



St. Irene Church

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2017

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

Rosalie Troutman
Birthday Mass
Saturday, September 30 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly
Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 1 at 8:00 am

Brako Family
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, October 4 at 9:00 am

George Canzano
Memorial Mass
Thursday, October 5 at 9:00 am

Gerard Lobo
Memorial Mass
Friday, October 6 at 9:00 am

Rose Pullara
Memorial Mass
Saturday, October 7 at 5:00 pm

Phuc Tu
Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 8 at 11:00 am

John and Margaret O'Connor
Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 8 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

The Church observes the first Sunday of October as Respect Life Sunday. Actually, this Sunday begins the month of October in which we emphasize the value of life. Life is a precious gift from God from the first moment of conception to the moment of natural death. We need to respect that gift and oppose whatever destroys life, either at the very beginning or in the final days. Let us pray for the day when our culture realizes how precious life is and works with all people to protect the gift of life.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

Banns of Marriage

3rd Publication

Christopher Simeone and Amanda Godfrey

2nd Publication

Richard Walsh and Gillian Caitlin McClellan

First Friday

Next Friday, October 6th is the First Friday of October. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

Blessing of the Animals

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, October 7th at 10:00 am in the church parking lot.

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. 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.

Daily Bible Readings

Please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings/ to find the daily bible readings and other information.

Religious Education

Safety Sessions

October 1 will begin Part I of our Safety Sessions for grades K-5 and will conclude on October 15. 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 2 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. 8 and Monday, Oct. 9 for grades 6-8 due to the Columbus Day Weekend. Classes will resume on Oct. 15 and 16.

Confirmation

Level 1 & 2 Confirmation classes will meet on Sunday, Oct. 1 with attendance at 5:00 pm Mass.

Parish Happenings

Ministry Weekend September 30/October 1

It's fall! Back to school, cooler days, and time to think about how each of us can contribute to the life of our parish. How can each of us help to make our St. Irene's the parish we want it to be? We will be filling out sign-up forms on Saturday and Sunday, September 30/October 1. Plan to become an active member of our parish!

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet Sunday, October 1 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Save the Dates

Saturday, Oct. 21 – Ham & Bean Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 18 – Mystery Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 3 – Parish Christmas Party

Saturday, Jan. 20 – Trivia Night

Saturday, Mar. 24 – Italian Night

Saturday, May 5 – Confirmation

Saturday, May 12 – First Communion

St. Irene's Adult Faith Formation Presentation – Friday, Oct. 27, 2017

St. Irene's will kick off its fall Adult Faith Formation with a "Theology on Tap" presentation on Friday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall.

The Theology—a discussion of current religious issues which impact our daily lives. Fr. Austin Fleming, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Concord, will moderate, giving an opportunity for all to exchange views during roundtable discussions and ask follow-up questions.

The Tap—Staff from Colonial Liquors in Concord will demonstrate how to prepare three "signature" drinks and share them with us. Beverages and "cheese & crackers" will be served, adding to the opportunity to get to know the folks at your round table.

Red Cross Blood Drive – October 12

On Thursday, Oct. 12 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm St. Irene's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. You must be at least 17 and in good general health to donate.

Donors can now use RapidPass, **on the day of the blood drive**. This allows you to complete your pre-reading and donation questions online from your home or office; reducing the time you spend at the blood drive by up to 15 minutes. RapidPass does not take the place of scheduling an appointment. Please bring your RapidPass with you to your appointment. To use RapidPass visit: **redcrossblood.org/RapidPass**.

To schedule an appointment either call (800) Red-Cross or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "SaintIrene." Thank You.

New Wheelchair from the Knights

Your Saint Irene Knights of Columbus have recently received a new wheelchair as part of a K of C international program that encourages Councils to provide these types of items to our parishes, to ensure their availability when needed. The chair can be found in the right side closet of the main church entrance. If you have occasion to use it, please ensure that it is returned to this location. Thank you.

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. Rehearsals begin Oct. 5th.

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 October 5th.

Theater News

Are you interested in seeing "The Color Purple"? Please contact Judy Andrews or the rectory office at 978-369-3940. Judy is setting up a trip for late November/ early December.

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.

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: **<http://www.bostoncatholic.org>**.

The Archdiocese also requires a 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**. CORI forms are due. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions.

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.

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.

Area Events

St. Michael Parish Holiday Fair

Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Featuring a grand display of gift baskets for raffle, beautiful holiday gift items, crafters, artisans, independent vendors, home-based businesses, bake sale table, lunches and our not-to-be-missed White Elephant Sale. For more information contact Ann-Marie at St. Michael Parish (781) 275-6318.

Financial Information

Increased Offertory Campaign

We sincerely thank those who have participated in the increased offertory campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our goal is to appeal to the generous support of our community and increase the offertory by 20% from parishioners to cover our operating expenses.

We are asking each of you who currently support our parish to prayerfully review your commitment and consider an increase in your continuing offertory contributions consistent with your means. The parish needs the support of every parishioner to have a vibrant, long-term community where all are welcome to share in the light of Jesus Christ and each other. Thank you.

On-Line Giving at St. Irene's

St. Irene Parish 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.

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.