

St. Irene Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3, 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

Julie Riley

7th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, February 3 at 11:00 am

June Puffer

Memorial Mass

Saturday, February 9 at 5:00 pm

Mass of Unity

Sunday, February 10 at 11:00 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

On June 1 a new pastor will be appointed to run both our parish and Holy Family Parish, Concord. We have been making efforts to make this transition as smooth as possible. Next Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass, the joint choirs of our parish and Holy Family will provide the music. It should be a wonderful celebration and we invite you to join us. Later, Holy Family will invite our choir to their church for a weekend Mass. Our hope is to begin to work together as a collaboration.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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.

World Marriage Day

Next Sunday, February 10th is World Marriage Day. We will have renewal of marriage vows and presentation of flowers at all Masses this weekend.

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.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Reminder: There will be a mandatory 2nd 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, February 10. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass.

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

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 Gribbon: Altarservers@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.

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

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.

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 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

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.

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 and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

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

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 offers suggestions via e-mail at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Area Events

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

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

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 **\$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, 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 collection for the Church in Latin America amounted to \$1163.

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.

Financial Details	Weekly	Monthly	Gifts
January 2019	\$22,777	\$2223	\$125
Year to Date 2019	\$22,777	\$2223	\$125
Year to Date 2018	\$25,921	\$2857	\$125