, Oct. 22 – Ham & Bean Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 19 – Mystery Dinner

Friday, May 5 – Confirmation

Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show

Saturday, May 13 – First Communion

Please mark your calendars now and plan to come to these wonderful events.

Parish Library

Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books in our Parish Library which is located in Room 6 of the Parish Hall. The library is open whenever the Church is open but not during religious education classes.

Protecting God's Children / CORI Checks

All clergy, Parish staff, and volunteers who minister, work, or serve in a capacity involving contact with children under eighteen must complete the prevention and education programs mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston (Virtus/Protecting God's Children). Dates and locations for training are listed at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0.

The Archdiocese also requires a **yearly** criminal offender record information (CORI) check for all full and part-time paid staff members, all clergy and all volunteers (17 years and older) who minister to or have access to **children, youth, elderly or the disabled**.

Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you have any questions.

Area Events

Right to Life March

Come MARCH FOR LIFE on Sunday, October 9th – Rally begins at 1:00 pm and March begins at 2:30 pm on Boston Common. The march is sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life. For more information please visit www.masscitizensforlife.org.

Walking with Purpose – Calling all Women

Please join us in Walking with Purpose. Learn how scripture can effectively help you to manage life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. Women of all ages and faiths are welcome.

When: Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:30 pm from Oct. 12
Thursdays 9:00 – 11:00 am from Oct. 13

Where: Holy Family Parish, Lower Level

Please contact Rita Staniar at 978-505-5775 or rstaniar@gmail.com.

Financial Information

On-Line Giving at St. Irene's

St. Irene Parish now provides Online Giving – a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donations. Getting started is easy – just visit our website, www.stirenes.org, and click our **E-Giving** link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish. We thank you for your continued support of St. Irene Parish.

Catholic Appeal 2016 - Update

Thanks to the help of an anonymous donor, we have reached **90.7%** (\$34,140) of our goal this year of **\$37,646** for the Catholic Appeal. We still need **\$3506** for the appeal. Please consider a donation to this worthwhile cause if you haven't done so already. Envelopes are available in the back of the

church. Giving is also possible online at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org. We thank you for your continued support.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett

Music Director:

Cypriana Coelho

Religious Education Coordinator:

Eileen Faber

Confirmation Coordinator:

Sheila Zacharchuk

Religious Education

Grades K-5: Sunday 9:00 – 9:50 am
Sunday 10:00 – 10:50 am

Grades 6-8: Monday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Youth Ministry

Sundays, 1st of month 3:30 – 6:00 pm
Please contact the rectory.

Baptism Catechesis

Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please call the rectory to register.

Baptisms

Sundays, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.

	Total Offertory	Expenses	Surplus / Deficit
September	\$26,290	\$38,241	\$ - 11,951
Year to Date	\$244,664	\$381,340	\$ - 136,676

Gifts and bequests to St. Irene Church year to date: \$34,257.99

18 parishioners/families have enrolled in the on-line giving program.

20 parishioners are now using EBP (Electronic Bill Pay).