

St. Irene Church

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Solemnity: Body and Blood of Christ June 3, 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

Albert Cabral
Memorial Mass
Saturday, June 2 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly
Memorial Mass
Sunday, June 3 at 8:00 am

George & Ernestine Secovich
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, June 6 at 9:00 am

Evan Sullivan
Birthday Mass
Friday, June 8 at 9:00 am

Maybeth Sonn
Memorial Mass
Sunday, June 10 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Pope Francis recently wrote an Apostolic Exhortation entitled "Rejoice and Be Glad" – The Call to Holiness. He reminds us that each one of us is called to be holy. He calls the Beatitudes "a Christian's identity card." They show us the path to holiness. He writes – "We are called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do." Holiness is a spiritual adventure. Pope Francis notes - that comes with risks, challenges and opportunities and leads to true joy and real happiness.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

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.

Mass Schedule

The last 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday will be celebrated on June 17th. Effective the weekend of June 23rd /24th the Mass schedule will be Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 11:00 am. The Sunday 5:00 pm Mass will resume on September 19th.

Tuesday Evening Adoration

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

Religious Education and Confirmation Registration 2018/2019

Registrations for the 2018/2019 Religious Education and Confirmation Program are available now on the St. Irene website.

For grades K-8 please visit:

Stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/

For Confirmation please visit:

Stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html

Please make sure to return the form with payment by June 30 in order to receive discounted price. Thank you.

Peer Leaders

Peer Leaders are organizing a Pizza and Game night on Sunday June 3rd after the 5pm Mass. This will be a fun filled night of jesting but no jousting. The invitation is extended to all high school students. Please consider joining us to make this a successful event. Bring a friend to keep you company. We will be asking for a small donation at the door of \$4 to cover the cost of the food. RSVP to peerleaders@stirenes.org.

Parish Happenings

Calling All Thespians

The St. Irene's Players (a/k/a "SIPs") are planning to present another murder mystery on Saturday, November 17, 2018. If you would like to act in the play this year, please email Pat Barry at MysteryTheater@stirenes.org by June 15. Requirements include an ability to laugh a lot and a commitment to approximately ten rehearsals starting in September. All are invited!

Communications Committee Invitation

Saint Irene's web committee will start a collaboration with Holy Family Concord's web committee, focusing on how we can engage not only parishioners but also the community around us, how we communicate who we are as Catholics, and also how our two web sites connect. We will target the web, social media, and other forms of outreach.

We're looking to schedule a one-time brainstorm in June and to start regular, monthly meetings in the fall. If you'd like to join this effort, contact feedback@stirenes.org - thank you.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, June 3 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Parish Calendar Meeting

The parish will have the annual calendar meeting Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall.

Red Cross Blood Drive – June 7

On Thursday, June 7 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 www.redcrossblood.org/ and enter "SaintIrene."

The Red Cross offers RapidPass®- a way to complete your pre-reading and health history questions online to help reduce the time you spend at blood drives by up to 15 minutes - visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass. You must be 19 years old to use this tool. Please donate if you are able. 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.

All CORI forms are due!

The Archdiocese 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. Please return to the rectory office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

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.

Area Events

Vacation Bible School Billerica Catholic

The Catholic Community of Billerica is hosting their annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 25-29, 2018, from 8:45 am-12 pm Monday - Friday. The theme this year will be *Set Sail with the Holy Trinity, featuring St. Patrick*. Registrations for participants (current K-5 students) is open until June 11. For more information, to download registration forms, or to register online, please visit our website: reled.billericacatholic.org/vbs or call (978) 667-3733.

Right to Life Rally and March

The Massachusetts March for Life is on Father's Day, June 17, 2018! Help raise money for pregnancy help groups! Let the public and legislature know that 1.4 million babies have died in Massachusetts since *Roe v Wade!* And celebrate a pro-life Fathers' Day!

Boston Common, Rally begins at 1:00 PM, March starts at 2:30 PM. More info: www.masscitizensforlife.org or 617-242-4199.

Financial 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.

Promoting the Gospel Collection

Next week's second collection will be shared by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Catholic Communication Campaign. These two organizations communicate the Gospel by promoting works of justice, education and the dignity of human life. Your donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and will support our local communications needs, such as Catholic TV programming. While this collection supports national

efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local grants and parish communication efforts.

2018 Catholic Appeal – Updated May 31

We are happy to report that our generous parishioners have contributed **\$24,020** to date to the 2018 Catholic Appeal. The proceeds of this fundraising are used to support diocesan ministries on the central level and at the parish level. For example, St. Irene’s will be taking advantage of the Archdiocesan Safety Training Program which will be presented at St. Irene’s on June 9 and an Archdiocesan program on palliative care which will be presented on October 14.

Our parish assessment for contributions to the Catholic Appeal is \$37,577. With contributions to date, this means that we need **\$13,557** to meet our goal. If you have not already had a chance to contribute, we would like to ask you to think about it today so that we can finish up the Catholic Appeal for this year before summer. Two ways to help:

1) Make an online contribution by going to www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Using your credit card, you can make a one-time contribution or elect a 10-month contribution schedule of smaller amounts.

2) Make a check payable to “Boston Catholic Appeal” and drop it in the collection basket. We will forward your check to the Catholic Appeal office.

In each instance, be sure to indicate that you are a parishioner of St. Irene’s.

We want to thank everyone for your generosity in supporting not only our own parish, but also in providing the necessary support for the Archdiocesan ministries which, in turn, support us all. God bless.

Last week the Seminarians Collection amounted to \$737.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:
Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:
Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacon:
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/Peer Leaders
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.

Financial Details	Weekly	Monthly	Gifts
May 2018	\$23,041	\$3049	\$55275*
Year to Date 2018	\$128,400	\$15,199	\$56200*
Year to Date 2017	\$131,207	\$13,878	\$47,354

*Includes a one-time gift of \$50,000