



St. Irene Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 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

Charles Parlee - Memorial Mass
Sunday, January 28 at 11:00 am

Bertrand MacDonald – Memorial Mass
Sunday, January 28 at 5:00 pm

Charles and Jeanne Parlee
Memorial Mass

Monday, January 29 at 9:00 am

Edna Moschini – 26th Anniversary Mass
Friday, February 2 at 9:00 am

Jeanette Bolduc - Months Mind Mass
Saturday, February 3 at 9:00 am

Lisa Trebino – 14th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, February 3 at 5:00 pm

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 5, 2018. 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 2nd 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.

Thank You

Thank you to the 8th grade students and teachers for hosting both Masses on Sunday, January 21st. Great job! St. Irene's next hosted Mass will be Sunday, March 11th.

Flu Season Advisory

In light of the severity of flu related illnesses the Archdiocese has issued some liturgical directives. We encourage you to exchange the sign of peace without any physical contact. If you are ill or suspect you are ill with a contagious illness, you are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. You should remain at home and return to church when you are well.

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. 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.

Religious Education

Religious Education K-8

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 2nd grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the parish hall during regularly scheduled class times on Sun., Feb. 4th (snow date: Feb. 11).

Confirmation

Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will meet on Sunday, Jan. 28th. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass. The Rite of Election will take place on Sunday, Jan. 28th for Level 2.

Peer Leaders

The next Peer Leadership meeting is on Sunday February 4 at 3:30 pm. Our theme for the month will be Love and Happiness. Please bring your Bibles as we will be doing a quiz with prizes. If you have any question please send them to Peerleaders@Stirenes.org.

Just a reminder we are still looking for recipes for our Parish Cookbook, which we hope to have out by the fall. Please send recipes to Peerleaders@Stirenes.org.

Parish Happenings

Red Cross Blood Drive – February 1

On Thursday, February 1 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.

Women's Club Hors d'oeuvres Night

The Women's Club will hold an hors d'oeuvres tasting evening on Thursday, Feb. 15th 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.

Save the Dates

Friday, Feb. 16 – Stations of the Cross
Monday, Feb. 26 – Adult Ed. Class
Friday, Mar. 23 – Stations of the Cross
Saturday, Mar. 24 – Italian Night
Saturday, May 5 – Confirmation
Saturday, May 12 – First Communion

2018 Catholic Appeal Volunteer Needed

St. Irene's is seeking a volunteer to help as an Appeal Coordinator for the 2018 Catholic Appeal. If you are able to help please speak with Fr. Tom or call the rectory office (978-369-3940) Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Thank you.

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.

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. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at 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). Dates and locations for training are listed at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0.

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.

Young Adult Music Group

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 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.

Children's Choir Schedule 2018

Thursday, February 1

Thursday, February 15

Thursday, March 8

Thursday, March 15

Thursday, March 22

Thursday, March 29

Thursday, April 12

Thursday, April 26

Thursday, May 10

Thursday, May 24 – Kimball Farms

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.

Area Events

LIFT Ministries Event February 20 A Quiet Intimate Night of Worship

Join us for a 2-hour evening that will lead believers and disciples more deeply into the heart of God through a greater yielding to the power of the Holy Spirit. This evening features acoustic praise and worship, Eucharistic adoration and speaker Fr. Matt Williams.

This evening is OPEN TO ALL... but is best suited for those with a faith foundation who are looking to delve a little deeper.

Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 7-9 pm at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford. Questions? Call Courtney at (978) 256-2374 x227.

REBOOT! Live Tour April 25

"Are you longing for more? Do you want to experience your faith – and live your life – more deeply?

Then don't miss the **REBOOT! Live Tour** with Chris Stefanick, coming to Bedford's St. Michael Parish on April 25, 2018 at 7 PM! Draw closer to God. Deepen your understanding of His plan for your life. And gain a new passion to live the life God created for you.

Buy your ticket online through Bedfordcatholic.org or call St. Michael's Religious Ed office at 781-275-6324. For more information visit RealLifeCatholic.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.

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$104,841** 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.

Support of the Church around the World

This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the

world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Latin America (CLA), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world.

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.