

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 21, 2018

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

Jeffrey Ward - Birthday Mass
Saturday, October 27 at 9:00 am

Salvator Curcio – Memorial Mass
Saturday, October 27 at 5:00 pm

Ted Graczyk – 16th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, October 28 at 8:00 am

Donald Argersinger – Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 28 at 11:00 am

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

David McIlhenny - 17th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, October 20 at 5:00 pm

Thien C. Pham - Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 21 at 11:00 am

Colleen Nesbit - Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 21 at 5:00 pm

George Cotroneo – Memorial Mass
Monday, October 22 at 9:00 am

Carine Bacle – Healing Mass
Tuesday, October 23 at 9:00 am

Jessica Huckins and Family
Healing Mass
Friday, October 26 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Recently Pope Francis canonized seven people including Archbishop Oscar Romero who was martyred while celebrating Mass and Pope Paul VI who brought the church into the modern era by implementing the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. Pope Francis also canonized two diocesan priests and two women who founded religious communities as well as a young man who died at 19 and is cited as an example of piety for young people. These men and women lived recently. Some were religious; others lay people. Pope Francis reminds us that even in our day we are called to holiness and the promised life of heaven.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgies will take place on Sunday, Oct. 21 at the 8 and 11 am Masses. Grade 6 and 7 students will host both Masses.

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

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.

Religious Education

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Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am. Classes for grades 6-8 are held on Monday nights from 7 - 8 pm.

Peer Leaders

In lieu of our November meeting the Peer Leaders will be selling their book "Food for Thought" after the Masses the weekend of November 3/4. All the profits will be donated to the Catholic Charities food pantry in Lowell. A copy of the book is priced at \$12 or three for \$30. They are bound to make unusual holiday gifts.

Parish Happenings

St. Irene Parish Award for Christian Ministry

On Sunday, October 14, Jim Marchant was presented with the St. Irene Parish Award for Christian Ministry at the 11 a.m. Mass. Jim and his wife Liz and son Jon have been parishioners for over 37 years. Jim is a many-talented person who has shared those talents with St. Irene's in numerous ways. For many years, he has served as a Eucharistic Minister. He served as an advisor on the Building Committee for our new church. For years he has served our high school students: as a founding member of the Youth Board, as coordinator and teacher of the Confirmation program, developing a joint Confirmation program with a neighboring parish, leading the members on Outward Bound team building trips to Thompson Island.

After passing the baton on the Confirmation program, Jim and Deacon Charlie provided retreats for the Confirmandi. They also worked with the Peer Ministry program, including leading a week-long Youth in Action mission trip to Worcester.

Thank you, Jim, for contributing so much of your time and enthusiastic talent to the parish. Congratulations!

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council is meeting on Sunday, October 21 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater Saturday, November 17

The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "MURDER AT THE DRUNKIN' MOSQUITO — or — The St. Irene's Magical Misery Tour" on **Saturday, November 17, 2018**. Tickets will go on sale after all Masses on the weekends of **November 3/4** and **November 10/11** at \$25 each for a 4-course catered meal AND a fun production—such a deal!

Come and see what Fr. Tom is up to this year—and enjoy good company, good food, and lots of laughs!!

Tootsie Roll Drive – October 20/21

The Saint Irene Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll drive after Masses the weekend of October 20/21. All proceeds will go to help children with special needs. Thank you for your generosity towards this great cause.

Ham and Bean Dinner – October 27

A harvest Ham & Bean Dinner, sponsored by the Women's Club, will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, October 27 at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be sold after Masses this weekend. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Come gather with family and friends for a nice warm comfort meal. Seating is limited so we encourage you to get your tickets early.

St. Irene's Adult Faith Formation Presentation on Preparing a Catholic Funeral

Sunday, Oct. 28 from Noon-1:30 p.m.

Light Luncheon Served

The planning of a Catholic funeral can be one of the most challenging things we will ever do. Decisions must be made quickly while sadness and grief weigh upon the family. Please come and join the discussion about the practical details that go into planning a Catholic funeral, enabling the family to plan a funeral liturgy in a way that respects the wishes of the deceased.

The presentation will be made by Fr. Tom, Ann Nicholson, Cypriana Coelho, and John Arena from Dee Funeral Home.

A light luncheon will be served at noon in the church hall, followed by the presentation and discussion.

Palliative Care Packets Available

If you were not able to attend the presentation given last Sunday with regard to Palliative Care, there are a limited number of packets available in red/peach folders at the back of the church. They contain copies of the handouts given at the presentation. Please feel free to take one.

Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities Night

St. Irene Parish is one of the parishes being honored by Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities on Wednesday, October 24.

St. Irene's would like to thank those who have contributed over the years helping to support many of Catholic Charities missions.

For many years Debbie and Rich Boule coordinated hundreds of food baskets for those in need over the holiday season. Likewise, Judy Andrews has organized the Christmas Giving Tree which has provided gifts for so many. We would also like to thank the Peer Leaders who have helped gather food for the Food Pantry as well as the many people who have contributed gifts, food, money and time helping to make Catholic Charities' work successful. Thank you.

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.

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.

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).

The Archdiocese also requires a criminal offender record information (CORI) check for all paid staff members, all clergy and **all volunteers (18 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 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 email at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Area Events

A Night of Faith, Food, and Friends Wednesday, October 24 from 7-9 pm

The Apple Valley Catholic Community is sponsoring a Night of Faith, Food and Friends for young adults in their 20's and 30's on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Yangtze River, 584 King Street in Littleton.

Come join us for dinner, beverages, reflection and discussion (pay your own way). For more information please visit youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org.

Five Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

You are cordially invited to enjoy an evening of musical meditations at the Church of St. Michael, 90 Concord Rd, Bedford.

We will be performing the five Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. This is the third of a trilogy explaining what might have crossed the mind of Mary as she witnessed these events in the life of her Son, the first two Mysteries, (the Joyful and Sorrowful), having been performed there several years ago.

This will take place on **Tuesday, Oct. 30**, at 7:00 PM. The performers will be: Mezzo-Soprano Maria McInnis, and Pianist James Giacquinto. The composer is Henry Miranda. All are parishioners.

Admission is FREE; refreshments will be served in the Parish Center afterward.

Financial Information

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.

This weekend the second collection is the Monthly collection.

Next weekend the second collection will be for World Mission Sunday.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacon:

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/Peer Leaders

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.