



St. Irene Church

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30, 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

Ted Graczyk
14th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, October 29 at 5:00 pm

Doris June Wesner Prockette
Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 30 at 8:00 am

Amelia Ward
Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 30 at 11:00 am

Katie Faber
Birthday Mass
Monday, October 31 at 9:00 am

Colleen Kelly
Memorial Mass
November 6 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

On Tuesday, November 1, we celebrate the feast of All Saints. I find it to be a comforting holy day because it honors all the saints – those canonized by the church but also the unknown saints. These are our moms and dads, our friends and relatives who have lived good and faith-filled lives. We are certain that they are enjoying the fullness of life promised by Jesus in our Father's house in heaven. It is interesting that the day before All Saints Day is called Halloween – originally Hallow's Eve. But this day has taken on an unusual dimension. Instead of saints, people dress up as ghosts and goblins. Young children go door to door Trick or Treating dressed as princesses or clowns. It is a fun day for our young people. But we should not forget its origin – the feast of All Saints.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

All Saints Day

The Feast of All Saints will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 1. The feast is a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm.

Banns of Marriage

Ryan Hutchinson and Angela Brozonos

Parish Book of Life

During the month of November we offer special prayers in remembrance of the faithful departed. The Parish Book of Life is at the front of the Church so that you may record the names of your family members who have died. We will offer Mass for them on All Souls Day and on other days in November. We will also pray for them at Mass daily in November.

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, 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.

Religious Education

Thank You

Thank you to the Grade 6 students for hosting both the 8:00 & 11:00 am Masses last Sunday. Our next Children's Liturgy will be hosted by Grade 4 on Sunday, November 6.

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 began 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 are held on Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

Reminder: There are no classes for Grades 6-8 on Monday, October 31.

2nd Grade Parent's Meeting

There will be a 2nd grade parents First Reconciliation meeting on Wednesday, November 2 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation

Level 1 & 2 Confirmation classes will meet on Sunday, October 30 with attendance at 5:00 pm Mass. Parents of level 1 candidates are asked to attend. Thank you.

Parish Happenings

Lazarus House and Saint Irene Parish Collection October 29/30

For almost three years, members of the Saint Irene Knights of Columbus along with other parishioners have been preparing and serving quality meals at the Lazarus House Ministries shelter in Lawrence each month. This critical role, which is completely run on a voluntary basis, has allowed us to not only serve the women, men and children living at the shelter, but has also demonstrated the spirit of our parish to follow the commandment Jesus left with us to love thy neighbor as he loves us.

Beginning this weekend, the Knights along with the Social Justice Committee will be asking for your support to help us not only continue, but to grow this wonderful program. More specifically, we will be collecting donations at the back of the church to fund the ongoing meal program and also to purchase a new commercial grade oven for the shelter. Their current oven failed last month and is beyond repair. We would gladly welcome anyone willing to donate their time as well to our monthly meal preparations. The Knights of Columbus prepares a dinner everyone fourth Saturday of the month.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Thanksgiving 2016 Food Baskets

Catholic Charities of Lowell and Haverhill currently distributes food to 30,000 people annually. Clients are carefully screened for need. For many years Catholic Charities has relied upon St. Irene's Parish to provide food baskets to families in need.

Your response in the past has been greatly appreciated. We are continuing this worthwhile project again as the need is greater than ever. Detailed information can be found at the back of the church after all Masses this weekend and every weekend until the baskets are collected. Boxes have been donated by **Olympia Movers of Watertown** and can be found in the closet at the back of the church. Baskets will be collected on Sunday, November 20th from 3:00- 5:00 pm. Please email Lauren Dominguez at foodbaskets@StIrenes.org for more information or to volunteer. Thank you.

St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater Ticket Sales!

The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "CAPER AT THE COPA – or – Speak Easy No Evil" on **Saturday, Nov. 19**. Tickets will go on sale after all Masses on the weekends of **Nov. 5/ 6** and **Nov. 12/ 13** 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!!

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

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.

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.

Volunteer Needed for Christmas Mass Parking

For the past three years Lisa Hales and her family have coordinated the parking for the Christmas Eve Masses at St. Irene's. We thank them very much for their help.

Unfortunately, Lisa has moved out of the Carlisle area and we are seeking a new volunteer who can take over this duty. If you can help, please call the rectory (978)369-3940 or email info@StIrenes.org. 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.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2016/2017:

Sunday, Dec. 4 – Parish Christmas Party

Saturday, Jan. 28 – Trivia Night

Friday, May 5 – Confirmation

Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show

Saturday, May 13 – First Communion

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.

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

LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 7pm for an inspiring night of worship at St. Mary Church in Chelmsford with speaker Frank Connell. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.lift-edhigher.com. Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

Bowling / Pizza Event – November 20th

On Sunday, November 20, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor their Fall Bowling / Pizza Event for children with disabilities and their families. It will be held at Collins Bowladrome in Billerica from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. The event includes Duck-pin bowling, which is followed by pizza. Interested families are asked to register for this free event by contacting Ken Desilets before **November 16th**. (Phone: 978-692-6866 or email; kgdesigned@gmail.com)

Financial Information

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, 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.

18 parishioners/families have enrolled in the on-line giving program.

20 parishioners are now using EBP (Electronic Bill Pay).

Catholic Appeal 2016 - Update

Thanks to the help of an anonymous donor, we have reached **90.7%** (\$34,140) of our goal this year of **\$37,646** for the Catholic Appeal. We still need **\$3506** for the appeal. Please consider a donation to this worthwhile cause if you haven't done so already. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Giving is also possible online at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org. We thank you for your continued support.

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.