



St. Irene Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 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

Pia Centofante

5th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, January 24 at 11:00 am

Billy Thompson

Healing Mass

Monday, January 25 at 9:00 am

Alexander Paciulan

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, January 26 at 9:00 am

Sabato Ferrara

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, January 27 at 9:00 am

Pham T. Thanh

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 31 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

On Monday I shall be on a 6:00 AM flight to Florida. I shall visit my sister Ginny and my niece Maureen and her husband Ted. I will be with them for two weeks, play a little golf and spend some time just relaxing. I shall return on Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. I have written in the past of the need all of us have to take a vacation – to relax and renew ourselves. I am finally taking my own advice. I have not been on vacation since last winter. But that's my own choice since I am able to enjoy our New England summers and enjoy my passion for golf each week. But it is good for each one of us to relax and enjoy family and friends and to return with new energy and a new outlook in life. I'll see you on Ash Wednesday.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on January 24th at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The 8th grade Religious Education students will host both Masses.

Knights of Columbus Present An Evening of Prayer & Adoration

Special Presentation of

Image of the Holy Family

By Giovanni Balestra (1774-1842)

Tuesday February 2, 2016 at 7:30 PM

The image was blessed by Pope Francis on June 29, 2015 and is currently on pilgrimage throughout the country. The inauguration ceremony for the pilgrimage was conducted on August 4, 2105 in Philadelphia right before the city hosted the 8th World Meeting of Families, which was held for the first time in the United States. Come and honor our heavenly family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as we ask their blessings for our families.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 10th. Masses for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm. A Prayer Service will be held at 4:00 pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at these services.

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.

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.

First Friday

February 5th is the First Friday of February and Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

Religious Education

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Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 Session I are from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am on Sunday mornings. Grades 6-8 meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Reminder: There will be a 2nd grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:30 pm.

Confirmation

Level 1 Confirmation class will meet on Sunday, January 24th at the 5:00 pm Mass. Class will follow Mass.

Parish Happenings

Lector Training

St. Irene's will provide Lector/Reader training on Thursday, Feb. 4 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the church (upstairs). Those who are interested in reading at Mass are welcome to join us for training, after which they could be included on the schedule.

Stations of the Cross

Women's Club – Soup and Bread

The Season of Lent is fast approaching. Ash Wednesday is February 10th. On Friday February 12th, prior to the Stations of the Cross, we will have our first "Soup & Bread" repast in the Parish Hall. This Lenten event hosted by the Women's Club will run from 5:30 pm and continue until 7:00 pm so as to give people ample time to enjoy their meal before going upstairs for the stations. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, February 14 at 7 pm in the rectory.

Audio Engineer Volunteer Needed

St. Irene's is beginning the process of updating the audio system in the church. We are seeking an audio engineer to volunteer for some consulting and to work with the sound company. If you are able to help, please email info@StIrenes.org or call the rectory office (978)369-3940. Thank you.

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 Deacon-Charlie@stirenes.org for more information.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed at Emerson

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to bring communion to the sick and recovering at the Emerson Hospital. We ask for a 2 hour commitment approximately once a month during weekday mornings. Communion is provided from the hospital chapel, and two ministers are scheduled each day. Timothy Duff, Catholic Chaplain at the hospital, offers ongoing training and direction as well as a yearly dinner and retreat for all minister. If you have an interest in this ministry or need additional information please call Tim at (978) 287-3015 or email him at tduff@emersonhosp.org.

Make a New Year's Resolution to join the Music Ministry in the New Year!

After a well-deserved "long Winter's nap," rehearsals for both the Children and Adult Choirs will resume on WEDNESDAY (new day!), January 13th. Both choirs rehearse in the church at the following times: Children's Choir, 6:15-7:00; Adult Choir, 7:15-8:30.

Neither choir requires an audition or any previous singing experience. The only "requirements" are a positive attitude and the desire to grow spiritually through learning new music and sharing your talents during the Masses. For more information, please drop me a note at Music@stirenes.org. I look forward to seeing YOU! 😊

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2016:

Friday, February 12 – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 19 – Italian Night

Saturday, April 30 – Confirmation

Saturday, May 14 – First Communion

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

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.

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.

St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: www.StIrenes.org or Facebook page: 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.

Area Events

St. Michael Parish Speaker Series Sunday, January 24

St. Michael Parish Adult Education Speaker Series is delighted to present Matt Weber, Boston Catholic TV personality and author of "Fearing The Stigmata," on Sunday, Jan. 24 from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. Matt is known for his sharp wit, earnest candor and a gift for great story-telling, and will speak about the real challenges and the immense joys of publicly living out the Catholic faith. This presentation will take place at our Parish Hall at 90 Concord Rd, Bedford, and is open to all; no registration is necessary! Refreshments will be served.

When Your Brother or Sister Dies Surviving Sibling Support Group

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 Saint John the Evangelist Old Parish Hall, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford, MA on the last Saturday each month for surviving siblings of all ages and for any reason. All are welcome to a safe place to share their story, find comfort, hope and encouragement as you continue a new path in life. Meetings will begin: Saturday, April 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 12% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$4,806
Last year's Offertory	\$5,464

Offertory YTD	\$17,740
Offertory YTD last year	\$18,030
Monthly YTD	\$2,478
2015 Grand Annual	\$109,721
Separate Gifts YTD	\$320
Last weekend the Monthly collection amounted to \$2,338.	

This week the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America.

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.