

St. Irene Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2018

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

Daniel W. Corbett
Memorial Mass
Sunday, January 21 at 11:00 am

Generosa M. Mana
Memorial Mass
Sunday, January 21 at 5:00 pm

Paul and Maggie Morency
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, January 23 at 9:00 am

Charles and Jeanne Parlee
Memorial Mass
Friday, January 26 at 9:00 am
Monday, January 29 at 9:00 am

Jeanne Parlee
7th Month Memorial Mass
Saturday, January 27 at 9:00 am

Charles Parlee
Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 28 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

A week ago I celebrated the anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. It took place on January 10, 1952—sixty-six years ago. This was about fifteen years before the second Vatican Council. How different the Church was back then. The Mass and the sacraments were celebrated in Latin. Lay people were not involved in the liturgy as lectors or Eucharistic ministers. The priest celebrated Mass with his back to the people. And we wore our cassocks and birettas everywhere around the church. That all changed with the Vatican Council. Now we celebrate Mass and the sacraments in English. Lay people have far greater roles in the liturgy. More importantly has been the change in attitude where we reach out to other churches and endeavor to go out to assist people in need whether physical or spiritual need. We as a church are still trying to fulfill the work of the Council. We are still trying to meet the challenges of a new era.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on January 21st at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The 8th grade Religious Education students will host both Masses.

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.

Daily Bible Readings

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

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 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

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, Jan. 27th (Snow Date: February 3rd) at 11:00 am in the Church followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall for 2nd graders and their families. Students will need to arrive to the church by 10:45 am and sit with their class in the **Reserved pews**.

Reminder: There will be a mandatory 2nd grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the

parish hall during regularly scheduled class times on Sun., Feb. 4th (snow date: Feb. 11).

Religious Education

Classes will resume on Sunday, Jan. 21st for grades K-5 and Monday, Jan. 22nd for grades 6-8. Second Grade Reconciliation Workbooks and Journals are due on Jan. 21.

Confirmation

Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will meet on Sunday, Jan. 28th. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass. The Rite of Election will take place on Sunday, Jan. 28th for Level 2.

Peer Leaders

The next Peer Leadership meeting is on Sunday February 4 at 3:30 pm. Our theme for the month will be Love and Happiness. Please bring your Bibles as we will be doing a quiz with prizes. If you have any question please send them to Peerleaders@StIrenes.org.

Just a reminder we are still looking for recipes for our Parish Cookbook, which we hope to have out by the fall. Please send recipes to Peerleaders@StIrenes.org.

Parish Happenings

Red Cross Blood Drive – February 1

On Thursday, February 1 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm St. Irene's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. You must be at least 17 years of age and in good general health to donate.

To schedule an appointment either call (800) Red-Cross or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

Women's Club Hors d'oeuvres Night

The Women's Club will hold an hors d'oeuvres tasting evening on Thursday, Feb. 15th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Come see our "Culinary Chefs" prepare and serve their special "tidbits" all the while enjoying friendly conversation. As always desserts are always appreciated to complete the evening. Please contact Jan Brown for more information.

2018 Catholic Appeal Volunteer Needed

St. Irene's is seeking a volunteer to help as an Appeal Coordinator for the 2018 Catholic Appeal. If you are able to help please speak with Fr. Tom or call the rectory office (978-369-3940) Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Thank you.

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.

Save the Dates

Friday, Feb. 16 – Stations of the Cross

Friday, Mar. 23 – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 24 – Italian Night

Saturday, May 5 – Confirmation

Saturday, May 12 – First Communion

Young Adult Music Group

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 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 – Cypriana.

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.

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. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

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.

College Planning

If you and your family are starting a college search please check St. Irene's website for a list of many Catholic colleges in the US at www.stirenes.org/faithformation/catholiceducation/colleges.html.

Area Events

REBOOT! Live Tour April 25

"Are you longing for more? Do you want to experience your faith – and live your life – more deeply? Then don't miss the **REBOOT! Live Tour** with Chris Stefanick, coming to Bedford's St. Michael Parish on April 25, 2018 at 7 PM! Draw closer to God. Deepen your understanding of His plan for your life. And gain a new passion to live the life God created for you.

Buy your ticket online through Bedfordcatholic.org or call St. Michael's Religious Ed office at 781-275-6324. For more information visit RealLifeCatholic.com."

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

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$104,341** towards our goal of \$125,000.

If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. 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 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, 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.

Support of the Church around the World

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Latin America (CLA), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and

the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world.

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly Collection.

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.