

St. Irene Church

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 9, 2017

Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 11:00 am

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Lois Curcio - Memorial Mass
Saturday, July 8 at 5:00 pm

Stasia Wojtas - 1st Anniversary Mass
Sunday, July 9 at 8:00 am

Domenic Caruso – 1st Anniversary Mass

Marie Caruso – 15th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, July 9 at 11:00 am

Rachel Ward Sullivan - Birthday Mass
Wednesday, July 12 at 9:00 am

Mark Ward - Birthday Mass
Thursday, July 13 at 9:00 am

Ronald Young – 1st Anniversary Mass
Friday, July 14 at 9:00 am

Carolyn Driscoll - Memorial Mass
Saturday, July 15 at 5:00 pm

Deceased Members of the Carmelite Order
Memorial Mass
Sunday, July 16 at 8:00 am

Thanksgiving Mass for Carmelite Order
Sunday, July 16 at 11:00 am

Robert Caldwell - 5th Anniversary Mass
Friday, July 21 at 9:00 am

Hardiman Family - Memorial Mass
Saturday, July 22 at 9:00 am

James Scacciotti - Memorial Mass
Sunday, July 23 at 8:00 am

Thanh Pham - Memorial Mass
Sunday, July 23 at 11:00 am

Ray St. Germain - 2nd Anniversary Mass
Saturday, July 29 at 5:00 pm

Thomas Doherty - 18th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, July 30 at 8:00 am

Maybeth Sonn - Memorial Mass
Sunday, July 30 at 11:00 am

Norman Edgerton - 1st Anniversary Mass
Wednesday, August 2 at 9:00 am

Lee Andrews - Memorial Mass
Saturday, August 5 at 5:00 pm

Paul Cox - 7th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, August 6 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Several years ago at the advice of the Clergy Pastoral Council, Cardinal Sean O'Malley began a program called "Disciples in Mission." It was in response to the dwindling number of priests in the Archdiocese. The program involves the appointment of one pastor for two or more parishes. The process is the collaboration but not the merging of several parishes. The time frame has been announced for the rest of the parishes of the Archdiocese. In early June, 2019, one pastor will be appointed for Saint Irene Parish and Holy Family Parish in Concord. During the past several years our Pastoral Council has met with the Pastoral Council of Holy Family Parish. We want to lay the ground work so that the collaboration will go smoothly for the benefit of all our parishioners.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

Mass Schedule

Effective the weekend of June 24th/25th 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 10th.

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.

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.

Religious Education

First Communion Banners

The beautiful banners that were decorated by our second grade students are available to take home. They are in a basket at the back of the church arranged alphabetically.

Religious Ed. Registration 2017-2018

Religious Education registration forms were due by June 30. **There is a late fee of \$100 for registrations after June 30.** Forms can be found at: stirenes.org/docs/2017-2018_registration_form_rel_ed.pdf.

Confirmation Registration 2017-2018

Registration forms for Confirmation were due both Level 1 and 2 by June 30. **There is a late fee of \$100 for registrations after June 30.** Forms can be found on St. Irene's website at: www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html.

Parish Happenings

St. Irene Newsletter

St. Irene's second quarter 2017 Newsletter was e-mailed to registered parishioners June 16th. If you're a registered parishioner and did not receive it, please contact the rectory office (978-369-3940 **or** stirene@com-cast.net) to update your e-mail address.

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.

Feedback

If you have the opportunity to attend Mass in other towns, states, or even countries, this summer, we want to ask a favor: Please send us your stories and observations from parishes you visit. If you or your young ones felt especially welcome, or touched by the Holy Spirit, or just observed something in a Mass that warmed your heart, what was it? Could we use the idea at St. Irene? Send us a word via feedback@stirenes.org and tell us the good you have seen in other parishes. We'll consider ideas for St Irene. Thank you.

Save the Dates

We had our annual calendar meeting last week and here are a few dates to remember:

Sunday, Sept. 17 – Parish Picnic

Saturday, Oct. 21 – Ham & Bean Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 18 – Mystery Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 3 – Parish Christmas Party

Saturday, May 5 – Confirmation

Saturday, May 12 – 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 the Archdiocese website: <http://www.bostoncatholic.org>.

The Archdiocese also requires a 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**. CORI forms are due. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions.

Parish Library

Please return all Advent and Lenten books. The library is open whenever the church is open but not during religious education classes.

New Wheelchair from the Knights

Your Saint Irene Knights of Columbus have recently received a new wheelchair as part of a K of C international program that encourages Councils to provide these types of items to our parishes, to ensure their availability when needed. The chair can be found in the right side closet of the main church entrance.

If you have occasion to use it, please ensure that it is returned to this location. Thank you.

Summer Bulletin Schedule

We will publish the bulletin three times during the summer. Publication dates are July 9th, August 6th, and September 3rd.

Please have information for print to the rectory by the prior Monday at 5:00 pm.

Area Events

Summer Fair for Kids with Disabilities August 13

Bishop Ruocco, a local Knights of Columbus Council is running their annual Summer Fair. The Fair is free to kids with disabilities and their families. It is held at The Paul Center, (39 Concord Rd, Chelmsford), on August 13 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Rain or shine. The grounds are wheelchair accessible. The Fair includes 16 fun games, craft making, parachute activity and prizes for all. Come and enjoy this great event.

Families interested in attending need to register by contacting Ken Desilets at (978) 692 6866 or kgdesigned@gmail.com on or before August 1.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"... and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Find out how Love and communication can ease your burdens by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Sep 16-17 in Medway, MA and Oct 21-22 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://www.mema.org/>.

Financial Information

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% from parishioners to cover our operating expenses.

We are asking each of you who currently support our parish 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.

2017 Catholic Appeal Update

St. Irene Parish has surpassed its 2017 Catholic Appeal assessment of \$37,349, collecting \$39,420. The Archdiocese would like us to reach a goal of \$40,678. We are truly grateful to the 63 parishioners and families that helped us reach our assessment. The Catholic Appeal provides critical funding to hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs that impact tens of thousands throughout our Archdiocese. Thank you for your support.

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.

- Next weekend the second collection 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.

Financial Details

June 2017

Weekly

\$25,574

Year to Date

\$156,850

Monthly

\$2953

\$16,801

Gifts & Bequests

\$7195

\$54,574.13*

*Includes a one-time bequest of \$36,854.13