

# St. Irene Church

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**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 18, 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

## Liturgical Events

### Mass Intentions

Fr. Jesus Diaz - Memorial Mass  
Saturday, September 17 at 5:00 pm

Salvatore Gentile – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, September 18 at 11:00 am

Ronald Young - Memorial Mass  
Tuesday, September 20 at 9:00 am

Christopher Reynolds - Memorial Mass  
Wednesday, September 21 at 9:00 am

James & Marie Morris - Memorial Mass  
Thursday, September 22 at 9:00 am

Eric Besthorn - 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, September 24 at 5:00 pm

Kurt Kelly – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
John Kelly – 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, September 25 at 8:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

Two weeks ago on September 4, Pope Francis proclaimed Mother Theresa of Calcutta to be a saint. Pope Francis commented, "Her sanctity is so close to us, so tender and fruitful, that we will continue to call her 'Mother Theresa.'" "Most of us have experienced the presence and life of Mother Theresa; if not in person, at least through the media. We have known of her dedication to the poor and homeless which inspired many young women to join the religious community she founded – the Missionaries of Charity. Pope Francis stated that like Mother Theresa, we too are called not simply to perform acts of charity but to live charity as a vocation and "to grow each day in love." The Pope concludes, "Whenever someone is reaching out, asking for a helping hand in order to get up, this is where our presence must be."

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Banns of Marriage

1<sup>st</sup> Publication

Christopher Fitzgerald and Valerie Traumuller

## 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.

## Blessing of the Animals

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

## 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](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.

## Religious Education

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### Religious Education

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.

Classes for grades 6-8 will begin the year with Mass at a special start time of 6:30 and end at 8:00 pm.

## Confirmation

Level 2 Confirmation classes will meet on Sunday, September 18 with attendance at 5:00 pm Mass. There is a meeting for Level 2 parents at 7:00 pm.

## Parish Happenings

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### Women's Club – September 22

Our first meeting of the 2016/2017 season will begin with a pot luck dinner on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 in the parish hall. All women of the parish are invited to join the club and will be most welcomed.

We ask that you bring either a vegetable dish, salad or dessert. Also dues will be collected at that time. Don't forget 6:30 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> - Hope to see you there!

### Please Note Date Change!

#### St. Irene Parish Picnic – September 25

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

### 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.

### 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. 6<sup>th</sup>.

## 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. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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. 6<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

## 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](http://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](http://www.StIrenes.org) or **[www.facebook.com/StIrenes](https://www.facebook.com/StIrenes)**. You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at [feedback@stirenes.org](mailto:feedback@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 [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list.cfm?theme=0](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.

## Area Events

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### Medicare Open Enrollment Presentation

Tuesday, September 20, 2:00 pm

St Irene's Parish Hall

Hosted by the Council on Aging

Open to all 65 years and older and those who are helping in Medicare choices and decisions.

Medicare Open Enrollment period is coming - October 15 through December 7. Discover things you should do every year!

The Minuteman Senior Services SHINE Program can help to examine your plan and compare it to others available in your area. The Minuteman Senior Services SHINE Program will make you aware of things to consider when evaluating your health plan and answer questions for beneficiaries, family and caregivers.

**Please register for the presentation by calling the COA, (978) 371-2895 ASAP.** Light refreshments to be provided by Bridges by Epoch in Westford.

## Surviving Sibling Support Group

Saturday, Sept. 24 10:30 am- Noon

St. John the Evangelist Church, N.Chelmsford

When a brother or sister dies everything changes in your family, in your life, and your dreams. Know you are not alone in your grief and loneliness. A Surviving Sibling Support Group is now offered at St. John the Evangelist Old Parish Hall, 115 Middlesex St, N. Chelmsford on the last Saturday each month for adult surviving siblings of all ages and for any reason. All are welcome to a safe place to share your story, find comfort, hope and encouragement as you continue a new path in life.

## 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](http://www.CatholicTV.com).

## Financial Information

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### 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](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.

*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 7, 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](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org). Thank you to all who have participated.

This week the second collection is the Monthly Collection.

The Catholic University collection amounted to \$621.

The collection for the Louisiana Flood Victims amounted to \$556.

The Clergy Benefit Trust collection amounted to \$1,892.

### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of each month at 1:00 pm.

#### Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.