

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-Second Sunday September 1, 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

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

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

Hank Allard – Months Mind Mass
Thursday, September 5 at 9:00 am

Avery Grace Sullivan – Birthday Mass
Saturday, September 7 at 9:00 am

Phung N. Vu – Memorial Mass
Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 am

Mass Schedule Change

Sunday Masses will be celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 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!

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.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council will be meeting Monday, September 9 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

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, Sept. 16** at St. Irene Church. Please plan to join us from 7 to 9 pm in the church.

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 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.

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.

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

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

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.

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 / Programs

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.

Walking with Purpose ~ Holy Family

Please join us for Walking with Purpose this fall. The program begins on Wednesday, Oct. 9. We meet at Monument Hall, 62 Monument Sq., from October through May. The yearly membership fee is \$60, paid by check, made out to "Holy Family Parish." Please purchase the study book separately, online at <https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com>. Attending every class is not a requirement for enrollment. We simply encourage you to join us as often as possible so that you bless yourself with the love and strength which comes from our very special faith community. For questions or to submit registrations, please contact Kerry McKennon at kerrymckennon@hotmail.com.

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.

Financial Information

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

Whether they are working to enrich our parishes or seeing to the needs of the broader communities in which they serve, priests have dedicated their lives to helping all of God's children. Truly, the strength and vibrancy of our communities depend on the health and well-being of our priests.

Please support our priests by making a gift to the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust at clergytrust.org or by generously supporting the upcoming special collection next week-end. This dedicated second collection is a primary source of funding to care for our priests. Please remember Fr. Tom Donohoe in your prayers and when considering your donation this year. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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.

Next week the second collection will be for the Clergy Health and Retirement Fund.

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.