

St. Irene Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 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

Albert Cabral
Memorial Mass
Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 pm

Donald Drouin
Birthday Mass
Monday, January 30 at 9:00 am

Edward S. Quirk Jr.
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, January 31 at 9:00 am

Joseph Bithoney
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, February 1 at 9:00 am

Edna Moschini
25th Anniversary Mass
Thursday, February 2 at 9:00 am

James Hannan
12th Anniversary Mass
Friday, February 3 at 9:00 am

Colleen Kelly
Memorial Mass
Sunday, February 5 at 8:00 am

Julie Riley
5th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, February 5 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

I will be leaving on Monday morning for my annual vacation in Florida. I'll be away for two weeks staying with my sister Ginny. I hope to play a few rounds of golf with her and with my niece Maureen and her husband Ted. All of us need to take vacation time to renew our energy and our spirit. For many years, I had the pleasure of spending ten days in Florida with a group of priests on our golf holiday. It was a retreat vacation where we would concelebrate Mass each day and enjoy the friendship of other priests – usually about twenty in number. Unfortunately, the group disbanded because of age and failing health. But I am fortunate to be able to spend some time with family and renew my own spirit.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

First Friday

February 3rd is the First Friday of February and Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

Thank You

Thank you to the 8th grade students and teachers for hosting both Masses on Sunday, January 22nd. Great job!

St. Irene's next hosted Mass will be Sunday, March 12th.

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.

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

St. Irene's Caring Friends Network

This weekend, members of St. Irene's Caring Friends Network will speak at each Mass and be available at a table at the back of the church to reacquaint parishioners with the work done by the Caring Friends Network. This ministry was formed to provide encouragement, love and support to our fellow parishioners who are experiencing difficult life situations. We are happy to announce that one of our parishioners, Martha Turner, has stepped forward to be the Coordinator. She can be reached at caring@stirenes.org. Be sure to stop by the table at the back of the church to pick up a "business card" for your wallet so that you can reach out to Martha when you know of a parishioner in need.

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

Women's Club Hors d'oeuvres Night

The Women's Club will hold an hors d'oeuvres tasting evening on Thursday, Feb. 16th 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.

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.

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.

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.

Help Wanted

Little Sisters of the Poor - Somerville

The Little Sisters of the Poor in Somerville, MA is currently taking applications for Certified Nursing Assistants, Registered Nurses, Prep Cook/Dishwashers, and Dining Room

Aides to join our team. The schedule for all direct care workers includes shifts every other weekend. Flexibility is needed to help cover vacations, illnesses and holidays. Candidates should be compassionate, have a desire to help others and a willingness to work as part of a team. Please contact us at smjobs@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$117,125** 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.

2017 Catholic Appeal

Recently, many of you received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your support of the 2017 Catholic Appeal. Our parish directly benefits from the 50 ministries supported by the Appeal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. You may mail your pledge or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. Thank you!

Church in Latin America

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit www.usccb.org for more information.

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.

23 parishioners are now using EBP (Electronic Bill Pay).

This weekend the second collection is for the Church in Latin America.

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.