

# St. Irene Church

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**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 19, 2017**

## 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

Autumn Phillips  
Birthday Mass

Monday, November 20 at 9:00 am

Ellen Roberts

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass

Saturday, November 25 at 9:00 am

John Hiltz – Memorial Mass

Ellen Costello – Memorial Mass

Saturday, November 25 at 5:00 pm

George Dee

Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 26 at 8:00 am

George Gould

23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Mass

Sunday, November 26 at 5:00 pm

## The Pastor's Corner

Next Thursday we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. It is a wonderful holiday when family and friends gather to enjoy a traditional meal and share special time together. But we should never forget the reason for the holiday. It is a time to give thanks to God for all the good things and the good people He has given to us. In Carlisle, for many years, we have celebrated a Thanksgiving ecumenical service with the members of the First Religious Society. The service takes place on Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve at 7:30 pm. The First Religious Society will host this year. We invite you to take time to join us as we gather together to give thanks for all His blessings.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Our annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at the First Religious Society on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 pm. Father Tom will preach. Refreshments will follow in the Union Hall.

## 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.

## 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. 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.

## Daily Bible Readings

Please visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/) to find the daily bible readings and other information.

## Religious Education

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### Religious Education

Grades K-5: 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. **Reminder:** There are no classes for grades K-5 on Sunday, Nov. 26

## Peer Leaders

Calling all high school juniors and seniors! Come to peer leadership meetings the first Sunday of every month from 3:30 to 4:45 before the 5:00 Mass. In Peer Leadership, we will build our faith and give back to the community, and earn community service hours. As always, there will be food and games! The theme for our December 3rd meeting will be Vatican II. If you have any questions, contact Maeve Lobo, at [PeerLeaders@StIrenes.org](mailto:PeerLeaders@StIrenes.org).

## Parish Happenings

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### Thanksgiving 2017 Food Baskets

Baskets will be collected on **Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00- 5:00 pm**. Please email Lauren Dominguez at [foodbaskets@StIrenes.org](mailto:foodbaskets@StIrenes.org) for more information or to volunteer.

### Women's Club Christmas Gifts for Soldiers

Each year St. Irene's Women's Club sends Christmas gifts to our deployed men and women serving our country. We are once again collecting small but welcome gifts for the soldiers. There is a detailed information sheet at the back of the Church for those who would like to donate. Items can be left at the back of the church and will be picked up by Dec. 6 for Christmas delivery. Please consider a small remembrance for our deployed soldiers serving you and our country.

The Women's Club will be boxing up Christmas gifts on Thursday, Dec. 7 beginning at 9:30 am. Please come and help out.

### Christmas Parking Volunteers Needed

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

### Keeping Christ in Christmas

The St. 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.

## Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project

We will be collecting items for the Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project from Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>; 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  $\frac{3}{4}$  (6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3  $\frac{5}{8}$ " ), 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](mailto:prisongifts@stirenes.org).

## Caring Friends Network

If you know of a parishioner who is in need of a meal, a ride to church or a Get Well or Sympathy card, let us know. We have volunteers who have signed on to help a fellow parishioner in need. Please contact: [caring@StIrenes.org](mailto:caring@StIrenes.org).

## Young Adult Music Group

Overtired and stressed about school, friends, sports, and jobs? Make some time for yourself and join the Young Adult Music Group at St. Irene's! We meet one Sunday a month at 4:00 to rehearse, then play/sing at the 5:00 PM Mass. No audition, no experience necessary, no practicing between Masses, no stress...just a chance to relax, spend time with other nice people, make beautiful music, and be with God. We would love to have you join us! If interested, please drop a line to [music@stirenes.org](mailto:music@stirenes.org) — Cypriana.

## Choir Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 30 — Children's & Adult Choirs  
Thursday, Dec. 7 — Both Choirs  
Thursday, Dec. 14 — Both Choirs  
Thursday, Dec. 21 — Both Choirs

## Adult Advent Event — Monday, Dec. 4

Matthew's gospel tells of the three Magi who came from the East to worship the new-born King. As we enter the season of Advent, here is an opportunity to learn about how the religion "from the East" coincides with and differs from Christianity.

Join us for a light breakfast in St. Irene's lower church Monday, Dec. 4 at 9:30am, after Mass, to hear on video, Natana J. DeLong-Bas, a visiting assistant professor of the Boston College Theology Department and Islamic Civilization and Societies Program. She will address issues of concern and interfaith dialogue and relations. Stimulating discussion will follow.

## Christmas Giving Tree — Beginning Nov. 25

St. Irene's is once again collecting Christmas gifts for the needy. If you would like to participate please select a tag from the tree, purchase the gift (wrapping is optional for Catholic Charities gifts) and return it to St. Irene's by **Sunday, Dec. 12**. Please securely attach the tag to the gift, so we can deliver it.

**Gift Cards:** The dollar amount should be clearly marked on all the gift cards. Tags need to be securely fastened to gift cards and placed in the box at the back of the church. Please return gift cards by **Sunday, Dec. 12**. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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.

## Area Events

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### Fear: The Enemy of Christian Discipleship

Sunday, Nov. 19 at 7:15 pm at the Paulist Center Library - 5 Park St., Boston, MA The Scriptures exhort us to "Be Not Afraid," yet how do we live in a world in which fear is a constant threat to becoming instruments of God's peace, love and justice. This presentation looks at how to respond to a culture that promotes fear of the 'other,' especially those who are different.

Drawing on the Gospels as well as wisdom figures, we will examine how to embrace trust in God and discipleship in a culture of fear and violence. Fr. Dan Horan, OFM. Please call 617-742-4460 or email - [www.Paulist-center.org](http://www.Paulist-center.org) for more info. Handicap accessible. Refreshment will be served.

### Holy Family Lecture Series

Please join Dr. Elizabeth Smith, Pastoral Associate, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month after the 5pm Mass in the lower level for a discussion of topics relevant to Catholics hoping to enrich their faith and deepen their meaningful engagement with the world.

**Nov. 19:** Nazis in Boston

**Dec. 17:** Clearing a Space: Crowded houses, minds, and souls

**Jan. 21:** Jesus is my Best Friend: What is Incarnational Theology?

**Feb. 18:** Vocation and Discernment: How do I listen for God's Voice?

## Financial Information

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### Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection is the second collection this weekend. You may place your donation in the collection basket or simply send it to the rectory. Our goal this year is \$125,000. Your generosity over the years has been outstanding. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

### Increased Offertory Campaign

We sincerely thank those who have participated in the increased offertory campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our goal is to appeal to the generous support of our community and increase the offertory by 20% to cover our operating expenses.

We are asking each of you who currently support our parish to prayerfully review your commitment and consider an increase in your continuing offertory contributions consistent with your means. The parish needs the support of every parishioner to have a vibrant, long-term community where all are welcome to share in the light of Jesus Christ and each other. Thank you.

## On-Line Giving at St. Irene's

St. Irene Parish 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.

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

#### Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.