



St. Irene Church

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Solemnity: Body and Blood of Christ June 23, 2019

Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am and 11:00 am

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Virginia DeMont

6th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, June 22 at 5:00 pm

Maybeth Sonn

Memorial Mass

Sunday, June 23 at 11:00 am

Albie Jarvis

Memorial Mass

Saturday, June 29 at 5:00 pm

Tuy Q. Vu

Memorial Mass

Sunday, June 30 at 11:00 am

Mass Schedule Change

Effective the weekend of June 1st/2nd the Mass schedule will be Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 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.

Daily Bible Readings

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

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.

The Pastor's Corner

In the few weeks we have been on the scene, Fr. Bill Robinson and I have grown in some understanding of how priestly obligations and responsibilities will result in a variety of commitments on our day-to-day schedules at St. Irene and Holy Family Parishes. From the beginning, we have desired to develop a system that insures a weekday Mass will be offered Monday through Saturday at one church or the other. Given that Fr. Bill is generally away from the parishes on Mondays and Tuesdays, while I claim Wednesdays and Thursdays as time away to refresh myself, we are proposing a schedule that -- at least at this point -- seems reasonable and doable.

Beginning on July 1, weekday Masses will be offered in Holy Family Parish in Concord at 9:00 am every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; a weekday Mass will be offered in St. Irene Parish in Carlisle at 9:00 am every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

The above schedule allows for a regularly scheduled Mass to be celebrated each weekday with the understanding that Funeral Masses would begin at 10:30 am. This permits time for travel between the two parishes in the collaborative, particularly on days when only one priest is available.

In addition, the Saturday morning Mass at St. Irene's Church will provide an hour for Eucharistic Adoration, during which time a priest will be available for the Sacrament of Penance. (This will eliminate the 4:00-4:30 pm time slot on Saturdays for Confessions at St. Irene's.) It remains to be seen if this new schedule for weekday Masses will call for additional changes in the time ahead; but, for the present, Fr. Bill and I remain hopeful that it will be respectfully received.

Throughout my years as a priest, I have often been encouraged and inspired by those who avail themselves of participating in weekday Masses. Those who do so, in many instances, not only bring their personal intentions to the Lord, but offer petitions for their parishes, the Church, and the world at large. I am hopeful that our weekday schedule will make it possible for more parishioners to consider joining us for Mass. In any case, be assured that all parishioners and their loved ones are remembered each and every time we are privileged to renew ourselves at the Lord's altar.

God bless!

Fr. Frank Silva

Religious Education

Religious Education and Confirmation Registration 2019/2020

The registration forms for the 2019/2020 Religious Education and the Confirmation Programs are posted on St. Irene's website.

Please note the new class time (**9:45 – one session**) for grades K through 5 on Sunday mornings. Classes will begin on Sunday, Sept. 22. Classes for grades 6-8 begin on Monday, Sept. 23.

Please make sure to return the form with payment by **August 1** in order to receive discounted price for grades K-8. Thank you.

For grades K-8 please visit:

Stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/

For Confirmation please visit:

Stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html

First Communion Banners

The beautiful banners that were decorated by our second grade students are available to take home. They are in a basket at the back of the church arranged alphabetically.

Parish Happenings

Save the Dates

Mon., Sept. 16 – Lector Meeting & Training

Sun., Sept. 22 – Parish Picnic

Sat., Oct. 19 – WC Ham & Bean Dinner

Sun., Dec. 8 – Parish Christmas Party

Sat., Jan. 25 – Trivia Night

Sat., Mar. 14 – Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Sat., Apr. 25 – Italian Night

Summer Bulletin Schedule

Due to the changes happening at St. Irene Parish, we will continue to publish the bulletin over the summer months. If you are traveling, the bulletin can be found on our website: stirenes.org/about/bulletin.html.

Please have information for print to the rectory office by the prior Monday at 5:00 pm. The office is usually open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

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.

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 the Archdiocese website: <http://www.bostoncatholic.org>.

The Archdiocese also requires a criminal offender record information (CORI) check for all full and part-time paid staff members, all clergy and **all volunteers (18 years and older) who minister to or have access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled.** This includes all teachers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, adult choir members and ushers. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions.

American Red Cross Thank You

St. Irene's commitment to host a blood drive with the American Red Cross truly made a difference! Your team registered 17 total donors, collected 18 pints of blood and recruited 3 first-time donors. Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need.

Thank you for your gifts of time and support. We truly appreciate your generosity. The patients who have benefited from the blood collected at your blood drive are beyond grateful.

Dan Craig, Account Mgr. American Red Cross

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.

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.

Area Events

Vacation Bible School

Holy Family Parish, Concord
August 5 – 9, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Our 2019 VBS theme is ROAR: Life is wild; God is good. Cost: \$40 for campers and free for volunteers. Includes: All activities, crafts, T-shirt and the best week you'll have all summer!

For more information, please visit: <https://www.holyfamilyconcord.org/faith-formation/programs-for-youth/vacation-bible-school/>.

Project Rachel

Confidential Catholic outreach to women and men offering hope and healing after abortion. Project Rachel's name and mission come from the Old Testament figure Rachel, who weeps inconsolably for her children "who are no more" until God came with his unconditional love and hope for her future.

For more information: help@proiectrachel-boston.com, 61 South Ave., Natick MA.

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

Catholic Appeal 2019 ~ Update June 17

We are happy to report that our generous parishioners have **contributed and/or pledged \$41,300** to date to the 2019 Catholic Appeal. The proceeds of this fundraising are used to support diocesan ministries on the central level and at the parish level.

We want to thank everyone for your generosity in supporting not only our own parish, but also in providing the necessary support for the Archdiocesan ministries which, in turn, support us all. God bless.

Promoting the Gospel

This week's second collection will be shared by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Catholic Communication Campaign. These two organizations communicate the Gospel by promoting works of justice, education and the dignity of human life. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and will support our local communications needs, such as Catholic TV programming.

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.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Frank Silva

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend William Robinson

Permanent Deacon:

Sr. 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.

The rectory office is usually open from Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.