

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018

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

Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday September 16 at 5:00 pm

Frank & Fran Jeray

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, September 19 at 9:00 am

Herb Gardner

Memorial Mass

Friday, September 21 at 9:00 am

Kurt Kelly – 6th Anniversary Mass

John Kelly – 17th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, September 23 at 8:00 am

Maureen, Richard & Alice Doherty

Memorial Mass

Friday, September 28 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

This Sunday is designated by the church as Catechetical Sunday. It coincides with the beginning of our religious education program for our children in grades one through eight. Our young adults in grades nine and ten who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation started last weekend. This reminds us of the importance of our religious education program not only to teach our young people about our beliefs but also to form them into practicing Catholics. We are fortunate to have wonderful leaders for our programs – Eileen Faber and Sheila Zacharchuk, as well as the wonderful men and women who offer their time and talents for our young people. We are grateful too for our parents who support our programs and take the time and effort to assist us in this important ministry. Let us begin this season with new energy to help our young people grow and mature in their faith.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

Banns of Marriage

3rd Publication

Justin Marcinkus and Katherine Gibbons

Daily Bible Readings

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

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.

Blessing of the Animals

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, October 6th at 10:00 am in the church parking lot.

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.

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

Fall classes begin Sunday, Sept. 16 for grades K-5. Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am.

Grades 6-8 will begin on Monday, Sept. 17. The year begins with Mass at a special start time of 6:30 and will end at 8:00 pm.

Confirmation

Level 1 & 2 Confirmation classes will meet on Sunday, Sept. 23 with attendance at 5:00 pm Mass.

Peer Leaders

Look out for our forthcoming publication: Food For Thought - Recipes and Reflections from St. Irene Peer Leaders. All the proceeds from the book will go to the Catholic Charities food pantry in Lowell. We have been working through the summer to put the book together.

Parish Happenings

St. Irene Parish Picnic – September 16

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16th 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 / adults, \$5 /5-18 year olds, under 5 is free.

Women's Club – September 20

Ladies – Save the date of Sept. 20th for our 2018/2019 “kick off” Women's Club meeting. A Pot Luck dinner is planned for 6:30 pm and annual dues will be collected.

If you are not already a member of the Women's Club, we invite you to join and have fun helping us. The calendar of events for the coming year is enclosed in the bulletin.

Catholic Charities Night - October 24

Please join the Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities Advisory Board for our Fall Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 6:00 pm at the Tewksbury Country Club for an evening honoring the partner parishes in our community.

St. Irene Parish, Carlisle

Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative

St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish, Dracut

For more info please visit: www.ccab.org.

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 E-mail Newsletters

The quarterly e-mail newsletter was distributed Sept 12th. If you believe you did not receive it, first check your spam or junk mail folder, and if it's not there either, send a request to info@stirenes.org to have your e-mail address added to our distribution list. Rest assured, we do NOT share your e-mail address with third parties.

Save the Dates

Sat., Oct. 27 – WC Ham & Bean Dinner

Sat., Nov. 17 – Mystery Dinner

Sun., Dec. 9 – Parish Christmas Party

Sat., Jan. 26 – Trivia Night

Sat., Mar. 16 – K of C Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Sat., May 4 – Confirmation

Sun., May 5 – Fashion Show & Tea

Sat., May 18 – First Communion

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 email at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Feedback

If you had the opportunity to attend Mass in other towns, states, or even countries, this summer, we want to ask a favor: Please send us your stories and observations from parishes you visit. If you or your young ones felt especially welcome, or touched by the Holy Spirit, or just observed something in a Mass that warmed your heart, what was it? Could we use the idea at St. Irene? Send us a word via feedback@stirenes.org and tell us the good you have seen in other parishes. We'll consider ideas for St Irene. Thank you.

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.

There are a number of overdue books out. Please return them as soon as possible.

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 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 need a form or have any questions.

Area Events

One Day Retreat for Women Holy Family Parish, Concord

On Saturday, Sept. 22 from 10am to 5pm, Holy Family Parish of Concord will hold a retreat in Monument Hall, 56 Monument Square, sponsored by Walking with Purpose and featuring speaker Tina Boyd. The \$25 fee includes lunch. For more information and/or a registration form. email: retreatholymfamily@gmail.com or call 978-505-5775.

Rosary Coast to Coast Sunday October 7th, 2018

You are invited to come and join St. Mary Parish and St. John the Evangelist Parish to pay tribute to "Our Lady of The Rosary" with a procession from St. Mary's Church over to the Chelmsford Common. Music and songs will begin at 3:30 pm while the Rosary will start at 4 PM sharp to coincide with the other Catholic parishes from across the United

States as we pray for our church and our country.

Parking is available at St. Mary's Church as are bathroom facilities. If the weather is inclement, we will move into St. Mary's Church.

Silver and Golden Anniversary Mass

Cardinal Sean O'Malley invites all couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Mary Parish, 133 School Street Waltham, MA.

The Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 28 at 4:00 pm and will include a renewal of vows. To register, please visit: BostonCatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass. For more information contact Kelly Tolman at ktolman@rcab.org or 617-746-5803.

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.

2018 Catholic Appeal – Updated Sept. 7

Congratulations! St. Irene Parish has surpassed its 2018 Catholic Appeal assessment of \$37,577, collecting **\$37,770**. We are truly grateful to the 64 parishioners and families who helped us reach our assessment.

The Appeal provides critical funding to hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs throughout our Archdiocese. For example, St. Irene's has taken advantage of the Archdiocesan Safety Training Program which was presented at St. Irene's on June 9 and an Archdiocesan program on palliative care which will be presented on October 14. Please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org to make a donation or for more information.

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.

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

Last week the Clergy Benefit Trust Collection amounted to \$1412.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacon:

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.