

# St. Irene Church



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## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 17, 2017

### 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

Mary Pat Paris  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, September 17 at 8:00 am

Wilfried Martin  
56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, September 17 at 11:00 am

Matthew Whaley  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Wednesday, September 20 at 9:00 am

Audrey Whelan  
Birthday Mass  
Thursday, September 21 at 9:00 am

Roland Desrosiers

Stephen Slaney

Memorial Mass

Friday, September 22 at 9:00 am

George MacCormack

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Mass

Saturday, September 23 at 5:00 pm

Kurt Kelly – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

John Kelly – 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Sunday, September 24 at 8:00 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 are fortunate to be a modest sized parish where we get to know one another. To observe Welcome Sunday this year the Knights of Columbus will host our annual Parish Picnic on our church grounds after the 11:00 Mass. We hope that you will be able to join us to renew friendships with other parishioners and meet new members of our parish community. Welcome Back!

Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Banns of Marriage

1<sup>st</sup> Publication

Christopher Simeone and Amanda Godfrey

## Blessing of the Animals

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the church parking lot.

## 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. 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. 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.

## Daily Bible Readings

Please visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/) to find the daily bible readings and other information.

## Religious Education

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Fall classes begin Sunday, Sept. 17 for grades K-5. Grades 6-8 will begin on Monday, Sept. 18. The year begins with Mass at a special start time of 6:30 and will end at 8:00 pm.

## Confirmation 2017-2018

Level 1 begins on September 17. There is a meeting for Level 1 parents at 7:00 pm.

## Parish Happenings

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### St. Irene Parish Picnic – September 17

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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 will be on sale after the weekend Masses.

### Women's Club – September 21

Ladies – Save the date of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> for our 2017/2018 “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.

### Thank You

Thank you to the Women's Club for cleaning out the main storage room in the parish hall last Wednesday. We ask that all those who use the storage area to please keep it neat and safe for everyone.

### Save the Dates

*Saturday, Oct. 21 – Ham & Bean Dinner*

*Saturday, Nov. 18 – Mystery Dinner*

*Sunday, Dec. 3 – Parish Christmas Party*

*Saturday, Jan. 20 – Trivia Night*

*Saturday, Mar. 24 – Italian Night*

*Saturday, May 5 – Confirmation*

*Saturday, May 12 – First Communion*

### New Wheelchair from the Knights

Your Saint Irene Knights of Columbus have recently received a new wheelchair as part of a K of C international program that encourages Councils to provide these types of items to our parishes, to ensure their availability when needed. The chair can be found in the right side closet of the main church entrance. If you have occasion to use it, please ensure that it is returned to this location. Thank you.

## 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](mailto:caring@StIrenes.org).

## 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.

## St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: [www.StIrenes.org](http://www.StIrenes.org) or [www.facebook.com/StIrenes](https://www.facebook.com/StIrenes). You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at [feedback@stirenes.org](mailto:feedback@stirenes.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/faithfor-mation/catholiceducation/colleges.html](http://www.stirenes.org/faithfor-mation/catholiceducation/colleges.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: <http://www.bostoncatholic.org>.

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 (17 years and older) who minister to or have access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled**. CORI forms are due. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions.

## Area Events

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### Lazarus House - Hike for Hope

Fight poverty one step at a time! It's time to sign up and join the effort to help. Make a huge impact as a Team Captain by forming a team! Not your style? ... then sign up as an individual walker with pledges. Or simply make a donation! Just be sure to participate!

**When:** Sunday, Oct 1, 2017. **Where:** Park at Bartlet St., Andover, MA. The Hike is a 3 mile walk through Andover, starting at 1pm. To register or learn more, visit [www.HikeForHope.org](http://www.HikeForHope.org) or [www.LazarusHouse.org](http://www.LazarusHouse.org). Take a Step to fight poverty, while restoring respect and dignity to our neighbors in great need!

### West Region Adult Education

"The Making of Saints" an adult education offering for the West Region of the Archdiocese will be presented over 5 sessions on Wednesdays Sept. 27 – Oct. 25, 7:00 -8:30 pm at Saint Zepherin parish hall, 99 Main St., Wayland, MA. There is plenty of free parking.

A close look at the workings of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the process that leads to individual being declared a Saint in the Roman Catholic Church. Presented by Fr. David O'Leary, S.T.L., D.Phil - Parochial Administrator of Good Shepherd Parish, former university and seminary professor. To sign up: please call Good Shepherd Parish 508-650-3545

### Faith-Based Family Connection: Strengthening Families in Dealing with Addiction.

Through education and sharing, in a faith-based environment, we offer support to those who are coping with the addiction of a loved one. Whether it be your child, your spouse, your grandchild, or a close friend... the pain of watching their suffering is the same. Join us as we gain a better understanding of the disease of addiction through reading materials, videos and first-hand sharing from men and women who actively practice a 12-step program and live a healthy lifestyle free of alcohol and drugs. We meet at 7:00 pm on Monday evenings in the New Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist

Church, 115 Middlesex St., N. Chelmsford. This group will not meet on Monday, Sept. 4 due to the Labor Day holiday.

### **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](http://www.CatholicTV.com).

## **Financial Information**

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### **2017 Catholic Appeal Update**

Thank you. St. Irene Parish has surpassed its 2017 Catholic Appeal goal of \$40,678, collecting \$40,720. We are truly grateful to the 65 parishioners and families that helped us reach our goal. The Catholic Appeal provides critical funding to hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs that impact tens of thousands throughout our Archdiocese. Thank you for your support.

### **Increased Offertory Campaign**

We sincerely thank those who have participated in the increased offertory campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our goal is to appeal to the generous support of our community and increase the offertory by 20% from parishioners to cover our operating expenses.

We are asking each of you who currently support our parish to prayerfully review your commitment and consider an increase in your continuing offertory contributions consistent with your means. The parish needs the support of every parishioner to have a vibrant, long-term community where all are welcome to share in the light of Jesus Christ and each other. Thank you.

### **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](http://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.

This week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

The collection for Clergy Benefit Trust amounted to \$1690.

The collection for Hurricane Relief amounted to \$2161.

### **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, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

#### **Weddings**

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.