

St. Irene Church

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 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

Norman F. Daigle - 1st Anniversary Mass
Saturday, November 4 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly - Memorial Mass
Sunday, November 5 at 8:00 am

Albie Jarvis – Memorial Mass
Monday, November 6 at 9:00 am

Stasia and Frank Wojtas
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, November 7 at 9:00 am

Mary Curcio – Memorial Mass
Friday, November 10 at 9:00 am

Wayne Troutman – 2nd Anniversary Mass
Saturday, November 11 at 9:00 am

Rita Paquin – 9th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, November 11 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Last Thursday we celebrated All Souls Day. We pray for our family members and friends who have gone before us and ask the Lord to welcome them into the Kingdom of Heaven. The Church designates the month of November as a time to commend our departed brothers and sisters to the love and mercy of God. For many years we have placed the Parish Book of Life in the church where you may write the names of your loved ones who have died. During the month of November, we will remember them in our prayers at Mass.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

Banns of Marriage

3rd Publication
Eric Smith and Kaitlin Carpenter

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Our annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at the First Religious Society on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 pm. Father Tom will preach. Refreshments will follow in the Union Hall.

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. 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

Children's Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will be hosted by Grade 4 this Sunday, November 5 at both the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses.

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.

Peer Leaders – The Ethics of Giving

Juniors and Seniors come join Peer Leadership! Meetings are once a month before Mass. We will plan and execute community service projects, long and short term. Grow in faith and earn community service hours! There will be food from 3:30-4:00.

The next meeting is November 5th at 3:30. Please contact Maeve Lobo at Peerleaders@stirenes.org if you have any questions.

Parish Happenings

St. Irene Parish Award for Christian Ministry

On Sunday, October 29, Mary Ellen Bakken was presented with the St. Irene Parish Award for Christian Ministry at the 8 a.m. Mass. Mary Ellen and her family have been parishioners for over 35 years. Mary Ellen is a many-talented woman who has shared those talents with St. Irene's in numerous ways. She was the organist/music director for many years in the old church. She was a religious education teacher for many years. She acted in the first Murder Mystery Dinner Play. She was the parish secretary for a number of years. She has tended the plants around the rectory and church. She is currently in charge of liturgical environment for the church. She has organized the Tuesday evening prayer group and was instrumental in promoting the Icon for Vocations.

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

St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater Saturday, November 18

The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "SAY GOODBYE TO HOLLYWOOD -or- Did Oskar Do It?" on **Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017**. Tickets will go on sale after all Masses on the weekends of **Nov. 4/Nov. 5** and **Nov. 11/Nov. 12** 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!!

Women's Club Apple Pie Day

The Women's Club will be having their Apple Pie Day on Thursday, Nov. 16 beginning at 9:30 am – until finished. Bring your favorite apple peeler, apron and a smile – the more help the easier the work!!! **If anyone wishes to purchase a pie, you can do so between 4:00 – 6:00 pm for \$12 each due at that time.** Looking forward to many volunteers giving a helping hand!!

Wheelchair Needed

One of St. Irene's parishioners recently had hip surgery and is in need of a wheelchair for a few months. The parishioner is running into difficulties with her insurance company. So, if someone has one that they are willing to lend, please contact the rectory office at 978-369-3940 Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Thank you.

Thanksgiving 2017 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 continues. 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 19th from 3:00– 5:00 pm.** Please email Lauren Dominguez at foodbaskets@StIrenes.org for more information or to volunteer. Thank you.

Concord Prison Outreach Project

Last year we collected items for gift bags distributed to the inmates by the Concord Prison Outreach Project. Many of those men wrote letters of appreciation. A binder containing copies of those letters is on display in the vestibule at the entrance of the church.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

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.

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.

Theater News

Judy Andrews is planning a trip on Thursday, Nov. 30 to see "The Color Purple." The bus will leave St. Irene's at 12:30 pm for the 2:00 show. Orchestra tickets are \$79, Senior Citizen tickets are \$47. Bus fee is additional. Please contact Judy or the rectory office as soon as possible if you are interested.

Wheelchair from the Knights

Your Saint Irene Knights of Columbus have 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.

Choir Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 2 – Both Choirs
Thursday, Nov. 16 – Children’s Choir only
Thursday, Nov. 30 – Both Choirs
Thursday, Dec. 7 – Both Choirs
Thursday, Dec. 14 – Both Choirs
Thursday, Dec. 21 – Both Choirs

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.

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.

Save the Dates

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

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.

This weekend the second collection will be for the Campaign for Human Development.

The Grand Annual Collection will be the weekend of November 18/19.

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.