

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 7, 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

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Ralph Guanci – 9th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, October 6 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly - Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 7 at 8:00 am

Chris Noble – Mass of Thanksgiving
Monday, October 8 at 9:00 am

Fr. Michael Berry, OCD
Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday, October 9 at 9:00 am

Paul & Ruth McGeeney
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, October 10 at 9:00 am

Paul Vezina - Memorial Mass
Friday, October 12 at 9:00 am

Robert & Louise Park - Memorial Mass
Saturday, October 13 at 9:00 am

Barbara Graczyk – 25th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, October 13 at 5:00 pm

James Duff – Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 14 at 8:00 am

Phuc K. Tu – Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 14 at 11:00 am

Diane Moccia – Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 14 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The rosary has always been a popular devotion in our church. It goes back to Saint Dominic hundreds of years ago. The rosary combines oral prayer and meditative prayer. The rosary beads help us to repeat simple prayers – The Lord's Prayer and The Hail Mary. But the rosary offers us as well the opportunity to reflect on its mysteries. These are events in the life of Jesus and Mary that are summed up in the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous mysteries. This prayer to Jesus through Mary can be a powerful way to pray each day.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Banns of Marriage

3rd Publication

Stephen Beaune and Micaela O'Keefe

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.

Daily Bible Readings

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

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.

Safety Sessions

Safety Sessions for grades K-5 and will conclude on Oct. 14. Safety sessions for grades 6-8 are now part of the regular classroom curriculum.

Columbus Day Weekend

There will be NO CLASSES for grades K-5 on Sunday, Oct. 7 and Monday, Oct. 8 for grades 6-8 due to the Columbus Day Weekend. Classes will resume on Oct. 14 and 15.

Peer Leaders

Due to the Columbus Day holiday our next Peer Leadership meeting will be on Sunday October 14th at 3:30. Our theme will be Money Management after high school. If you have any queries please send an email to peerleaders@stirenes.org.

We will be having our book launch on Thursday Oct. 25th at 7pm in the parish hall. Parishioners are welcome but please RSVP us at peerleaders@st.irenes.org. The title of the book is *Food for Thought: Recipes and Reflections from St. Irene's Peer Leaders*.

Parish Happenings

Red Cross Blood Drive – Thursday, Oct. 11

On Thursday, October 11 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 years of age and in good general health to donate. To schedule an appointment either call (800) Red-Cross or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

St. Irene's Adult Faith Formation

Presentation on Palliative Care

Sunday, Oct. 14, Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Are you concerned about aging relatives? Have you or someone you know been diagnosed with a serious illness? Come hear a presentation and join in discussion about palliative care, a way for people to live better with serious illness that offers support for loved ones as well. Palliative care is often confused with hospice care, which is different. Presented by Diane McCarthy, Coordinator for the Archdiocesan *Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning*.

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

Catholic Charities Night - October 24

Please join the Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities Advisory Board for our Fall Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 6:00 pm at the Tewksbury Country Club for an evening honoring the partner parishes in our community.

St. Irene Parish, Carlisle

Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative

St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish, Dracut

For more info please visit: www.ccab.org.

Save the Dates

Sat., Oct. 27 – WC Ham & Bean Dinner

Sat., Nov. 17 – Mystery Dinner

Sun., Dec. 9 – Parish Christmas Party

Sat., Jan. 26 – Trivia Night

Sat., May 4 – Confirmation

Sat., May 18 – First Communion

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 (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 need a form or have any questions.

Try Something New This Fall and Join St. Irene's Music Ministry

Now that we are all settling into our Fall routines, there are many ways to add your talents to St. Irene's Music Ministry and have some fun while doing it! Please contact Cypriana Coelho at music@stirenes.org for more information.

Children's Choir

We welcome children in grades K - 5 to come and sing with the Children's Choir. Rehearsals are every other Thursday in the church from 6:15-7:00. The choir sings at the Children's Liturgies, as well as at Christmas and Easter. No experience is needed.

Adult Choir

We welcome adults of any age to come and sing with the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are every other 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!

We would also love to have instrumentalists join the Music Ministry as well, so please don't hesitate to come and find me after Mass or drop me a line at: music@stirenes.org.

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

Parents & Tots

Holy Family Parish, Monument Hall Rm 1 at 56 Monument Sq., Concord
Every Tuesday 9:45 – 11:00 am

Parents and young children are invited to drop by for casual play time, coffee and new friendships.

Pastoral Associate's Lecture Series

Please Join Dr. Elizabeth Smith, Ph.D., Pastoral Associate, after the 5pm Mass for adult faith formation & discussions about how Catholics can engage today's world.

All lectures will be at Holy Family Parish
12 Monument Square, Concord at 6:00 pm
Wine and cheese will be served!

Oct. 21: *How can our Faith be a Resource to Help People Escape Domestic Violence?*

Special 2 ½ hour interactive workshop by Alyson Katzman, associate dir., Safe Havens

Nov. 18: *Devotional Practices:*

Adoration and Other Ways to Encounter God
Talk by Dr. Elizabeth Smith & Barbara Green

Dec. 9: *Christmas: Jesus and/or Santa*

Lecture by Fr. Austin Fleming, pastor

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.

Holy Father Collection

Next weekend's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection will also provide support to the Catholic University of America that educates priests and lay people

for ministry and for the Inner City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston.

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.

Financial Details	Weekly	Monthly	Gifts
September 2018	\$28,344	\$3,403	\$725
Year to Date 2018	\$227,670	\$27,747	\$58,275*
Year to Date 2017	\$219,914	\$23,999	\$73,746**

*Includes a one-time gift of \$50,000

**Includes a one-time bequest of \$42,751