

St. Irene Church

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Feast of Christ the King November 20, 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

Mass of Healing

Sunday, November 20 at 11:00 am

Mass of Thanksgiving

Monday, November 21 at 9:00 am

Charles Voytko

Mass of Healing

Wednesday, November 23 at 9:00 am

Stello Brako

Memorial Mass

Friday, November 25 at 9:00 am

John Hiltz and Ellen Costello

Memorial Mass

Saturday, November 26 at 5:00 pm

George Gould

22nd Anniversary Mass

Sunday, November 27 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend we are having our Grand Annual Collection. This collection has been an essential part of our financial success for many years enabling our parish to balance our books each year. When we began this collection after the construction of our new church, we were able to pay off the cost of our new church - over two million dollars - in just nine years. Since then each collection has averaged over one hundred thousand dollars and has helped us not only to meet regular parish expenses but also to make repairs and improvements in the parish property and also to expand our parish ministry. I am most grateful to all of you for your generous response over the years to our needs. I trust that your generosity will continue this year. Thank you.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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.

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.

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.

Reminder

There will be **no classes** for grades K-5 on Sunday, November 27th due to Thanksgiving weekend.

Advent Candles and Wreaths

Advent begins Sunday Nov 27th, get your Advent candles here! The 8th grade CCD class is selling Advent Candles and Wreaths downstairs after each Sunday Mass this weekend to earn money for tuition for a student in Rwanda. *Cost: \$10 for candles only / \$15 for candles & wreath (cash or check payable to St. Irene Parish / memo: candles)*

Thank you for helping our children to help others!

Parish Happenings

Saint Irene Children's Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 4th following the 11 am Mass. There will be Games, Crafts, Pizza and maybe an appearance by a special guests from the North Pole. The party is free of charge. We will be accepting small donations to help support Lazarus House Ministries. **There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church from this weekend until 6 pm Saturday, December 3rd.** Please sign up to help us plan for the amount of food needed.

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. 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, contact Jean Donnelly at prison-gifts@stirenes.org.

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.

Library News – Advent Book Display

Advent books for adults are on display at the back of the church and children's books can be found in the library. Please keep the books out for no longer than 3 weeks, so that all may enjoy them.

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

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.

Christmas Giving Tree – Beginning Nov. 26

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. 11th**. Please securely attach the tag to the gift, so we know where to 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 for the Giving Tree by **Sunday, Dec. 11th**. Thank you for your generosity.

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.WWMEMA.org.

Financial Information

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.

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).

2016 Catholic Appeal Update

Good news! We have exceeded our goal for the 2016 Catholic Appeal. Thank you to all of the supporters who made this happen. We truly appreciate your donations. Our parish campaign goal was \$37,646 and we have raised \$37,740 from 72 donors and families. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you.

Retired Religious Sisters Collection

Next weekend the Archdiocese will take up the Collection for Retired Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service.

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.