

St. Irene Church

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 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

Healing Mass

Tuesday, November 20 at 9:00 am

Ellen Philie

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, November 21 at 9:00 am

Ellen Roberts

2nd Anniversary Mass

Saturday, November 24 at 9:00 am

John Hiltz – 9th Anniversary Mass

Ellen Costello – 14th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, November 24 at 5:00 pm

George Gould

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, November 27 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Each year Cardinal Sean O'Malley presents the Bishop Cheverus award to parishioners who have been outstanding in their volunteer service to their parish. This year, I have chosen Patricia Barry as the recipient from our parish. Over the years Pat has volunteered in many ways. She led our Religious Education program under Father Byrne and later, she directed the Confirmation program. She serves as a member of our Parish Pastoral Council, as a Eucharistic minister and is a member of the Women's Club. Pat has also written and directed our annual mystery play. She runs our Protection for God's Children program for volunteers and staff. This year she stepped up to coordinate the Catholic Appeal for St. Irene's. She is an outstanding parishioner and is deserving of this award which will be presented on Sunday, November 25 at the 2:00 pm Prayer Service at the Immaculate Conception Church in Malden. Congratulations Pat.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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 offered Mass for those listed on All Souls Day and will continue to do so throughout November. We will also pray for them at Mass daily in November.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Our annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at St. Irene Church on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

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

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.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Religious Education

Religious Education

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.

Remember that Thanksgiving Baskets are due Sunday, Nov. 18. Thank you.

Peer Leaders

The next Peer Leaders meeting will be on Sunday, Dec, 2nd at 3:30. We will welcome the season of Advent with a few games and quizzes.

Parish Happenings

Thanksgiving 2018 Food Baskets

Baskets will be collected on **Sunday, Nov. 18th from 3:00- 5:00 pm.** Please contact Lauren Dominguez at foodbaskets@StIrenes.org for more information or to volunteer.

St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater Postponed to Saturday, April 27, 2019

We have postponed the St. Irene Players' latest production, "MURDER AT THE DRUNKIN' MOSQUITO – or – The St. Irene's Magical Mystery Tour" until **Saturday, April 27, 2019.** We will announce the dates for ticket sales as we get closer to the date.

Women's Club Gifts for Soldiers

Once again as is our custom, St. Irene's Women's Club will be sending gifts to our deployed men and women serving overseas. A detailed information sheet is included at the back of the church for those who would like to donate. Items can be left in the collection box provided at the back of the church and will be picked up by Dec. 3rd for Christmas delivery. Please consider donating a small remembrance for our deployed soldiers serving you and our country.

The Women's club will be boxing up the Christmas gifts on Tuesday, Dec. 4th beginning at 9:30 am. Please come out and help.

Concord Prison Outreach Project

We will be collecting items for the Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project from Saturday, Nov. 10 - Sunday, Dec. 2; 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.), 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.), a stick of deodorant 2.5 oz. or larger (no roll-ons or gels) 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, contact Jean Donnelly at prisongifts@stirenes.org.

Parish Christmas Party

The Saint Irene Parish Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 9 after the 11 o'clock Mass in the Parish hall. This is a great time for families to enjoy crafts, games, music, pizza and maybe a visit from a special guests all the way from the North Pole.

Parish Library – Overdue Books

St. Irene's library is missing many books. If you have an overdue library book, please return it as soon as possible—especially Advent books. We would like to be able to share them with all our parishioners during the Advent season. Thank you.

Save the Dates

Sun., Dec. 9 – Parish Christmas Party

Sat., Jan. 26 – Trivia Night

Sat., Mar. 16 – Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Sat., Apr. 27 – Mystery Dinner

Sat., May 4 - Confirmation

Sun., May 5 – Fashion Show & Tea

Sat., May 18 – First Communion

Christmas Parking Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to help with parking during Christmas Eve Masses. If you can help, please call the rectory (978)369-3940. Thank you.

Christmas Giving Tree – Beginning Nov. 24

St. Irene's is once again collecting Christmas gifts for the needy. If you would like to participate please select a tag from the tree, purchase the gift (wrapping is optional for Catholic Charities gifts) and return it to St. Irene's by **Sunday, Dec. 16**. Please securely attach the tag to the gift, so we can deliver it.

Gift Cards: The dollar amount should be clearly marked on all the gift cards. Tags need to be securely fastened to gift cards and placed in the box at the back of the church. Please return gift cards by **Sunday, Dec. 16**. Thank you for your generosity.

Keeping Christ in Christmas

Our Saint Irene Knights will have Christmas Cards for sale after the Masses starting this weekend. These Christ centered cards are a great opportunity to celebrate what Christmas is all about.

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 (18 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.

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

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!

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

Jan. 20: *Spiritual, Emotional, & Social Care at the End of Life: Palliative Care as Pro-Life*

Lecture by guest speaker Diane McCarthy,
Initiative for Advance Care Planning, RCAB

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection is the second collection this weekend. You may place your donation in the collection basket or simply send it to the rectory. Our goal this year is \$125,000. Your generosity over the years has been outstanding. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

Retired Religious Sisters Collection

Next weekend the Archdiocese will take up the Collection for Retired Sisters. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service.

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.

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.