

# St. Irene Church

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**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 4, 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

Rita Paquin - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, November 3 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly - Memorial Mass  
Sunday, November 4 at 8:00 am

Mary & Robert Willis – Memorial Mass  
John & Dorothy Downing – Memorial Mass  
Sunday, November 4 at 11:00 am

Healing Mass  
Tuesday, November 6 at 9:00 am

Wayne Troutman - Memorial Mass  
Sunday, November 11 at 8:00 am

Veteran's Mass  
Sunday, November 11 at 11:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

Last Wednesday, together with fifteen parishioners, I attended a dinner sponsored by Catholic Charities. At the dinner St. Irene Parish was presented with a plaque – a Parish in Mission Award – to recognize the years of service we have provided by our donations of food, toys and money to assist people in need in this area. I thank all of you who have given to our Thanksgiving Baskets and the Christmas Giving Tree as well as other donations. The award is for all of you. A plaque describing the award will be hung in the front vestibule of the church.

~ 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 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.

## **Veteran's Day Mass – Nov. 11 at 11:00 am**

The St. Irene's Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Mass on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 11:00 am honoring veterans. Refreshments will follow in the parish hall for all veterans and their families.

*Thank you for your service to our country.*

## **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](mailto: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/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/) to find the daily bible readings and other information.

## **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.

## **Peer Leaders**

In lieu of our November meeting the Peer Leaders will be selling their book "Food for Thought" after the Masses the weekend of November 3/4. All the profits will be donated to the Catholic Charities food pantry in Lowell. A copy of the book is priced at \$12 or three for \$30.

## **Parish Happenings**

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### **"IMMEDIATE NEEDS" Collection for Lazarus House in Lawrence**

***DUE SUNDAY, NOV. 4***

As many of you know, St. Irene's has had an on-going connection supporting Lazarus House in Lawrence. The Knights of Columbus prepare and serve a meal once a month in Lazarus House's Emergency Shelter. The Women's Club organizes and donates a "truck full" of items in the spring. A number of our parishioners have volunteered at Lazarus House.

As you can imagine, Lazarus House has become a center of refuge and source of essentials for people in Lawrence who have been impacted by the gas explosions. They have reached out to members of St. Irene's Social Justice Committee asking whether we could help with some of their "immediate needs." Therefore, during the week of October 29 (from Monday, Oct. 29, through Sunday, Nov. 4), the Social Justice Committee will collect "immediate need" items in the rectory basement. You can drop off items at any time during that week. We will put together a group of parishioners to transport the goods to Lazarus House the following week.

**Immediate needs:** Size 5 and 6 diapers, diaper wipes, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, razors, men's gloves (desperate need), snacks (*desperate need—Pepperidge Farm used to deliver but they stopped*), winter jackets.

### **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.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

## St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater Saturday, November 17

The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "MURDER AT THE DRUNKIN' MOSQUITO — or — The St. Irene's Magical Misery Tour" on **Saturday, November 17, 2018**. Tickets will go on sale after all Masses on the weekends of **November 3/4** and **November 10/11** 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!!

## 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 [prison-gifts@stirenes.org](mailto:prison-gifts@stirenes.org).

## Save the Dates

*Sun., Dec. 9 – Parish Christmas Party*

*Sat., Jan. 26 – Trivia Night*

*Sat., Mar. 16 – K of C Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner*

*Sat., May 4 – Confirmation*

*Sun., May 5 – Fashion Show & Tea*

*Sat., May 18 – First Communion*

## Thanksgiving 2018 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 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00- 5:00 pm. We will need help transporting the baskets this year.** Please email Lauren Dominguez at [foodbaskets@stirenes.org](mailto:foodbaskets@stirenes.org) for more information or to volunteer. Thank you.

## Women's Club Apple Pie Day

The Women's Club will be having their Apple Pie Day on Thursday, Nov. 15 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 \$15 each due at that time.*

## "Planning a Catholic Funeral" Packets Available

If you were not able to attend the presentation given last Sunday with regard to Planning a Catholic Funeral, there are a limited number of packets available in "snap envelope folders" at the back entrance of the church. They contain copies of the handouts given at the presentation. Please feel free to take one.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.StIrenes.org) or [www.facebook.com/StIrenes](https://www.facebook.com/StIrenes). You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via email at [feedback@stirenes.org](mailto:feedback@stirenes.org). St. Irene's online calendar can be found at [www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html](http://www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html).

## Area Events

### Bowling & Pizza for Kids with Disabilities Sunday, November 18

On Sunday, Nov. 18, the Knights of Columbus Council will run their fall Bowling & Pizza Event. This Event is free to kids with disabilities and their families and is held at the Collins Bowladrome, (325 Boston Rd, Billerica), on Nov. 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The bowling lanes are wheelchair accessible and some have bumper guards for younger bowlers.

Families interested in attending need to register by contacting Ken Desilets (by Nov. 15) at [kqdesigned@gmail.com](mailto:kqdesigned@gmail.com).

### Catholic Television

Catholic TV is available on Comcast Cable channel 238, Verizon FiOS channel 271, Sky Angel IPTV channel 142, RCN channel 85, EWTN channel 56 and streaming on [www.CatholicTV.com](http://www.CatholicTV.com).

## 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](http://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.