

# St. Irene Church

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**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 24, 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

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

Margaret Heneghan

Birthday Mass

Thursday, September 28 at 9:00 am

Edward Whitehouse – Memorial Mass

Jaden Parlee – Birthday Mass

Friday, September 29 at 9:00 am

Kevin Phillips

Birthday Mass

Saturday, September 30 at 9:00 am

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

## The Pastor's Corner

Next Sunday is Ministry Sunday. For many years we have designated the first Sunday in October as the day to offer our parishioners the opportunity to become involved in the ministries of our parish. There are many different ways to serve in our parish. You may serve as a lector or Eucharistic Minister, a teacher or helper in our religious education and Confirmation programs. The Women's Club offers many opportunities for service to our community. The Knights of Columbus offer similar opportunities for the men in our parish. Both groups reach out to the needy of our area and also offer our parish many social activities. If you are interested in serving in our Parish Pastoral Council or our Parish Finance Council, contact me at the rectory. When you are involved in the life of the parish, your faith grows stronger and you experience an ownership of our church.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Banns of Marriage

2<sup>nd</sup> Publication

Christopher Simeone and Amanda Godfrey

1<sup>st</sup> Publication

Richard Walsh and Gillian Caitlin McClellan

## 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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### Religious Education

Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 began on Sunday, Sept. 17. 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 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

## Safety Sessions

October 1 will begin Part I of our Safety Sessions for grades K-5 and will conclude on October 15. 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 2 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. 8 and Monday, Oct. 9 for grades 6-8 due to the Columbus Day Weekend. Classes will resume on Oct. 15 and 16.

## Parish Happenings

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### Ministry Weekend September 30/October 1

It's fall! Back to school, cooler days, and time to think about how each of us can contribute to the life of our parish. How can each of us help to make our St. Irene's the parish we want it to be? We will be filling out sign-up forms on Saturday and Sunday, September 30/October 1. Plan to become an active member of our parish!

### Red Cross Blood Drive – Thursday, Oct. 12

On Thursday, Oct. 12 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.

Donors can now use RapidPass, **on the day of the blood drive**. This allows you to complete your pre-reading and donation questions online from your home or office; reducing the time you spend at the blood drive by up to 15 minutes. RapidPass does not take the place of scheduling an appointment. Please bring your RapidPass with you to your appointment. To use RapidPass visit: [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass).

To schedule an appointment either call (800) Red-Cross or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter "SaintIrene." Thank You.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](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.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/StIrenes). You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at [feedback@stirenes.org](mailto:feedback@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.

## 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*

## 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).

## 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.

**When:** Sunday, Oct 1. **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!

### Lowell Catholic High School Open House

Lowell Catholic will be hosting a High School Open House on Thursday, Oct. 19 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm and on Sunday, Oct. 22 from 12:00 - 2:30 pm at 530 Stevens St. in Lowell, MA. All 8th grade students and their families are welcome to attend.

Please register online at **[www.lowellcatholic.org/LC4ME](http://www.lowellcatholic.org/LC4ME)**. If you have any additional questions regarding the application process at Lowell Catholic, please email [admissions@lowellcatholic.org](mailto:admissions@lowellcatholic.org), or call 978-452-2794 x122.

### 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)**.

## **St. Michael Parish Holiday Fair**

Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Featuring a grand display of gift baskets for raffle, beautiful holiday gift items, crafters, artisans, independent vendors, home-based businesses, bake sale table, lunches and our not-to-be-missed White Elephant Sale. For more information or rental availability, contact Ann-Marie at St. Michael Parish (781) 275-6318.

## **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.

The Monthly Collection amounted to \$2230.

### **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.