

St. Irene Church

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 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

Lisa Trebino

15th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, March 3 at 11:00 am

Don Drouin

Months Mind Mass

Saturday, March 9 at 5:00 pm

Daily Bible Readings

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

The readings for Sunday, February 24 are:
1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 / PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 / 1 COR 15:45-49 / Lk 6: 27-38

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend is the Announcement weekend for the 2019 Catholic Appeal. We are reminded that Youth Ministry and other religious education programs, Addiction Recovery Services and Faith Community Nursing Services for our homebound parishioners make up some of the fifty ministries supported by the 2019 Catholic Appeal. Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Appeal. We encourage you to respond to the Cardinal's appeal generously.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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.

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 for more information.

Religious Education

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.

Peer Leaders

The next Peer Leadership meeting will be on Sunday, March 3 at 3:30. Our theme will be *Wisdom for High School Worries*.

Parish Happenings

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.

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. ***This social event is open to all in the parish – men, spouses, anyone curious.*** We will offer conversation, answer questions and supply some snacks, a glass or two of wine, even some beer. But no cigars.

St. Irene's Adult Faith Formation "The Bible in the Church's Liturgy"

Monday, March 11, 9:30-11:30 a.m.,
Parish Hall, Light Breakfast Served

We start Lent with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Lent is the perfect season to take a look at how the readings we hear at Mass are chosen and how they belong together. Many of the Vatican II reforms focused on including different readings in the Mass. Instead of just one annual cycle of readings, different readings are now spread over three years. Fr. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S., is the Superior General of the Sulpician Fathers. In a video from the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Fr. Witherup will share with us a down-to-earth discussion of how the Word and the Eucharist together contribute to an encounter with Christ at each Mass. We hope that this presentation will give us an opportunity to make each Mass we attend more meaningful. There will be time for discussion and a light breakfast will be served.

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.

Catholic Appeal 2019

Save the Date! Next weekend, we will be taking important steps to enrich many life-changing ministries and our parish communities. Life Teen Youth Ministry and other religious education programs, Addiction Recovery Services, and Faith Community Nursing for our homebound parishioners are among more than 50 critical ministries supported by the 2019 Catholic Appeal. As we prepare to embark on this season of Lent, may you prayerfully consider supporting these important ministries.

Your generosity provides nearly half the funding for these great efforts, and every gift makes a difference. Please find more information about this life-changing work in the envelope in your pew or visit our website at bostoncatholicappeal.org to view our latest video about the Appeal. Thank you!

Save the Dates

Fri., Mar. 8 – Stations of the Cross

Sun. Mar. 10 – Respect Life Meeting

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Area Events

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

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.

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past week-end amounted to **\$114,400**. 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 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 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.