

# St. Irene Church

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**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 10, 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 Maloney - 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, September 9 at 5:00 pm

Michael Hanna - Memorial Mass  
Monday, September 11 at 9:00 am

Jacqueline Edith Slattery  
Memorial Mass  
Tuesday, September 12 at 9:00 am

Kelly Phillips - Birthday Mass  
Thursday, September 14 at 9:00 am

Etalo Moschini - 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Friday, September 15 at 9:00 am

Mary Pat Paris - Memorial Mass  
Saturday, September 15 at 9:00 am

Wilfried Martin - 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, September 17 at 11:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

For most of us, Labor Day marks the end of the summer season. Our children go back to school. Our young adults leave home for new exciting lives in college. Other young adults are beginning their careers and perhaps are looking ahead to marriage and family. All of us agree that the fall season is a beautiful time of the year in New England. We enjoy the changing of the seasons and this reminds us of the changing seasons of life. Our parish activities will also return. Next Sunday the Knights of Columbus will sponsor the Parish Picnic. On Thursday, September 21, the Women's Club will kick off the season with a Pot-Luck Supper. Our religion classes begin as well.

We invite all our parishioners to become active members of our parish – to become involved in our religious education programs, to join in our spiritual and social activities. In this way we grow in our faith and in our sense of belonging to our parish.

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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Daily Bible Readings

Please visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/) to find the daily bible readings and other information.

## Religious Education

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### Teacher Orientation

The Religious Education Teacher Orientations will be held in the Parish Hall. The schedule is as follows:

*Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm Grades 6-8*

*Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm Grades K-2*

*Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm Grades 3-5*

ALL teachers are required to take the one time VIRTUS training course and to fill out a CORI form annually. Please see the schedule listed under VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children Training in this bulletin.

Fall classes begin Sunday, Sept. 17 for grades K-5. Grades 6-8 will begin on Monday, Sept. 18. The year begins with Mass at a special start time of 6:30 and will end at 8:00 pm.

## Confirmation 2017-2018

Level 2 begins classes on September 10 and Level 1 begins on September 17.

## Parish Happenings

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### St. Irene Parish Picnic – September 17

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am Mass. This annual event will be held on the grounds of St. Irene Church. It is a great opportunity to enjoy good food, family, fun kid games and crafts, and to catch up with friends you may not have seen over the summer.

Tickets will go on sale after the September 9/10 Masses.

### Women's Club – September 21

Ladies – Save the date of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> for our 2017/2018 “kick off” Women's Club meeting. A Pot Luck dinner is planned for 6:30 pm and annual dues will be collected.

If you are not already a member of the Women's Club, we invite you to join and have fun helping us. The calendar of events for the coming year is enclosed in the bulletin.

### Save the Dates

*Saturday, Oct. 21 – Ham & Bean Dinner*

*Saturday, Nov. 18 – Mystery Dinner*

*Sunday, Dec. 3 – Parish Christmas Party*

*Saturday, Jan. 20 – Trivia Night*

*Saturday, Mar. 24 – Italian Night*

*Saturday, May 5 – Confirmation*

*Saturday, May 12 – First Communion*

### 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.

## 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](mailto:caring@StIrenes.org).

## 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>. St. Irene's is offering classes in the parish hall on:

*Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 pm*

*Friday, September 15 at 9:30 am*

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.

## Area Events

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### Lazarus House - Hike for Hope

Fight poverty one step at a time! It's time to sign up and join the effort to help. Make a huge impact as a Team Captain by forming a team! Not your style? . . . then sign up as an individual walker with pledges. Or simply make a donation! Just be sure to participate!

**When:** Sunday, Oct 1, 2017. **Where:** Park at Bartlet St., Andover, MA. The Hike is a 3 mile walk through Andover, starting at 1pm. To register or learn more, visit [www.HikeForHope.org](http://www.HikeForHope.org) or [www.LazarusHouse.org](http://www.LazarusHouse.org). Take a Step to fight poverty, while restoring respect and dignity to our neighbors in great need!

## West Region Adult Education

"The Making of Saints" an adult education offering for the West Region of the Archdiocese will be presented over 5 sessions on Wednesdays Sept. 27 – Oct. 25, 7:00 -8:30 pm at Saint Zepherin parish hall, 99 Main St., Wayland, MA. There is plenty of free parking.

A close look at the workings of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the process that leads to individual being declared a Saint in the Roman Catholic Church. Presented by Fr. David O'Leary, S.T.L., D.Phil - Parochial Administrator of Good Shepherd Parish, former university and seminary professor. To sign up: please call Good Shepherd Parish 508-650-3545

## Faith-Based Family Connection: Strengthening Families in Dealing with Addiction.

Through education and sharing, in a faith-based environment, we offer support to those who are coping with the addiction of a loved one. Whether it be your child, your spouse, your grandchild, or a close friend... the pain of watching their suffering is the same. Join us as we gain a better understanding of the disease of addiction through reading materials, videos and first-hand sharing from men and women who actively practice a 12-step program and live a healthy lifestyle free of alcohol and drugs. We meet at 7:00 pm on Monday evenings in the New Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St., N. Chelmsford. This group will not meet on Monday, Sept. 4 due to the Labor Day holiday.

## Financial Information

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### 2017 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you. St. Irene Parish has surpassed its 2017 Catholic Appeal goal of \$40,678, collecting \$40,720. We are truly grateful to the 65 parishioners and families that helped us reach our goal. 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.

## Clergy Benefit Trust

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit [www.clergyfunds.org](http://www.clergyfunds.org).

Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

The collection for Hurricane Harvey Relief amounted to \$2036.

The Collection for Catholic University amounted to \$597.

## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**August 2017**

**Year to Date**

## Weekly

\$22,978

\$206,536

## Monthly

\$2050

\$21,404

## Gifts & Bequests

\$6225

\$67,849.13\*

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