



St. Irene Church

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Twenty-First Sunday August 25, 2019

Mass Schedule

Daily

Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am and 11:00 am

Confessions

Saturday 9:30 – 10:30 am

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Betty Platania - Memorial Mass
Saturday, August 24 at 5:00 pm

Fred & June Beals - Memorial Mass
Sunday August 25 at 8:00 am

June Puffer - 1st Anniversary Mass
Sunday, August 25 at 11:00 am

Audrey Beaver - Memorial Mass
Tuesday, August 27 at 9:00 am

Colleen Kelly - Memorial Mass
Sunday, September 1 at 8:00 am

Daniel P. McCarron - 28th Anniversary Mass
Sunday, September 1 at 11:00 am

Mass Schedule Change

Sunday Masses will be celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 11:00 am.

St. Irene Parish will have daily Mass on **Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday** at 9:00 am. Holy Family will have 9:00 am Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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.

Religious Education

Youth Minister Needed

The Collaborative of Holy Family Parish, Concord and Saint Irene Parish, Carlisle is looking for a full time Youth Minister to share their vision of a vibrant and engaging Confirmation and Youth Ministry program with the teens and young people in our Collaborative. This is to be done by providing opportunities to help them grow in their love for Jesus Christ and in the Catholic Church, and, to prepare them for a life of discipleship and mission.

Please see the job posting on the church entry tables for essential duties, responsibilities and qualifications. To respond please provide resume and cover letter to Fr. Bill Robinson at: wrobinson19@bostonclergy.org. Thank you.

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, September 22. Classes for grades 6-8 begin on Monday, September 23.

For grades K-8 please visit:

Stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/

For Confirmation please visit:

Stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html

Parish Happenings

Give Us This Day

The monthly publication, "Give Us This Day" is a resource containing quality reflections and daily insights into the scriptures. Complementary copies of the September 2019 edition of "Give Us This Day" are available at the church entrance. Take home a copy for yourself – and an extra copy for someone who is homebound or needs a spiritual lift!

A Suffering Church

Feeling hurt, angry, or demoralized about the sexual abuse scandal plaguing the Catholic Church? Our parish wants to help. Bishop Robert Barron, founder of the Catholic media organization "Word on Fire," has written a new book entitled **Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis**. While they last, we invite you to pick up a free copy of his book after Mass this weekend.

Respect Life Meeting

The next meeting of the Respect Life Ministry will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. All parishioners are welcome to join us on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss current pro-life topics and upcoming activities. Each meeting is followed by a Holy Hour for Life at 7:30pm in the Church. For more information, contact Amy or Cindy at respectlife@stirenes.org.

Getting Settled in Place

Over the past couple of months, in addition to becoming familiar with the people and operations of the Concord-Carlisle Parish Collaborative, Father Frank Silva and Father Bill Robinson have been busy establishing their living residence at St. Irene's Rectory. Both of them are most happy with the comfort the residence provides -- especially following those days when they have made a trip or two between Concord and Carlisle and beyond!

While they find most things pretty much in place at this point, they see an upgrade is needed to several appliances in the rectory that are rather old and are not that energy efficient. In particular, attention needs to be given to the clothes washer and dryer and dish washer.

If you are able to assist with a donation for these items, please contact the parish office. Any check donations should be made out to either Holy Family or St. Irene Parish. Thanks!

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.

Last Chance Submit Your T-Shirt Design

The parish is looking for your artistic flair and creative design for a St. Irene Parish t-shirt!

The t-shirts would be worn at St. Irene events and service projects throughout the year, starting with the Parish Picnic and the Hike for Hope in September. Use St Irene or Catholic symbols, or whatever ideas you have which show our unique St. Irene spirit. This will also be a good evangelization tool as we serve within our Church and as we go out into the community.

Parishioners of ALL AGES are encouraged to submit a design by this Friday, August 30. Use plain white 8x11 1/2" paper and color or black ink. Please scan and save to JPEG format, then email the entry to Wendy at stirene@comcast.net. Please include your name, address, phone# and grade (if applicable). You may also submit your entry to a box which will be placed in the church entry. The winning design will be introduced the week-end of Sept 21/22, with t-shirts being sold after Masses and at the picnic.

Thank you to all who have entered their designs so far!

St. Irene Walking Team Needed

St Irene is putting together a walking team for the Hike for Hope to support Lazarus House on Sunday, Sept. 29 from 1-5pm.

Our parish sent a team a few years ago and a great time was had by all. Walkers of all ages are invited. This is a mellow 3 mile hike at The Park on Bartlet Street in Andover. Wear your new St. Irene t-shirt (which will be sold at the Parish Picnic) and support a great cause!

For those who would like to carpool, we will meet in the upper parking lot following the 11am Mass. To add your name to the roster, please contact Ken at SocialJustice@stirenes.org and then register online at lazarushouse.org/events.

Walkers are encouraged to solicit donations for Lazarus House; we will also have a donation basket at the back of church after the Sept. 29 11:00 am Mass if you would like to support in this way.

Lector Meeting and Training Session

This is a special opportunity to join one of the most important ministries at Saint Irene.

Our Lectors:

- Vocalize the sacred scripture of the Old and New Testament.
- Should have a strong, clear speaking voice and the ability read well aloud.
- Will have a mutually agreed upon schedule for reading at Mass, with a new schedule every six to eight weeks.
- Are a group of wonderful volunteers who love to socialize as much as they love to proclaim the scripture.
- Will be required to attend a short training session; experience is appreciated but not required.

We will have an important meeting and training session on **Monday, September 16** at St. Irene Church. Please plan to join us from 7 to 9 pm in the church.

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.

Save the Dates

Mon., Sept. 16 – Lector Meeting & Training

Sun., Sept. 22 – Parish Picnic

Sat., Oct. 19 – 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

Sat., May 9 – Confirmation

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.

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).

Training sessions are scheduled for:

Wed., Sept. 18 at 7:30 pm ~ St. Irene's

Fri., Sept. 20 at 9:30 am ~ St. Irene's

Sat., Sept. 21 at 9:00 am ~ Holy Family

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.

Financial Information

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.

Area Events / Programs

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@projectrachel-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.

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 9:45 – 10:45 am

Grades 6-8: Monday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Youth Ministry/Peer Leaders

Sundays, 1st of month 3:30 – 6:00 pm.

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.