

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 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

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

Whitehouse Family
Mass of Thanksgiving
Monday, October 9 at 9:00 am

Amelia Ward
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, October 10 at 9:00 am

Armand and Catherine LeBoeuf
Memorial Mass
Wednesday, October 11 at 9:00 am

Hardiman Family
Memorial Mass
Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 am

Barbara Graczyk
24th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, October 14 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Last April I celebrated my 90th birthday with a Mass of Thanksgiving and a wonderful dinner at the Westford Regency. My birthday gift was a week's vacation at an iconic golf resort in Pinehurst NC where the US Open was played a few years ago. It was a fabulous week with Deacon Charlie Ferraro, Jim Marchant and Bruce Traumuller. I wish to express my personal thanks to all who contributed to make this once in a life time trip possible. Thanks to all.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

Banns of Marriage

3rd Publication
Richard Walsh and Gillian Caitlin McClellan

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@StIrene.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

Safety Sessions for grades K-5 will conclude on October 15. 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. 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. 15 with attendance at 5:00 pm Mass.

Parish Happenings

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.

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

Ham and Bean Dinner

A harvest Ham & Bean Dinner, sponsored by the Women's Club, will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, October 21st at 6:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of October 7/8 after Mass. 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. Please contact Jan Brown for more information or to reserve tickets.

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.

Ministry Weekend Forms

If you were not at St. Irene's last weekend or did not have enough time last weekend to fill out a form to volunteer for a parish ministry, there are extra forms at the entrance of the church and a box marked "Ministry Weekend Forms." Please put your completed form in the box. If you are volunteering for a ministry new to you, someone will be in touch within the next few weeks. Thanks for being a member of OUR parish!

Eucharistic Minister Training - November 8

We will be having new Eucharistic Minister training with Deacon Dean Bulpett on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 pm in the church. If you are already serving but would like a refresher course, you are also welcome to attend. Please either email Amy Regan at Eucharist@StIrenes.org or call the rectory office (978) 369-3940 if you have any questions.

Lector Training - November 9

St. Irene's will provide Lector/Reader training on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the church. Those who are interested in reading at Mass are welcome to join us for training, after which they could be included on the schedule. If you have any questions please either call the rectory office (978) 369-3940 or email Michelle Christensen at Lectors@StIrenes.org.

Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at Holy Name Parish at 1689 Centre St., West Roxbury.

The Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 19th at 3:00 pm and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass or contact Liz Cotrupi at 617-746-5801.

Please register by **November 5** to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples.

Tootsie Roll Drive – October 14/15

The Saint Irene Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll drive after Masses the weekend of October 14/15. All proceeds will go to help children with special needs. Thank you for your generosity towards this great cause.

Children's Choir

We welcome children in grades K through 8 to come and sing with the Children's Choir. Rehearsals are on selected Thursdays 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. Please email Cypriana Coelho at Music@StIrenes.org for a schedule or more information.

Adult Choir

We welcome adults of any age to come and sing with the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are on selected Thursdays 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!

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.

Parish Library

Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books in our Parish Library 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

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 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.

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% 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.

The second collection next weekend will be the Monthly Collection.

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.

Financial Details

September 2017

Year to Date

Weekly

\$24,145

\$230,681

Monthly

\$2595

\$23,999

Gifts & Bequests

\$5997.49

\$73,846.62*

*Includes a one-time bequest of \$42,751.62