

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 30, 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

Roland, Paul & Diane Desrochers
Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 30 at 8:00 am

Rosalie Troutman - Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 30 at 5:00 pm

Raphael Kowal – Memorial Mass

Monday, October 1 at 9:00 am

Albert Cabral - Memorial Mass

Tuesday, October 2 at 9:00 am

Joseph, Alice & Rose Doherty

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, October 3 at 9:00 am

George Canzano - Memorial Mass

Thursday, October 4 at 9:00 am

Deborah Warren – Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday, October 5 at 9:00 am

Gerard Lobo - Memorial Mass
Saturday, October 6 at 9:00 am

Ralph Guanci - Anniversary Mass
Saturday, October 6 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly - Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 7 at 8:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

The month of October is observed as Respect Life Month. The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection. This past April, Pope Francis wrote, "Our defense of the innocent unborn needs to be clear, firm and compassionate for at stake is the dignity of a human life which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development." During October, let us pray – "Heavenly Father, give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living."

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Banns of Marriage

2nd Publication

Stephen Beaune and Micaela O'Keefe

First Friday

Next Friday, October 5th is the First Friday of October. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

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.

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.

Daily Bible Readings

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

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

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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.

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 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.

Thank You

Saint Irene parish would like to thank Ken Mostello for creating the beautiful table that will be used for holding funeral cremains. The table is placed in front of the holy family statue in the church. Please take a minute to look at the incredible workmanship.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Thursday, Oct. 11

On Thursday, October 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 years of age and in good general health to donate. To schedule an appointment either call (800) Red-Cross or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

St. Irene's Adult Faith Formation Presentation on Palliative Care Sunday, Oct. 14, Noon - 1:30 p.m.

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.

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., May 4 – Confirmation

Sat., May 18 – First Communion

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.

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.

Try Something New This Fall and Join St. Irene's Music Ministry

Now that we are all settling into our Fall routines, there are many ways to add your talents to St. Irene's Music Ministry and have some fun while doing it!

Children's Choir

We welcome children in grades K - 5 to come and sing with the Children's Choir. Rehearsals are every other Thursday in the church from 6:15-7:00. The choir sings at the Children's Liturgies, as well as at Christmas and Easter. No experience is needed. Rehearsals begin this upcoming Thursday, October 4.

Adult Choir

We welcome adults of any age to come and sing with the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are every other Thursday in the church from 7:15-8:30. The choir sings at the 11:00 Mass every Sunday, as well as on Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Easter, and other important occasions. No experience or audition is required, just a love for singing! Rehearsals begin this upcoming Thursday, October 4.

We would also love to have instrumentalists join the Music Ministry as well, so please don't hesitate to come and find me after Mass or drop me a line at: music@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.

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.

Area Events

JOURNEY OF FAITH: The Rosary as our Map

Join Fr. Brian Mahoney, Pastor of the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative for this interactive, yet reflective recitation of The Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Each evening will begin with Exposition, followed by scripture, spiritually uplifting reflection and musically-led meditation on each of the 5 decades of the rosary, and concluding with Benediction. We will meet at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church (115 Middlesex Street, N. Chelmsford) on the following Tuesday evenings... Oct. 9th: Joyful Mysteries; Oct. 16th: Sorrowful Mysteries; Oct. 23rd: Glorious Mysteries; Oct. 30th: Luminous Mysteries.

Financial Information

2018 Catholic Appeal – Updated Sept. 20

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.

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.

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.