

St. Irene Church



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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2016

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

Kevin Phillips

Birthday Mass

Friday, September 30 at 9:00 am

Stephan Slaney

1st Anniversary Mass

Saturday, October 1 at 9:00 am

Ralph Guanci

7th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, October 1 at 5:00 pm

Joseph Doherty

Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 2 at 8:00 am

Colleen Kelly

Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 2 at 11:00 am

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Eric Bestehorn

3rd Anniversary Mass

Saturday, September 24 at 5:00 pm

Kurt Kelly – 4th Anniversary Mass

John Kelly – 15th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, September 25 at 8:00 am

Deacon Edward Lober

Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 25 at 11:00 am

George MacCormack

Anniversary Mass

Tuesday, September 27 at 9:00 am

Roland, Diane & Paul Desrochers

Memorial Mass

Thursday, September 29 at 9:00 am

Banns of Marriage

2nd Publication

Christopher Fitzgerald and Valerie Traumuller

Blessing of the Animals

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, October 1st at 10:00 am in the church parking lot.

The Pastor's Corner

Last Sunday was designated by the church as Catechetical Sunday. It coincides with the beginning of our religious education program for our children in grades one through eight as well as young adults in grades nine and ten who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This reminds us of the importance of our religious education program not only to teach our young people about our beliefs but also to form them into practicing Catholics. We are fortunate to have wonderful leaders for our programs – Eileen Faber for the grammar school children and Sheila Zacharchuk for our young adults, as well as the wonderful men and women who offer their time and talents for our young people. We are grateful too for our parents who support our programs and take the time and effort to assist us in this important ministry. Let us begin this season with new energy to help our young people grow and mature in their faith.

~ 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, 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

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Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 began on Sunday, September 18. Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am.

Classes for grades 6-8 are held on Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

Safety Sessions

October 2nd will begin Part I of our Safety Sessions for grades K-5 and will conclude on October 16th. Safety sessions for grades 6-8 are now part of the regular classroom curriculum.

Youth Living Rosary - Special Start Time

Grades 6-8 will host their annual Living Rosary on Monday, October 3rd from **6:30-8:00 pm**. *Please note the special start time.* ALL are welcome to attend!

Columbus Day Weekend

There will be NO CLASSES for grades K-5 on Sunday, Oct. 9th and Monday, Oct. 11th for grades 6-8 due to the Columbus Day Weekend. Classes will resume on Oct. 16 and 17.

Confirmation

Level 1 & 2 Confirmation classes will meet on Sunday, October 2 with attendance at 5:00 pm Mass. There will be no classes on Sunday, October 9th due to the holiday weekend.

Parish Happenings

St. Irene Parish Picnic – September 25

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 25th 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 are \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, and under 5 are free.

Try Something New This Fall Join St. Irene's Music Ministry

Now that we are all settling into our Fall routines, there are many ways to add your talents to St. Irene's Music Ministry and have some fun while doing it!

Children's Choir

We welcome children in grades K through 8 to come and sing with the Children's Choir. Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church from 6:15-7:00. The choir sings at the monthly Family Masses, as well as at Christmas, Easter, and First Communion. No experience is needed. Rehearsals begin Oct. 6th.

Young Adult Contemporary Group

We welcome young adults ages 13 and up to come and sing at the Monthly Contemporary Mass. This Mass is always the 5:00 PM Mass on the first Sunday of every month. Our group meets at 4:00 and rehearses for an hour before singing at the 5:00 PM Mass. This group is open to vocalists and instrumentalists. No singing experience is necessary. Our first Mass is Oct. 2nd.

Adult Choir

We welcome adults of any age to come and sing with the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church from 7:15-8:30. The choir sings at the 11:00 Mass every Sunday, as well as on Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Easter, and other important occasions. No experience or audition is required, just a love for singing! Rehearsals begin Oct. 6th.

Instrumentalists

We would also love to have instrumentalists join the Music Ministry as well, so please don't hesitate to come and find me after Mass or drop me a line at: music@stirenes.org.

Cypriana Coelho

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.

Volunteer Needed for Christmas Mass Parking

For the past three years Lisa Hales and her family have coordinated the parking for the Christmas Eve Masses at St. Irene's. We thank them very much for their help.

Unfortunately, Lisa has moved out of the Carlisle area and we are seeking a new volunteer who can take over this duty. If you are interested, please call the rectory (978)369-3940 or email info@StIrenes.org. Thank you.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2016/2017:

Saturday, Oct. 22 – Ham & Bean Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 19 – Mystery Dinner

Friday, May 5 – Confirmation

Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show

Saturday, May 13 – First Communion

Please mark your calendars now and plan to come to these wonderful events.

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.

Area Events

Catholic Television

Catholic TV is available on Comcast Cable channel 238, Verizon FiOS channel 271, Sky Angel IPTV channel 142, RCN channel 85, EWTN channel 56 and streaming on www.CatholicTV.com.

Financial Information

On-Line Giving at St. Irene's

St. Irene Parish now 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.

- 17 parishioners/families have enrolled in the on-line giving program.

- 19 parishioners are now using EBP (Electronic Bill Pay).

Catholic Appeal 2016

As of September 22, we have received **53%** (\$20,140) of our goal this year of **\$37,646** for the Catholic Appeal. Please help us to meet this goal. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Giving is also possible online at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org. We thank you for your continued support.

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.