

# St. Irene Church



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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 26, 2016**

## The Pastor's Corner

Last Sunday I baptized two little boys – both around two months old. One hour later I went to the Inn at Robbins Brook to congratulate one of our parishioners on her one hundredth birthday. I congratulated June and gave her a blessing and she was delighted to see me. Both occasions were happy and joyful. But what a contrast! Two children at the very beginning of life; one older person near the end. This was certainly a vivid example of the rhythm of life reminding me of the Old Testament writer who noted – “There is an appointed time for everything and a time for every affair under the heavens – a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to seek and a time for cast away; a time of war and a time of peace.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8) Life is special and precious and we need to use our time for ourselves and our families for our friends and neighbors and to help one another in our needs.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

## 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

Albie Jarvis

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, June 25 at 5:00 pm

Quoc-Tuy Vu  
Memorial Mass

Sunday, June 26 at 8:00 am

Maybeth Sonn  
Memorial Mass

Sunday, June 26 at 11:00 am

Alice Shahinian  
31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Tuesday, June 28 at 9:00 am

Frances Kaduboski  
Memorial Mass  
Wednesday, June 29 at 9:00 am

Abbie Singleton  
Birthday Mass  
Friday, July 1 at 9:00 am

Virginia DeMont  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, July 2 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, July 3 at 8:00 am

Thanh Pham  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, July 3 at 11:00 am  
Sunday, July 10 at 11:00 am

Bill and Dot Riley  
Memorial Mass  
Monday, July 4 at 9:00 am

Tracy Clifford  
Memorial Mass  
Saturday, July 9 at 5:00 pm

## Mass Schedule

The last 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday will be celebrated on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Effective the weekend of June 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> the Mass schedule will be Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 11:00 am. The Sunday 5:00 pm Mass will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 & Benediction

All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction. 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.

## Wednesday Morning Adoration

Every Wednesday morning, the Holy Mass is followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration until 12 noon. During this time Fr. Roman is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Adoration is concluded by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Benediction. Come by anytime and spend some time with Jesus.

## Religious Education

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### Religious Ed. Registration 2016-2017

Forms are available on our parish website at: <http://www.stirenes.org/faith-formation/youtheducation/>. The deadline for registration was June 1.

### Confirmation

Registration forms for Confirmation were due for both Level 1 and 2 by June 1. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Zacharchuk at [Confirmation@Stirenes.org](mailto:Confirmation@Stirenes.org).

## Parish Happenings

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### A Fond Farewell and Thank You

Over the last few weeks parishioners have expressed their best wishes for Nancy and I as we transition to retirement in New Hampshire. These discussions brought back many great memories from our 35 years at St. Irene parish. Memories of the wonderful community that we are physically leaving but whose impact will never diminish and will always guide our future endeavors.

We would like to thank you all for your gifts, kindness, friendship, and support. In particular the wonderful gifts that will remind us of you each time we see the them; the beautiful pen and ink drawing of the street view of the church and rectory by Carlisle artist Maris Platais which will hang in our new home and the Divine Mercy Stole that will remind

us of Jesus' ever faithful love for us as exhibited by the community of St. Irene.

We hope to stay in touch and visit every now and then on our travels back to Massachusetts. If you are ever in New Hampshire please come by and visit us at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Wolfeboro.

*God Bless,  
Deacon Charlie and Nancy Ferraro*

## 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Women's Club is in the preliminary stages of organizing a 50th Anniversary Luncheon in the fall. If anyone has information, or whereabouts, of past members (i.e. names, address, etc.) please contact the Women's Club at [WomensClub@StIrenes.org](mailto:WomensClub@StIrenes.org) so that we can begin an invitation list. Thank you.

## Peer Leadership Seeks Adult Assistance

St. Irene Peer Leadership Ministry (PLM) has been in existence for over 5 years providing award winning leadership training and faith development based on the Gospel message for post confirmation high schoolers. Membership in the PLM has quadrupled during that time. This exciting rapidly growing expansion needs additional help from motivated committed catholic adults to help take the program to its next level.

PLM involves social events, retreats, mission trips, and leadership activities for younger parish members all of which have been key components of our ministry.

We are seeking adult volunteers to assist with the organizing and execution of various events. This would require at most 4 or 5 hours per month. Ideal candidates would possess the skills of mentoring, guiding, and supporting the development of sound Catholic values, virtues and principles for post confirmation young adults.

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to become involved please contact the rectory (978) 369-3940 for more information.

## Red Cross Blood Drive – July 22

On Friday, July 22 from 11:00 am – 4:00 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. Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

## Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2016/2017:

*Sunday, Sept. 18 – Parish Picnic  
Saturday, Oct. 22 – Ham & Bean Dinner  
Saturday, Nov. 19 – Mystery Dinner  
Sunday, Dec. 11 – Christmas Pageant  
Friday, May 5 – Confirmation  
Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show*

## 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.

## Interested in Becoming a Deacon?

Have you ever considered serving the Church as a Deacon? Would you be interested in exploring what the role of a Deacon consists of? Find out more about the responsibilities and requirements associated with the Diaconate by visiting: [www.bostoncatholic.org/deacon.aspx](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/deacon.aspx) and [www.bos-tondiaconate.org](http://www.bos-tondiaconate.org).

## Summer Bulletin Schedule

The last weekly bulletin before the summer schedule begins is June 19<sup>th</sup>. We will publish the bulletin three times during the summer. Publication dates are July 10<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, and Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please have information for print to the rectory by the prior Monday at 5:00 pm.

## 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 by contacting: [caring@StIrenes.org](mailto:caring@StIrenes.org).

## Area Events

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### Summer Fair for Kids with Disabilities Sunday, August 7

Bishop Ruocco, a local Knights of Columbus Council is running their annual Summer Fair. The Fair includes 16 fun games, making crafts, parachute activity and prizes for all.

The Fair is free to kids with disabilities and their families. It is held at The Paul Center, in Chelmsford, on Aug. 7 from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Rain or shine. The grounds are wheelchair accessible. Families interested in attending need to register by contacting Ken Desilets @ (978)-692-6866 or [kgdesigned@gmail.com](mailto:kgdesigned@gmail.com) on or before Aug 1.

## Financial Information

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### On-Line Giving at St. Irene's

St. Irene Parish now 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. We thank you for your continued support of the parish.

### Catholic Appeal 2016

Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal. If you were unable to make your pledge at Mass, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at <http://www.boston-catholicappeal.org/>. St. Irene Parish has raised \$19,350 towards our goal of \$37,646. Thank you to all who have participated.

The second collection this weekend is the Holy Father – Peter's Pence.

Next weekend missionary Fr. Vigilio Robert Muriithi from the Archdiocese of Nyeri, Kenya will be visiting St. Irene Church. The second collection next weekend is for the Archdiocese of Nyeri, Kenya.

## St. Irene Staff:

### Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

### Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

### Permanent Deacons:

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

Sundays, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of each month at 1:00 pm.

### Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.

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11 parishioners/families have enrolled in the on-line giving program.

17 parishioners are now using EBP (Electronic Bill Pay).