

# St. Irene Church

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 17, 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

Don Drouin

Memorial Mass

Saturday, February 16 at 5:00 pm

Grace McCarron

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 17 at 11:00 am

Robert and Beverly Brazil

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, February 20 at 9:00 am

## 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.

## The Pastor's Corner

Last Thursday, Father Paul Soper who is organizing the collaboratives in the Archdiocese visited us. The purpose of the visit was to check out the rectory to see how many priests would be able to live here. It was another reminder of the changes that will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup> when a new pastor will be appointed for both our parish and Holy Family Parish in Concord. We have tried to make the transition as smooth as possible. As we receive more information, we will keep you informed.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

## 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.

The readings for Sunday, February 17 are:  
Jer 17: 5-8 / Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6 / 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 / Lk 6: 17, 20-26

## Ash Wednesday Schedule

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6. Masses for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm. A Prayer Service will be held at 4:00 pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at these services.

## 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.

## 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.

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.

## Parish Happenings

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### 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.

### 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

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Catholic Education to Addiction Recovery Services to Faith Community Nursing for the elderly, more than 50 critical ministries enrich parish life and the lives of those who turn to the Church for assistance. This past week, many of you received a letter from Cardinal Seán 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 prayerfully consider pledging your support. Please find more information about this life-changing work at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) and make sure to view our latest video about the Appeal. 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*

## 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 – 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](http://red-crossblood.org) and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

## 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*

## 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](http://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.

## 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 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).

## 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).

## 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](http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/catholiceducation/colleges.html).

## Area Events

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### Caught in Family Homelessness:

#### Parents tell their stories

#### The Advocacy Network to End Family Homelessness - 14th Annual Forum

Sunday, March 24, from 2:00-4:00 pm

Trinitarian Congregational Church

54 Walden St. Concord, MA

200,000 families in Massachusetts spend more than 50% of their income on housing. One event can propel them on a course toward eviction. Come hear stories of three mothers who experienced homelessness with their families. You have a role to play in preventing future stories. It starts with hearing from housing advocates about the programs that work and the importance of advocacy. Reverend June Cooper from City Mission-Boston and Kelly Turley, Associate Director of Mass Coalition for the Homeless, will lead the charge. Our legislators will be there to hear us. All are welcome to this free forum. A reception will follow. [www.endfamilyhomelessness.net](http://www.endfamilyhomelessness.net)

## **Eric Genuis at Monument Hall, Concord**

**Saturday, March 23 at 6:00 pm**

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. To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact Deacon Tom Anthony at (978) 973-0437. Tickets are also available at the Holy Family Parish office. Light refreshments will follow.

## **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**

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### **Grand Annual Collection**

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$114,300**. 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.

### **Support of the Church around the World**

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), 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.

The second collection this 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.