



# St. Irene Church

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**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 9, 2016**

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## Mass Schedule

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### 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

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### Mass Intentions

John and Margaret O'Connor  
Memorial Mass  
Saturday, October 8 at 5:00 pm

Marie Louise Lachance  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, October 9 at 8:00 am

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

Ann Martin  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Justin Whitehouse  
Birthday Mass  
Friday, October 14 at 9:00 am

Barbara Graczyk

23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, October 15 at 5:00 pm

Khanh-Phuc Tu  
Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 16 at 11:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

Last weekend we observed Ministry Sunday in our parish. For many years we have designated the first Sunday in October as a time to encourage our parishioners to serve in the various ministries of our church. We believe that it is important to know that all of you are called to share in this work. This year we emphasized the importance of experiencing ownership of the parish. It is our parish. This sense of ownership comes from taking an active role in our church and taking the time to use our talents for our parish. If you were not able to fill out the questionnaire and offer your services, we have provided a box in the church for your convenience. We all live our faith more fully when we actually are involved in the ministries and activities of St. Irene's.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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**

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**

Safety Sessions for grades K-5 and will conclude on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Safety sessions for grades 6-8 are now part of the regular classroom curriculum.

### **Columbus Day Weekend**

There will be NO CLASSES for grades K-5 on Sunday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> for

grades 6-8 due to the Columbus Day Weekend. Classes will resume on Oct. 16 and 17.

### **Confirmation**

There will be no classes on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday weekend.

## **Parish Happenings**

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### **St. Irene Parish Award for Christian Ministry**

On Sunday, October 2, George Mulgrew was presented with the St. Irene Parish Award for Christian Ministry at the 11 a.m. Mass. A parishioner for over 10 years, George has been a Confirmation teacher and a member of the Parish Finance Council. He has served as the Chair of the Finance Council for a number of years, during which time he spent an extraordinary amount of time, energy, and expertise working with the Archdiocese and St. Irene's staff to comply with the evolving directives from the Archdiocese when it revamped its accounting, reporting, and computer software. As a result of his persistence and expertise, he was able to reduce assessments to our parish. Thank you, George, for contributing so much of your time and talent to the parish. Congratulations!

### **Ministry Weekend Forms**

If you did not have enough time last weekend to fill out a form to volunteer for a parish ministry, there are extra forms at the entrance of the church and a box marked "Ministry Weekend Forms." Please put your completed form in the box. If you are volunteering for a ministry new to you, someone will be in touch within the next few weeks. Thanks for being a member of OUR parish!

### **Ham and Bean Dinner**

A harvest Ham & Bean Dinner, sponsored by the Women's Club, will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of October 8/9 after Mass. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Come gather with family and friends for a nice warm comfort meal. Seating is limited so we encourage you to get your tickets early. Please contact [Womensclub@stirenes.org](mailto:Womensclub@stirenes.org) for more information or to reserve tickets.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

### St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater Saturday, November 19

Mark your calendar now! The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "Caper at the Copa –or- 'Speak Easy No Evil'" on **Saturday, November 19, 2016**. Fr. Tom has been the hit of the show for the last 19 productions, and you will surely want to see what he is up to this year! Come and enjoy good company, good food, and lots of laughs!!

### Theater News

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

### Tootsie Roll Drive

The Saint Irene Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll drive after Masses the weekend of October 15/16. All proceeds will go to help children with special needs. Thank you for your generosity towards this great cause.

### 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 began Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:music@stirenes.org).

### 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 began October 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 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](mailto:info@StIrenes.org). Thank you.

### Save the Dates

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

*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](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

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### **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.

### **BC High Open House**

BC High, a college prep school for boys in grades 7-12, will host an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 23 from 12 – 3 pm. Meet students, faculty, staff, coaches, parents. Tour the campus, learn about our academics, co-curriculars. Applying for admission and financial aid will be addressed. Registration is required prior to this event. Please visit [www.bchigh.edu/admission/visit](http://www.bchigh.edu/admission/visit)

## Financial Information

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### **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](http://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.

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

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

## 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](http://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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of each month at 1:00 pm.

#### **Weddings**

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.