

St. Irene Church

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 13, 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

Rita Paquin

8th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, November 12 at 5:00 pm

Sister Willie

Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 13 at 8:00 am

Veterans Mass

Sunday, November 13 at 11:00 am

Amarinda Scacciotti

18th Anniversary Mass

Monday, November 14 at 9:00 am

Ted Semrad

21st Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, November 16 at 9:00 am

Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, November 19 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

We began the month of November by celebrating two feast days. Both of these feasts look beyond this life. We celebrate the Feast of All Saints on November 1 to honor all the saints of our church, especially the unknown saints. They are our family and friends who have lived good lives and are with the Lord in heaven. On the next day, November 2, we remember in prayer all those who have died. We pray for them, to commend them to the love and mercy of God and hopefully to speed them on their way to heaven.

During the month of November, we place the Parish Book of Life in the church and encourage you to write the names of your loved ones who have died. We remember them in the Masses during this month of November.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Honoring Our Veterans

Sunday, November 13 – 11:00 am Mass

The Saint Irene Parish Knights of Columbus invite all veterans and parishioners to a coffee hour after the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, November 13th. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Please stop by and take a moment to show your appreciation for the valuable service performed by veterans for our country.

Daily Bible Readings

Please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings/ to find the daily bible readings and other information.

Parish Book of Life

During the month of November we offer special prayers in remembrance of the faithful departed. The Parish Book of Life is at the front of the Church so that you may record the names of your family members who have died. We will offer Mass for them on All Souls Day and on other days in November. We will also pray for them at Mass daily in November.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Our annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at St. Irene's on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

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 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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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.

Confirmation

Level 1 & 2 Confirmation classes will meet on Sunday, November 13 with attendance at 5:00 pm Mass.

Parish Happenings

St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater Ticket Sales!

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**. There are a few tickets left. They will be on sale after all Masses on the weekend of **November 12/ 13** at \$25 each for a 4-course catered meal AND a fun production—such a deal! (If you have any questions, please contact Pat Barry.)

Come and see what Fr. Tom is up to this year—and enjoy good company, good food, and lots of laughs!!

Women's Club Apple Pie Day

The Women's Club will be having their Apple Pie Day on Thursday, November 17th beginning at 9:30 am - until finished. Bring your favorite apple peeler, apron and smile - the more help the easier the work!!! **If anyone wishes to purchase a pie, you can do so between 4:00 – 6:00 pm for \$12 each due at that time.** Looking forward to many volunteers giving a helping hand!!

Thanksgiving 2016 Food Baskets

Catholic Charities of Lowell and Haverhill currently distributes food to 30,000 people annually. Clients are carefully screened for need. For many years Catholic Charities has relied upon St. Irene's Parish to provide food baskets to families in need.

Your response in the past has been greatly appreciated. We are continuing this worthwhile project again as the need is greater than ever. Detailed information can be found at the back of the church after all Masses this weekend and every weekend until the baskets are collected. Boxes have been donated by **Olympia Movers of Watertown** and can be found in the closet at the back of the church. Baskets will be collected on Sunday, November 20th from 3:00- 5:00 pm. Please email Lauren Dominguez at foodbaskets@StIrenes.org for more information or to volunteer. Thank you.

Concord Prison Gift Bag Project

We will be collecting items for the Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project from Saturday, November 19th through Sunday, December 4th; please put your contributions in the box located in the church vestibule. Donations do not have to be in sets. Adult volunteers will assemble the gift bags. Each gift bag will contain a bar of deodorant soap (4-5 oz.), toothpaste (5.8 - 6 oz.), white envelopes #6 ¾ (6 ½" x 3 5/8"), a pad of WHITE paper (6" x 9" or 5" x 8", 100 pages, no wire), a pair of white CREW socks with no more than 5 inches of ribbing (no tube socks, knee highs or "tennis" socks), a bottle (plastic) of shampoo (12-15 oz.), and a handmade holiday greeting card ("Happy Holidays, Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas, no religious cards), signed with first names only. If you would like to assemble gift bags, make cards, have any questions or want to make a cash donation, call Jean Donnelly 978-369-1993, prisongifts@stirenes.org.

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

Keeping Christ in Christmas

The Saint Irene Knights will have Catholic themed Christmas cards available for sale starting the weekend of November 19/20. In this day and age of the true meaning of Christmas being lost in the noise of advertising; take this opportunity to remind others that it is about the birth of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ.

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Mass Parking

We are still seeking more volunteers to help with parking during Christmas Eve Masses. If you can help, please call the rectory (978)369-3940. Thank you.

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.

Save the Dates

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

Sunday, Dec. 4 – Parish Christmas Party

Friday, Jan. 6 – Three Kings Party

Saturday, Jan. 28 – Trivia Night

Friday, May 5 – Confirmation

Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show

Saturday, May 13 – First Communion

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.

St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: www.StIrenes.org or www.facebook.com/StIrenes. You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at feedback@stirenes.org. Visit St. Irene's online calendar at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Area Events

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives." Let us persevere in the love of God as manifested by our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Dec 2-4, 2016 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWEMA.org.

Catholic Television

Catholic TV is available on Comcast Cable channel 238, Verizon FiOS channel 271, Sky Angel IPTV channel 142, RCN channel 85, EWTN channel 56 and streaming on www.CatholicTV.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.

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 all of the parishioners who have donated towards the 2016 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene's has raised **\$34,240**. We still need **\$3406** to reach this year's goal of **\$37,646** 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.