

St. Irene Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 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

Helen & Bernard Maloney
Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 21 at 5:00 pm

Ann Marrazzo – 1st Anniversary Mass

Tony Marrazzo – 16th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, January 22 at 8:00 am

Jeanne Parlee

Healing Mass

Sunday, January 22 at 11:00 am

Arthur Gormley

Memorial Mass

Monday, January 23 at 9:00 am

Alice Doherty

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, January 25 at 9:00 am

Katherine Ward

Birthday Mass

Thursday, January 26 at 9:00 am

Roy, Betty and David Hudson
Memorial Mass

Friday, January 27 at 9:00 am

Charles Milot

Healing Mass

Saturday, January 28 at 9:00 am

Albert Cabral

Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

This Monday, January 23, the Church observes a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. As Catholics, as Christians, we believe in the Right to Life from the moment of conception to the natural end of life. We pray that one day the unborn children may have that right. We need to pray as well that life be protected for our elders. There's a movement now to allow physicians to prescribe medications that will end the life of our elders who are ill or feeble. We need to continue to pray for the protection of all life – from beginning to end.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on January 22nd 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, 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

Religious Education K-8

Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 Session I are from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am on Sunday mornings. Grades 6-8 meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Second Grade Reconciliation Workbooks and journals are due on January 22.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 28th (Snow date: February 4th) 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 2nd grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:30 pm.

Confirmation

Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will meet on Sunday, Jan. 29th. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass. The Rite of Election will take place on Sunday, Jan. 29th for Level 2.

Parish Happenings

13th Annual St. Irene's Trivia Night 2017

Saturday, Jan. 28, 7-10 p.m. (snow date Feb. 4)
St. Irene Parish Hall

If you have not reserved your tickets (or your entire table!), now is the time to do so. If you have not attended in the past, people sit in tables of 8 and discuss among themselves the questions. The entire table then submits a list of answers. There are 10 categories with 6 questions for each. This has grown to be a wonderful time to interact with other members of the St. Irene's community.

Come on out and stir up those brain cells from their midwinter torpor, and fill the night with cheer. As always, we offer complimentary snacks and beverages and door prizes. All this (and plenty of free parking) for the low price of \$5 per person. Bring your own team (up to 8 people per table) or let us seat you with friendly St. Irene folks. There will be a maximum of 18 tables (144 people) to prevent overcrowding.

Order now by emailing us at Trivianight@StIrenes.org. You can pay us at church or by dropping off payment at the rectory office. Please make checks payable to either Tim or Jean; all profits after expenses go

to St. Irene parish. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jean & Tim Butler, David Bakken, Michelle & Flemming Christensen

The Trivia Night Committee

Red Cross Blood Drive – January 26

On Thursday, January 26 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.

Lazarus House Ministries- New Stove

The Social Justice Committee and the Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that we have successfully completed our fund-raising drive for the new stove at the Lazarus House shelter in Lawrence. Alan Mahan, the Chief Operating Officer at Lazarus Ministries recently contacted us to say that the stove has been ordered and should be installed within the next 2 weeks. Alan couldn't be happier and he thanked us profusely for the generous outpouring of support at St. Irene's.

As a nonprofit, Lazarus relies on benefactors like St. Irene Church to fund much needed capital improvements. The new stove replaces an old one with a defective oven that doesn't heat properly. The replacement is a new heavy duty, commercial grade Vulcan range with a 6-burner cooktop and a 36" 236,000 BTU oven.

In addition, we are pleased to report that thanks to our generous parishioners, we also raised enough money to fund the Knights of Columbus meals program for the next 6-9 months. The Knights and the Social Justice Committee thank you all for your generous support. We are excited about having the new appliance, and would always welcome volunteers to join us during meal preparation!

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 2017:

Friday, Mar. 3 – Stations of the Cross

Friday, Mar. 31 – Stations of the Cross

Friday, May 5 – Confirmation

Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show

Saturday, May 13 – First Communion

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.

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.

Area Events

Forming Disciples in Mission

A workshop in Parish-based Evangelization!
St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Acton on Tuesday, Jan. 31- Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. - Dinner included!

"Enjoyable..." "Worthwhile..." "Useful..." "Helped me focus on my relationship with Jesus..." These are just a few of the remarks from some participants who have attended the workshop! If you haven't had the chance to participate, we are pleased to offer this free workshop locally a second time, in a two-evening format. Register for this or other locations at: <http://disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples>.

Lowell Catholic Elementary Open House

Please join us Jan. 29th 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Or Feb. 7th 6:00 – 7:30 PM

This year, Lowell Catholic has extended our school offering to a Pre-K through 12th grade school model. Lowell Catholic Elementary School is located at St. Margaret Hall, 486 Stevens Street in Lowell, MA. As a Xaverian Brothers Sponsored School, Lowell Catholic focuses on educating the whole child in a faith based environment, complimenting a rigorous and engaging academic program in the STREAM curriculum with religion, fine arts, athletics and co-curriculars, helping to prepare students to be successful 21st century learners.

For more information about applying to Lowell Catholic Elementary School please contact Ms. Kristina Hills, Director of Admissions at admissions@lowellcatholic.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

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past week-end amounted to **\$115,125** 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.

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 of St. Irene Parish.

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

21 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, 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.