

St. Irene Church

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 10, 2019

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

June Puffer - Memorial Mass
Saturday, February 9 at 5:00 pm

Robert and Louise Park
Memorial Mass
Friday, February 15 at 9:00 am

Don Drouin – Memorial Mass
Saturday, February 16 at 5:00 pm

Grace McCarron - 3rd Anniversary Mass
Sunday, February 17 at 11:00 am

World Marriage Day

This Sunday, February 10th is World Marriage Day. We will have renewal of marriage vows at 11:00 am Mass and presentation of flowers at all Masses this weekend.

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend we celebrate World Marriage Day. It honors husband and wife as head of the family - the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. The idea of celebrating marriage began in 1981 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In 1983 World Marriage Day was designated to be celebrated on the second Sunday in February. World Marriage Day celebrations continue and have been spread to many countries over the years.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Daily Bible Readings

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

The readings for Sunday, February 10 are:
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 / Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c] /
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 / Lk 5:1-11

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.

Religious Education

Congratulations

Congratulations to our 2nd graders. They received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019.

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.

There will be NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES on Feb. 17, 18 and 24 due to Winter Vacation. Classes will resume on Monday, Feb. 25 for grades 6-8.

Confirmation

Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will meet on Sunday, February 10. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass.

Peer Leaders – Thank You

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 was recently sent a check of \$850 for their food pantry.

The remainder of the money will be used to help serve a meal at the homeless persons unit in Lowell and fund an Easter Egg Hunt. We look forward to your continued support.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council is meeting on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Women's Club Hors d'oeuvres Night Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 pm

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 appreciated to complete the evening. Please contact Jan Brown for more information.

A Night with the Knights

Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 pm

There are many perceptions of who and what the Knights of Columbus are. Recently we have been described by two U.S. Senators as a radical Catholic group with extreme views on marriage and life. Closer to home some folks, even Catholic folks, think we are a bunch of guys sitting around drinking beer and smoking cigars.

If you want to find out who we are and what we really do, why not join us on February 28th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall and see. We will offer conversation, answer questions and supply some snacks, a glass or two of wine, even some beer. But no cigars.

Catholic Appeal 2019

From Life Teen Youth Ministry to Addiction Recovery Services to Faith Community Nursing, more than 50 critical ministries enrich parish life, our Catholic schools, and the lives of those who turn to the Church for assistance. In the coming weeks, many of you will receive a letter from Cardinal Sean requesting your support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal, which provides nearly half of the funding for these life-changing programs. We hope that you will respond generously. This is our Church and every gift makes an immediate impact in the lives of those in need. Thank you!

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

Protecting God's Children / CORI Checks

Volunteer CORI forms due March 1

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 program mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston (Virtus/Protecting God's Children). This is a **one-time** workshop that will help to recognize child abuse, offer protective practices, and instruct on reporting incidents of abuse. If you volunteer or are planning to volunteer, especially those volunteers in Faith Formation please register for a workshop at: virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0. At the drop down menu, choose "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)". A listing of local offerings will be shown.

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.

Children's Choir Schedule 2019

Thursday, February 28

Thursday, March 14

Thursday, March 21

Thursday, April 4

Thursday, April 11

Thursday, April 18

Thursday, May 23 – Kimball's Farm

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 red-crossblood.org and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. 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

If you have an overdue library book, please return it as soon as possible – especially Lenten books. We would like to be able to share them with all our parishioners during Lent. Please return all books by Sunday, February 24. Thank you.

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.

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

Eric Genuis at Monument Hall, Concord

Please join us for an evening of inspirational music with world renowned pianist and composer, Eric Genuis with a violinist, cellist, and vocalist. The concert will benefit the Holy Family Prison Ministry.

Saturday, March 23 at 6 pm - Holy Family Parish, Monument Hall, 62 Monument Sq. in Concord. Tickets are \$25. Tickets are available at the Holy Family Parish office. Light refreshments will follow.

Pastoral Associate's Lecture Series Holy Family Parish, Concord

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 in 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

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 **\$113,800**. 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, 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.

The second collection next weekend will be the Monthly Collection.

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.