

St. Irene Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 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

In Honor of the Women's Club
Mass of Thanksgiving
Saturday, February 11 at 5:00 pm

Kenneth Arsenault
Memorial Mass
Sunday, February 12 at 8:00 am

Grace McCarron
1st Anniversary Mass
Sunday, February 12 at 11:00 am

Josephine Cotroneo
Memorial Mass
Saturday, February 18 at 5:00 pm

Margaret Hanlon
Memorial Mass
Sunday, February 19 at 8:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Last Sunday, while I was waiting for the Super Bowl game to start, I was finishing up Tom Brokaw's book, "The Greatest Generation." In the book the author praises the courage and resilience of the young people who came of age after the 1940's and had to face the deprivations of the Depression years and the discipline of wars. They were shaped into creative adults, hard workers and responsible parents.

The Patriots game showed us it is possible to conquer the hard times and come out victorious.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is calling us to do the same; formed by the sacrifice and self-discipline, we are to eradicate the roots of evil in both our thoughts and our desires, to cultivate good attitudes such as cleanness of hearts and to do good deeds toward our neighbor. There is a whole world of good deeds to be done if we open our minds and eyes to mercy and see beyond our own backyard.

Tom Brokaw tells us that a whole generation was able to do it and Tom Brady showed us last Sunday that it will never be too late.

~Fr. Romain Rurangirwa

World Marriage Day

This Sunday, February 12th is World Marriage Day. We will have renewal of marriage vows and presentation of flowers at all Masses this weekend.

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.

There are no Religious Education classes on February 19th, 20th and 26st due to Winter Vacation. Classes will resume on Monday, February 27th for grades 6-8.

Confirmation

Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will meet on Sunday, February 12th. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass. Level 2 Candidates saint papers due.

Parish Happenings

SAVE THE DATE!

Fr. Tom's "Surprise" Birthday Reception – Sunday, April 9, 2017

It is hard to believe that Fr. Tom Donohoe will turn 90 years old on Sunday, April 9, 2017! This year is also the 65th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. These two milestones deserve a party!

So—on Sunday, April 9, all parishioners are invited to a celebratory Mass at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at the Westford Regency in Westford. There will be gathering time from 12:15-1:15 p.m. at the Regency with lunch served at 1:15 p.m.

Invitations will be mailed out to everyone in the parish on February 27. We hope that many parishioners can join us as we thank Fr. Tom for his 65 years of service in the Archdiocese and his 29 years of pastoral care for the people of St. Irene's Parish.

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.

Theater News

Are you interested in seeing "The King and I" at the Opera House? Judy Andrews is setting up a trip in April. The show runs from April 11 - 23. More information will be available soon.

Go Out for Valentine's Day – We'll watch your kids! Fri., Feb. 17th

St. Irene's 8th grade CCD students are sponsoring an evening of babysitting for children ages 4 & up on Friday, February 17th from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM. All funds raised will be donated to the "Rwanda Scholarship." The students are working to earn \$1200 to pay for one student to attend the Seminary Father Romain attended in Butare, Rwanda.

We will be serving pizza, playing games, and showing a movie in the church hall. Cost is \$15 per child/ \$30 per family. Space is limited so reserve now by sending an email to Celine Gribbon at RelEd@StIrenes.org with your name, address, contact number, the number of kids and their ages and if any allergies. Thank you.

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
Sunday, Apr. 9 – Fr. Tom's Party
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.

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.

Parish Library – Overdue Books

St. Irene's library is missing many books. If you have an overdue library book, please return it as soon as possible – especially Lenten books. We would like to be able to share them with all our parishioners during Lent. Please return all books by Sunday, February 26. Thank you.

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/faithfor-information/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

LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, February 21st at 7pm for an inspiring night of worship at Immaculate Conception Church in Nashua, NH with speaker Fr. Matt Williams. 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.liftedhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

Special Showing of "The Shack"

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith cordially invites you to attend the exclusive Boston premiere of "The Shack"

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:00 p.m.
AMC Framingham 16
22 Flutie Pass, Framingham, MA

All seats in the theatre are reserved for this event - over 600 are available through The Propagation of the Faith. Groups will be seated together on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to be there when the doors open at 6:30pm! Sign up by emailing info@propfaithboston.org with the following info: number of people attending, parish or ministry, and contact name and email of your group leader.

While the tickets are complimentary, we request that attendees prayerfully consider a Lenten gift to benefit children in the missions. You may give now by visiting www.propfaithboston.org and clicking on the "donate now" button. Then select the Missionary Childhood Association. An opportunity to donate will also be available the night of the event in the theater. See you at the movies!

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$118,925** 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!

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.

22 parishioners/families have enrolled in the online giving program.

23 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.