



# St. Irene Church

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 27, 2019**

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## Mass Schedule

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### 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

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### Mass Intentions

Thomas and Linda Doherty  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, January 27 at 8:00 am

Betty Platania  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, January 27 at 11:00 am

Tom Murphy  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, January 27 at 5:00 pm

Edna Moschini  
27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, February 2 at 9:00 am

Julie Riley  
7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, February 3 at 11:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

This Sunday we celebrate the Rite of Election for our young adults who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 4, 2019. Our candidates have been preparing for almost two years by study, prayer, retreats, Christian service and Sunday Mass for the sacrament that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit fully into their lives. They now choose to be Catholic Christians who practice their faith and be real disciples of the Lord. Let us pray for them as they prepare for their Confirmation.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

## First Friday

February 1<sup>st</sup> is the First Friday of February and Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

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

## 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@Stlrenes.org](mailto:adoration@Stlrenes.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

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### Religious Education Classes

Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 Session I are from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am on Sunday mornings. Grades 6-8 meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm.

**Reminder:** There will be a mandatory 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the parish hall during regularly scheduled class times on Sun., Feb. 3.

### Confirmation

Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will meet on Sunday, Jan. 27. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass.

The Rite of Election will take place on Sunday, Jan. 27 for Level 2.

## Peer Leaders

The Peer Leaders would like to thank all the parishioners who purchased their recipe book over the holidays. There was a handsome profit. Catholic Charities in Lowell will be sent a check of \$850 for their food pantry. There is a balance which will be used to serve a meal at the homeless persons unit in Lowell and fund an Easter Egg Hunt. We look forward to your continued support.

The next Peer Leadership meeting will be on February 3 at 3:30. The theme of our meeting will be "Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love." Hope to see some new faces.

## Parish Happenings

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### Training for New Altar Servers

We invite children in grades 3 and up to become Altar Servers. It is a wonderful way for our young parishioners to participate in the Mass and the priests really appreciate the help! A typical commitment is two masses per month.

We will be hosting training sessions on **February 3** during religious education classes. If your child is interested or for more information, please contact Celine Gibbon: [Altar-servers@stirenes.org](mailto:Altar-servers@stirenes.org).

### Women's Club Hors d'oeuvres Night

The Women's Club will hold an hors d'oeuvres tasting evening on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Come see our "Culinary Chefs" prepare and serve their special "tidbits" all the while enjoying friendly conversation. As always desserts are always appreciated to complete the evening. Please contact Jan Brown for more information.

### 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.

## Unity Mass with Holy Family

### Come and Enjoy the Music

The joint choirs and music ministry of St. Irene Parish and Holy Family Parish will be singing and playing together at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 10, at St. Irene's. Fr. Tom will be officiating. February 10 is World Marriage Day. Come and worship together, celebrating love in marriage and love of one another.

### Save the Dates

*Fri., Mar. 8 – Stations of the Cross*

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

*Fri., Apr. 12 – Stations of the Cross*

*Sat., Apr. 27 – Mystery Dinner*

*Sat., May 4 – Confirmation*

*Sun., May 5 – Fashion Show & Tea*

*Sat., May 18 – First Communion*

### Red Cross Blood Drive – February 28

On Thursday, February 28 from 1:00 – 6:00 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](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

### 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/faithfor-mation/catholiceducation/colleges.html](http://www.stirenes.org/faithfor-mation/catholiceducation/colleges.html).

### 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).

## Children's Choir Schedule 2019

*Thursday, February 7*

*Thursday, February 28*

*Thursday, March 14*

*Thursday, March 21*

*Thursday, April 4*

*Thursday, April 11*

*Thursday, April 18*

*Thursday, May 23 – Kimball's Farm*

### St. Irene Adult Education Schedule

*Monday, Mar. 11 from 9:30-11:30 am*

*Monday, Mar. 25 from 9:30- 11:30 am*

*Saturday, Apr. 6 at 7:00 pm Theology on Tap*

### 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 offers suggestions via e-mail 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).

### 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 **yearly** criminal offender record information (CORI) check for all full and part-time paid staff members, all clergy and all volunteers (17 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 have any questions.

### 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).

## Area Events

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### 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!

**Feb. 17:** *Vulnerability & Cruciformity:*

*Catholic Theology & the Work of Brené Brown*  
Reflection & Meditation by Dr. Elizabeth Smith

**Mar. 17:** *St. Patrick: The Man, the Myth, the Theology*

Abbreviated lecture & St. Patrick's Day party  
Come for the fun facts, stay for the green food!

**May 19:** *The Lord's Prayer Experience*

A musical and Hebraic study of this famous text

## Financial Information

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### Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past week-end amounted to **\$112,800**. 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](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.

## Church in Latin America

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) for more information.

### 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.