

St. Irene Church

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 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

Rita Paquin

9th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, November 11 at 5:00 pm

Veteran's Mass

Sunday, November 12 at 11:00 am

Amarinda Scacciotti

19th Anniversary Mass

Tuesday, November 14 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Next Sunday, November 19 is the weekend for the Grand Annual Collection. This collection has enabled us to make repairs and improvements to our church property and to finance the spiritual and educational programs in our church. As a result, our parish has no outstanding debt. Last year we reached our goal of \$125,000. That is the money we need to balance our books and make more improvements. I am most grateful to all of our parishioners who have so generously supported us over the years. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

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

Thank You

Thank you to the fourth grade students for hosting both the 8:00 & 11:00 am Masses last Sunday. Our next Children's Liturgy will be hosted by Grade 7 on Sunday, December 3.

Religious Education

Grades K-5: 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

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. Please contact Maeve Lobo at Peerleaders@stirenes.org if you have any questions.

Parish Happenings

St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater Saturday, Nov. 18

The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "SAY GOOD-BYE TO HOLLYWOOD – or – Did Oskar Do It?" on **Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017**. There are a few tickets left. They will be on sale after all Masses on the weekend of **Nov. 11/ 12** at \$25 each for a 4-course catered meal AND a fun production—such a deal! (If you have any questions, please call Pat Barry at 978-256-8553.) 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!!

Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project

We will be collecting items for the Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project from Saturday, November 18th through Sunday, December 3rd; please put your contributions in the box located in the church vestibule. Donations do not have to be in sets. Adult volunteers will assemble the gift bags. Each gift bag will contain a bar of deodorant soap (4-5 oz.), toothpaste (5.8 - 6 oz.), white envelopes #6 ¾ (6 ½" x 3 5/8"), a pad of WHITE paper (6" x 9" or 5" x 8", 100 pages, no wire), a pair of white CREW socks with no more than 5 inches of ribbing (no tube socks, knee highs or "tennis" socks), a bottle (plastic) of shampoo (12-15 oz.), and a hand made holiday greeting card ("Happy Holidays, Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas, no religious cards), signed with first names only. If you would like to assemble gift bags, make cards, have any questions or want to make a cash donation, please contact Jean Donnelly at prisongifts@stirenes.org.

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, **Nov. 19th from 3:00– 5:00 pm**. Please email Lauren Dominguez at foodbaskets@StIrenes.org for more information or to volunteer.

Young Adult Music Group

Overtired and stressed about school, friends, sports, and jobs? Make some time for yourself and join the Young Adult Music Group at St. Irene's! We meet one Sunday a month at 4:00 to rehearse, then play/sing at the 5:00 PM Mass.

No audition, no experience necessary, no practicing between Masses, no stress... just a chance to relax, spend time with other nice people, make beautiful music, and be with God. We would love to have you join us! If interested, please drop a line to music@stirenes.org — Cypriana.

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.

Adult Advent Event

Matthew's gospel tells of the three Magi who came from the East to worship the new-born King. As we enter the season of Advent, here is an opportunity to learn about how the religion "from the East" coincides with and differs from Christianity.

Join us for a light breakfast in St. Irene's lower church December 4 at 9:30am, after morning Mass, to hear on video, Natana J. DeLong-Bas, a visiting assistant professor of the Boston College Theology Department and Islamic Civilization and Societies Program. She will address issues of concern and interfaith dialogue and relations. Stimulating discussion will follow.

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.

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

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. 16 – Children's Choir only
Thursday, Nov. 30 – Children's & Adult Choirs
Thursday, Dec. 7 – Both Choirs
Thursday, Dec. 14 – Both Choirs
Thursday, Dec. 21 – Both Choirs

Area Events

Holy Family Lecture Series

Please join Dr. Elizabeth Smith, Pastoral Associate, on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 5pm Mass in the lower level for a discussion of topics relevant to Catholics hoping to enrich their faith and deepen their meaningful engagement with the world.

Nov. 19: Nazis in Boston – Lecture by Fr. Charles Gallagher, SJ

Dec. 17: Clearing a Space: Crowded houses, minds, and souls

Jan. 21: Jesus is my Best Friend: What is Incarnational Theology?

Feb. 18: Vocation and Discernment: How do I listen for God's Voice?

Mar. 18: The Poor, the Outcast, the Refugees: The Catholic Position on Social Equality

Apr. 15: Ecological and Economic Equality: A Laudato Si' Study Lesson

May 20: Henri Nouwen: Lecture by Dr. Michael O'Laughlin

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.

Last weekend the collection for the Campaign for Human Development amounted to \$812.

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.