

# St. Irene Church

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**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 6, 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

Colleen Kelly

Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 6 at 11:00 am

Ida Christine Rowe

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, November 8 at 9:00 am

Alan Park

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, November 9 at 9:00 am

Doherty and McGinn Families

Memorial Mass

Friday, November 11 at 9:00 am

Mary Curcio

Memorial Mass

Saturday, November 12 at 9:00 am

Rita Paquin

8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

November 12 at 5:00 pm

Veterans Mass  
November 13 at 11:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

Last week the archdiocese announced the names of the parishes that would be joined together as a collaborative with one pastor serving several parishes. I was pleased to see that Saint Irene Parish was not on the list. That means that our collaboration with Holy Family Parish Concord will not occur until June 2018 – at the earliest. At a time when church attendance has declined everywhere, our parish is still a vibrant and faith-filled community. We are fortunate to have many faithful parishioners, volunteers and staff who continue the work of our church and minister to the people of our community.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will take place this Sunday, Nov. 6 at the 8 and 11 am Masses. Grade 4 students will host both Masses.

## Banns of Marriage

Ryan Hutchinson and Angela Brozonos

## Honoring Our Veterans – Sunday, Nov. 13

The Saint Irene Parish Knights of Columbus invite all veterans and parishioners to a coffee hour after the 11am Mass next Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## 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](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

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

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### Lazarus House Collection Thank You

The St. Irene's Knights of Columbus and Social Justice Committee want to extend their sincere thanks for the outpouring of generosity for our Lazarus House fundraiser last weekend. We collected over \$2,000 in contributions. Those contributions will be used to fund the Knights' meal program for the coming year and, together with some private pledges, they should give us most of what we need to pay for a new oven for the shelter.

We will continue to update the parish on the progress on the new stove. Again, our heartfelt thanks for being so generous.

Faithfully yours,

Ken Mostello, Social Justice Committee Chair

### 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**. Tickets will go on sale after all Masses on the weekends of **November 5/ 6** and **November 12/ 13** at \$25 each for a 4-course catered meal AND a fun production—such a deal!

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

## Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

## Thank You from the Knights of Columbus

The Saint Irene Knights of Columbus raised \$635 from the Tootsie Roll Drive to support programs that assist children with special needs through its annual tootsie roll drive. Thank you to all the parishioners that gave to the effort.

## Women's Club Apple Pie Day

The Women's Club will be having their Apple Pie Day on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 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 20<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. Thank you.

## 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

## 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.

## 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 or email [info@StIrenes.org](mailto:info@StIrenes.org). 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*

*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](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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### LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 7pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. Mary Church in Chelmsford with speaker Frank Connell. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at [www.lift-edhigher.com](http://www.lift-edhigher.com). Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from the Boston area!

## 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.

### 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](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org). We thank you for your continued support.

## Financial Details

	Total Offertory	Expenses	Surplus / Deficit
October	\$35,333	\$47,739	\$ - 12,406
Year to Date	\$280,042	\$432,888	\$ - 152,846

**Total Offertory includes Weekly and Monthly donations.**

**Gifts and bequests to St. Irene Church year to date: \$34,667.99**

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

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

## 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.