

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2015

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

Ray St. Germain – Memorial Mass
Saturday, September 5 at 5:00 pm

Pham T. Thanh - Memorial Mass
Sunday, September 6 & 13 at 11:00 am

Avery Sullivan - 3rd Birthday Mass
Tuesday, September 8 at 9:00 am

Ann and Alice Collins – Memorial Mass
Thursday, September 10 at 9:00 am

Kelly Phillips - Birthday Mass
Saturday, September 12 at 5:00 pm

Summer Mass Schedule

Effective the weekend of June 27th/28th 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 next weekend on September 13th.*

Banns of Marriage

2nd Publication

Kevin Ma and Mary McCormick

The Pastor's Corner

As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend, the summer season truly comes to an end. Our children have already gone back to school. Our young adults have returned to college. In a few weeks, our religious education programs will start. Our parent activities will also return. The Knights of Columbus will sponsor our Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 20. The Women's Club will begin their season with a Pot Luck Dinner on Thursday, September 17. Even sooner, we will observe Welcome Back Sunday with coffee and refreshments next Sunday to welcome back all who have been away for the summer.

We invite all our parishioners to be active members of our parish – to become involved in our parish religious education programs; to join in our social and spiritual activities. It is in being involved in these activities that we grow in our faith and in our sense of belonging to Saint Irene Parish. Welcome Back!

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Donation

One of St. Irene's parishioners has graciously donated three altar candles in thanksgiving for blessings received. Thank you for your generosity.

Religious Education

Religious Education

On Sunday, Sept. 20th 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, Sept. 20. Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am and session II is from 10:00-10:50 am. Grades 6-8 will begin classes on Monday, Sept. 21. Grade 6-8 will begin the year with Mass at a special start time of 6:30 pm 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. 14th at 7 p.m.: Grades 6-8

Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 6:30 p.m.: Grades K-2

Wednesday, Sept. 16th at 7:00 p.m.: 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

Level 1 Classes will meet on Sunday, Sept. 13 with a Parent Meeting at 7 pm. Class begins with attendance at the 5 pm Mass.

Parish Happenings

Parish Bookkeeper

After serving our parish for more than ten years Zenaide Cabral, our bookkeeper, will be retiring at the end of September. Zenaide is a long time parishioner and we are very grateful for her years of service in the rectory office and throughout the church. We will miss her very much and wish Zenaide many beautiful days down in Fairhaven.

St. Irene's is looking for a part-time bookkeeper with experience using Quick Books, payroll processing, bank reconciliation and managing accounts payable and receivable. Candidates should have working knowledge of Massachusetts hiring laws, tax requirements, end-of-year reporting and knowledge of Archdiocese procedures is a plus. The position will require between 20 - 25 hours per week. Resumes and letters of interest should be emailed to Fr. Thomas Donohoe at info@stirenes.org or call (978) 369-3940 for more information.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Welcome Sunday – September 13

On Sunday, September 13th 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.

Women's Club – September 17

The Women's Club of the parish will hold their initial meeting of the year on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 6:30pm with a Pot Luck Dinner. We warmly welcome back all members that have been away all summer and look forward to meeting any lady who wishes to join the club. We ask that you bring your favorite dish, whether it be a vegetable, salad or dessert; the Board Members will provide the main meal. Dues of \$10 will be collected and we be updating all information for our membership list. Mark your calendar for the 17th and we hope to see you!

St. Irene Parish Picnic – September 20

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 20th 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. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses.

Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

Take a break from the world's demands and rest in the Lord! 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.

July Mission Trip

On Sunday, July 19th seventeen high school students from St. Irene's Parish, along with their adult chaperones, embarked on a week-long service project in Worcester. The week of service was organized by Young Neighbors in Action.

A team of twelve teen volunteers – Nicole Albanese, Charles Clark, Isabella DeScenza, Izabel Dominguez, Keely Ford, Elizabeth Manning, Shannon McLaughlin, Joscelyn Paglia, Richard Paglia, Nicole Small, Tori Walsh, and Caroline Zacharchuk – assisted in the summer camp program for Friendly House, a neighborhood service organization supporting low-income families in Worcester for 92 years.

Madeline Andrews, Allison Breen, Caroline Campbell, Isabelle Clark and Julia Grossman worked at the Community Harvest Project at Brigham Hill Farm in N. Grafton, harvesting over 5400 servings of fresh vegetables for the Worcester County Food Bank.

The adult volunteers supporting this effort were: Jim Marchant, Joe Dominguez, Janet Manning, Trish Richard, and Beth Scott.

In addition to a full day at the work sites, the Young Neighbors program provided the volunteers with time for prayer, reflection, recreation and socializing. The St. Irene's group really came together through this shared experience and made many new friendships.

The adult leaders and students wish to thank the generous St Irene Parish community for their prayers, moral and financial support. We hope to share more with you this fall.

Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$25,255 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 82 donors and families. If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are at the back of the church or visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you.

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.bostoncatholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspx?pid=1472. St. Irene's is offering classes in the parish hall on:

Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30 pm

Friday, September 18 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.

The Catholic University of America Collection

The second collection this week supports the Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA 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. Thank you.

Clergy Benefit Trust

On September 13th the second collection will be for the Clergy Benefit Trust which supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in the Archdiocese of Boston. In addition all collections at Christmas and Easter go to the Clergy Benefit Trust. For those who would like to give

more, there is an annual fundraising dinner celebrating the priesthood on Thursday, September 17 in Boston. More information on this and giving can be found at clergy-funds.org/. Our priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

Area Events

Admissions Fair

Boston College High School will host a Middle and High School Admissions Fair on September 13, 2015 from 12-2 pm on the BC High campus, located at 150 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. More than 30 middle and high schools will be in attendance, including Catholic, independent, public, single-gender, co-ed, boarding, day, large and small schools. To register visit www.bchigh.edu/schoolfair.

Carlisle Community Chorus

Come join the Carlisle Community Chorus this season as we perform "Songs of the British Isles". We will pay tribute to the rich history of British composers, from Handel, Britten and Rutter to Gilbert & Sullivan and the Beatles. We will also sing some beautiful traditional melodies from Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. No experience is necessary to participate in this non-auditioned, multigenerational ensemble. Our first rehearsal is Monday, Sept. 14 in the Carlisle Public School community room from 7:00-8:45 pm. Newcomers are welcome to come to a rehearsal, listen or sing, and see what we are all about! All student & adult singers from all towns are welcomed! Feel free to email taracallahanmusic@gmail.com with any questions you may have. We hope you'll come sing with us!

Financial Information

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 15% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$6,065
Last year's Offertory	\$5,243
Offertory YTD	\$199,310
Offertory YTD last year	\$205,643
Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD	\$20,434

This week's second collection is for the Catholic University of America.

Next week's second collection is for the Clergy Benefit Trust.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett
Deacon Charles Ferraro

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 Deacon Charles Ferraro

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.