

St. Irene Church

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 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

Armand Desharnais

Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 14 at 5:00 pm

Stasia Wojtas

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 15 at 8:00 am

Elizabeth (Diddy) Brown

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 15 at 11:00 am

Laurette Ferreira

Memorial Mass

Monday, January 16 at 9:00 am

Connie Cormier

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, January 17 at 9:00 am

Paula MacLellan

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, January 18 at 9:00 am

Amy Caruso

Memorial Mass

Friday, January 20 at 9:00 am

David Gormley

Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 21 at 9:00 am

Helen & Bernard Maloney

Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 21 at 5:00 pm

Ann Marrazzo – 1st Anniversary Mass

Tony Marrazzo – 16th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, January 22 at 8:00 am

Jeanne Parlee

Healing Mass

Sunday, January 22 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

The holiday season is always an exciting time in our lives. From Thanksgiving celebrations with family and friends, from the Christmas celebrations in church and with family, to the welcome of a New Year – this is a joyful and wonderful time for our families and friends. When the holidays are over, some people enjoy the return of their normal routine, but other people feel a letdown. We are told that the short days of winter with the lack of sunshine can lead to depression.

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The winter cold and snow can confine us to our homes. Over the years my remedy was to go to the New Hampshire shore with my mom and rent a beach cottage for a few weeks in the summer where I would enjoy a vacation with mom, my sisters and their families including seven nieces and nephews.

Now I prefer to take a few weeks of vacation in the winter and visit my sister in Florida. The anticipation of those good times to come is therapy for all of us. Even if we look forward to just a weekend away it can boost our spirits and sustain us in the darker days of winter.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on January 22nd at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The 8th grade Religious Education students will host both Masses.

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.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction. 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

Religious Education K-8

Second Grade Reconciliation Workbooks and Journals are due on January 22. There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, January 15 and Monday, January 16 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 28th (Snow date: February 4th) at 11:00 am in the Church followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall for 2nd graders and their families. Students will need to arrive to the Church by 10:45 am and sit with their class in the **reserved pews**.

Reminder: There will be a 2nd grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:30 pm.

Confirmation

Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will meet on Sunday, Jan. 29th. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass. The Rite of Election will take place on Sunday, Jan. 29th for Level 2.

Parish Happenings

Women's Club Bingo & Pizza Night

Women's Club will have an evening of pizza and bingo on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 pm. This is always a fun night so plan to attend, don't forget to contact Jan Brown to RSVP so that we can have a head count. Please also bring a wrapped gift for the "winner's table". See you on the 19th.

Lazarus House Ministries- New Stove

The Social Justice Committee and the Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce that we have successfully completed our fund-raising drive for the new stove at the Lazarus House shelter in Lawrence. Alan Mahan, the Chief Operating Officer at Lazarus Ministries recently contacted us to say that the stove has been ordered and should be installed within the next 2 weeks. Alan couldn't be happier and he thanked us profusely for the generous outpouring of support at St. Irene's.

As a nonprofit, Lazarus relies on benefactors like St. Irene Church to fund much needed capital improvements. The new stove replaces an old one with a defective oven that doesn't heat properly. The replacement is a new heavy duty, commercial grade Vulcan range with a 6-burner cooktop and a 36" 236,000 BTU oven.

In addition, we are pleased to report that thanks to our generous parishioners, we also raised enough money to fund the Knights of Columbus meals program for the next 6-9 months. The Knights and the Social Justice Committee thank you all for your generous support. We are excited about having the new appliance, and would always welcome volunteers to join us during meal preparation!

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive – January 26

On Thursday, January 26 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 years of age and in good general health to donate.

To schedule an appointment either call (800) Red-Cross or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

13th Annual St. Irene's Trivia Night 2017

Saturday, Jan. 28, 7-10 p.m. (*snow date Feb. 4*)

St. Irene Parish Hall

If you have not reserved your tickets (or your entire table!), now is the time to do so. If you have not attended in the past, people sit in tables of 8 and discuss among themselves the questions. The entire table then submits a list of answers. There are 10 categories with 6 questions for each. This has grown to be a wonderful time to interact with other members of the St. Irene's community.

Come on out and stir up those brain cells from their midwinter torpor, and fill the night with cheer. As always, we offer complimentary snacks and beverages and door prizes. All this (and plenty of free parking) for the low price of \$5 per person. Bring your own team (up to 8 people per table) or let us seat you with friendly St. Irene folks. There will be a maximum of 18 tables (144 people) to prevent overcrowding.

Order now by emailing us at Trivianight@StIrenes.org. You can pay us at church or by dropping off payment at the rectory office. Please make checks payable to either Tim or Jean; all profits after expenses go to St. Irene parish. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jean & Tim Butler, David Bakken, Michelle & Flemming Christensen

The Trivia Night Committee

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2017:

Friday, Mar. 3 – Stations of the Cross

Friday, Mar. 31 – Stations of the Cross

Friday, May 5 – Confirmation

Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show

Saturday, May 13 – First Communion

College Planning

If you and your family are starting a college search please check St. Irene's website for a list of many Catholic colleges in the US at www.stirenes.org/faithformation/catholiceducation/colleges.html.

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. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Area Events

Forming Disciples in Mission

A workshop in Parish-based Evangelization! St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Acton on Tuesday, Jan. 31- Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. - Dinner included!
"Enjoyable..." "Worthwhile..." "Useful..." "Helped me focus on my relationship with Jesus..." These are just a few of the remarks from some participants who have attended the workshop! If you haven't had the chance to participate, we are pleased to offer this free workshop locally a second time, in a two-evening format. Register for this or other locations at: <http://disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples>.

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$115,025** towards our goal of \$125,000. If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. Your generosity over the years has been outstanding. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

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.

20 parishioners/families have enrolled in the on-line giving program.

21 parishioners are now using EBP (Electronic Bill Pay).

Special Collection – Urban Parishes

The second collection for Urban Parishes last week amounted to \$1,514. Thank you for your support.

This week the second collection is 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.