

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2016

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

Isabel and Mario Batista

Memorial Mass

Friday, September 16 at 9:00 am

Ronald Young

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, September 20 at 9:00 am

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Ashleigh and Justin Whitehouse
3rd Wedding Anniversary Mass

Travis Whitehouse
Birthday Mass

Monday, September 12 at 9:00 am

Pat Currie

90th Birthday Mass

Tuesday, September 13 at 9:00 am

Kelly Phillips

Birthday Mass

Wednesday, September 14 at 9:00 am

Etalo Moschini

16th Anniversary Mass

Thursday, September 15 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend we observe Welcome Sunday. It has been our tradition for over forty years to welcome back those families who have been away for the summer and also those who have been traveling on vacation. We also welcome those new families and individuals who have joined our parish in recent months. We are fortunate to be a modest sized parish where we get to know one another. We are different from our neighboring churches in Chelmsford, Billerica and Westford which have become very large collaboratives. We invite you to join us for refreshments after the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses this Sunday morning to renew our friendships and to meet and greet new parishioners.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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 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. Romain 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

Religious Education

On Sunday, September 18th we observe Catechetical Sunday with a Commissioning Ceremony for the Religious Education teachers at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses.

Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 will begin on Sunday, September 18. Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am.

Grades 6-8 will begin the year with Mass at a special start time of 6:30 and end at 8:00 pm.

Teacher Orientation

The Religious Education Teacher Orientations will be held in the Parish Hall. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 12th at 7 pm Grades 6-8
Tuesday, Sept. 13th at 6:30 pm Grades K-2
Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 7 pm Grades 3-5

ALL teachers are required to take the one time VIRTUS training course and to fill out a CORI form annually. Please see the schedule listed under VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children Training in this bulletin.

Confirmation

Confirmation Level 1 is in need of two catechists. Please consider helping the youth of our parish on their Confirmation journey. Contact Sheila Zacharchuk at confirmation@stirenes.org. Thank you.

Level 1 classes will meet on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 5:00 pm Mass for attendance. There is a Level 1 parent's meeting at 7:00 pm.

Level 2 classes will meet next week on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 5:00 pm Mass with a parent's meeting at 7:00 pm

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Welcome Sunday – September 11

On Sunday, September 11th we will observe Welcome Sunday. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the 8 and 11 am Masses. Please join us.

Please Note Date Change!

St. Irene Parish Picnic – September 25

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 25th after the 11:00 am Mass. This annual event will be held on the grounds of St. Irene Church. It is a great opportunity to enjoy good food, family, fun kid games and crafts, and to catch up with friends you may not have seen over the summer. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, and under 5 are free.

Women's Club – September 22

Ladies – Save the date of September 22nd for our 2016/2017 "kick off" Women's Club meeting. A Pot Luck dinner is planned for 6:30 pm and annual dues will be collected.

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.

Save the Dates

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

Saturday, Oct. 22 – Ham & Bean Dinner
Saturday, Nov. 19 – Mystery Dinner
Friday, May 5 – Confirmation
Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show
Saturday, May 13 – First Communion

Please mark your calendars now and plan to come to these wonderful events.

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.

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). Dates and locations for training are listed at the Archdiocese website: www.boston-catholic.org.

St. Irene's is offering classes in the parish hall on:

Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 pm
Friday, September 16 at 9:30 am

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.

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.

Area Events

Middle School & High School Admissions Fair

Hosted by: Boston College High School,
150 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester, MA
Sunday, September 11 from 12 – 2 p.m.

With more than 40 schools attending, parents and students can explore academics, athletics, arts and extracurricular activities all under one roof.

Register at: www.bchigh.edu/schoolfair

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

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, 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 of St. Irene Parish.

Catholic Appeal 2016

As of September 7, we have received **53%** (\$20,040) of our goal this year of **\$37,646** for the Catholic Appeal. Please help us to meet this goal. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Giving is also possible online at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org. Thank you to all who have participated.

Clergy Benefit Trust

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergyfunds.org.

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, 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

	Total Offertory	Expenses	Surplus / Deficit
August	\$26,353	\$45,603	\$ - 19,250
Year to Date	\$218,374	\$343,099	\$ - 124,725

Total Offertory includes Weekly and Monthly donations.

Gifts and bequests to St. Irene Church year to date: \$17,487.99

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

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