



St. Irene Church

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 23, 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

Kurt Kelly – 6th Anniversary Mass

John Kelly – 17th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, September 23 at 8:00 am

Nicolas O’Laughlin

Memorial Mass

Monday, September 24 at 9:00 am

Maureen, Richard & Alice Doherty

Memorial Mass

Friday, September 28 at 9:00 am

Roland, Paul & Diane Desrochers

Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 30 at 8:00 am

Rosalie Troutman

Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 30 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor’s Corner

Last Tuesday I attended the annual Celebration of the Priesthood Dinner in Boston. Five of us from Saint Irene’s joined a group from Saint Michael’s in Bedford. There were over 1800 people at the dinner where Mark Wahlberg spoke of the influence of priests in his life. In his youth, he spent time in prison and a Boston priest enabled him to get his life together again. At a time when there is so much negative publicity about the clergy, it was encouraging to hear his story.

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.

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.

Banns of Marriage

1st Publication

Stephen Beaune and Micaela O'Keefe

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

Religious Education

Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am. Classes for grades 6-8 are held on Monday nights from 7 - 8 pm.

Safety Sessions

Sept. 30 will begin Part I of our Safety Sessions for grades K-5 and will conclude on Oct. 14. Safety sessions for grades 6-8 are now part of the regular classroom curriculum.

Youth Living Rosary - Special Start Time

Grades 6-8 will host their annual Living Rosary on Monday, October 1 from **6:30-8:00** pm. *Please note the special start time.* ALL are welcome to attend!

Columbus Day Weekend

There will be NO CLASSES for grades K-5 on Sunday, Oct. 7 and Monday, Oct. 8 for grades 6-8 due to the Columbus Day Weekend. Classes will resume on Oct. 14 and 15.

Confirmation

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

Peer Leaders

Due to the Columbus Day holiday our next Peer Leadership meeting will be on Sunday October 14th at 3:30. Our theme will be Money Management after high school. If you have any queries please send an email to peerleaders@stirenes.org.

We will be having our book launch on Thursday Oct. 25th at 7pm in the parish hall. Parishioners are welcome but please RSVP us at peerleaders@st.irenes.org. The title of the book is *Food for Thought: Recipes and Reflections from St. Irene's Peer Leaders*.

Parish Happenings

St. Irene's Adult Faith Formation Presentation on Palliative Care

Sunday, Oct. 14, Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Light Luncheon Served

Are you concerned about aging relatives? Have you or someone you know been diagnosed with a serious illness? Come hear a presentation and join in discussion about palliative care, a way for people to live better with serious illness that offers support for loved ones as well. Palliative care is often confused with hospice care, which is different. Presented by Diane McCarthy, Coordinator for the Archdiocesan *Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning*.

A light luncheon will be served at noon in the church hall, followed by the presentation and discussion.

Thank You

We would like to thank the St. Irene Knights of Columbus for hosting the Parish Picnic last weekend. It was a wonderful gathering with great company and good food.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Thursday, Oct. 11

On Thursday, Oct. 11 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm St. Irene's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. You must be at least 17 and in good general health to donate.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

Area Events

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 US 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 St. 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.

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 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. 14

Congratulations! St. Irene Parish has surpassed its 2018 Catholic Appeal assessment of **\$37,577**, collecting **\$38,120**. 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.

Last week the Monthly Collection amounted to \$2098.

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.