

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2016

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

Peter Sellow

Months Mind Mass

Friday, September 9 at 9:00 am

Craig Tonies

Birthday Mass

Saturday, September 10 at 9:00 am

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Colleen Kelly

Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 4 at 11:00 am

Bill and Dot Riley

Memorial Mass

Monday, September 5 at 9:00 am

Paul Tobin

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, September 6 at 9:00 am

Eileen Faber

Birthday Mass

Wednesday, September 7 at 9:00 am

Avery Sullivan

Birthday Mass

Thursday, September 8 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend we celebrate a holiday weekend – Labor Day. For most of us this ends the summer vacation season. Our children return to school. Our young adults go on to the exciting and challenging years of college life. Other young adults are beginning their careers and perhaps are planning marriage. All of us agree that the fall season is a beautiful time of the year in New England. It reminds us of the changing seasons of life. We who are older, like myself, simply enjoy the blessings of each day and thank God for his goodness to us. As the seasons change, let us enjoy each day as it comes. It is good to be alive and happy in our work and in our lives.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Mass Schedule

Effective the weekend of June 25th/26th 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 11th.

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.

Congratulations

Imogen Frances O'Neill, Woodrow Lewis Toth-Miner and Lillian Margaret Pray were baptized at St. Irene Church in August. Congratulations to Imogen, Woodrow and Lillian. Welcome to St. Irene Parish!

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

On Sunday, September 18th we observe Catechetical Sunday with a Commissioning Ceremony for the Religious Education teachers at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses.

Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 will begin on Sunday, September 18. Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am. Grades 6-8 will begin the year with Mass at a special start time of 6:30 and end at 8:00 pm.

Teacher Orientation

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

Monday, Sept. 12th at 7 pm Grades 6-8

Tuesday, Sept. 13th at 6:30 pm Grades K-2

Wednesday, Sept. 14th 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.

Confirmation

Confirmation Level 1 is in need of two catechists. Please consider helping the youth of our parish on their Confirmation journey. Contact Sheila Zacharchuk at confirmation@stirenes.org. Thank you.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Welcome Sunday – September 11

On Sunday, September 11th we will observe Welcome Sunday. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the 8 and 11 am Masses. Please join us.

Please Note Date Change!

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.

Women's Club – September 22

Ladies – Save the date of September 22nd for our 2016/2017 “kick off” Women's Club meeting. A Pot Luck dinner is planned for 6:30 pm and annual dues will be collected.

Peer Leadership Seeks Adult Assistance

St. Irene Peer Leadership Ministry (PLM) has been in existence for over 5 years providing award winning leadership training and faith development based on the Gospel message for post confirmation high schoolers. Membership in the PLM has quadrupled during that time. This exciting rapidly growing expansion needs additional help from motivated committed catholic adults to help take the program to its next level.

PLM involves social events, retreats, mission trips, and leadership activities for younger parish members all of which have been key components of our ministry.

We are seeking adult volunteers to assist with the organizing and execution of various events. This would require at most 4 or 5 hours per month. Ideal candidates would possess the skills of mentoring, guiding, and supporting the development of sound Catholic values, virtues and principles for post confirmation young adults.

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to become involved please contact the rectory (978) 369-3940 for more information.

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.

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-mation/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.

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: www.boston-catholic.org.

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

Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 pm

Friday, September 16 at 9:30 am

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

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.

Middle School & High School Admissions Fair

Hosted by: Boston College High School,
150 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester, MA
Sunday, September 11 from 12 – 2 p.m.

With more than 40 schools attending, parents and students can explore academics, athletics, arts and extracurriculars all under one roof.

Register: www.bchigh.edu/schoolfair

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.

Catholic Appeal 2016

As of July 7 we've received **53%** (\$20,040) 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. Thank you to all who have participated.

Catholic University of America

This week's second collection supports the Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US obtain their education from CUA. For more information, please visit www.cua.edu.

Clergy Benefit Trust

Next 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.

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.

The rectory office is usually open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Gifts and bequests to St. Irene Church year to date: \$17,462.99

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

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