



St. Irene Church

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 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

Phung N. Vu

Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 9 at 11:00 am

Etalo Moschini

18th Anniversary Mass

Friday, September 14 at 9:00 am

Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday September 16 at 5:00 pm

Daily Bible Readings

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

Banns of Marriage

2nd Publication

Justin Marcinkus and Katherine Gibbons

The Pastor's Corner

We are now beginning a new season of the year in our parish. In a real sense, summer is over. Our children and young adults have returned to school and college. Parish activities resume and our religious education and social programs start once again. Next Sunday, the Knights of Columbus will host our annual Parish Picnic after the 11:00 am Mass here on our parish grounds. We invite you to join us for the picnic to meet new friends and enjoy a wonderful time together.

Fr. 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.

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

We are still seeking a 4th grade teacher for 9:00 am. Please contact Eileen Faber (978) 369-3940 if you are able to help.

Teacher Orientation

The Religious Education Teacher Orientations will be held in the Parish Hall. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 10th at 7 pm Grades 6-8

Wednesday, Sept. 12th at 7 pm Grades 3-5

Thursday, Sept. 13th at 7 pm Grades K-2

ALL teachers are required to take the one time VIRTUS training course and to fill out a CORI form annually. Please see the schedule listed under VIRTUS/Protecting God's Children Training in this bulletin.

Fall classes begin Sunday, Sept. 16 for grades K-5. 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 2018-2019

Level 1 & 2 Confirmation classes will meet on Sunday, Sept. 9 with attendance at 5:00 pm Mass.

Peer Leaders Meeting

Peer Leaders will be meeting on Sunday September 9th at 3:30. Our theme will be Faith in Testing Times. We are looking for new members who are currently Juniors or Seniors. Please come along as the group needs new ideas. We guarantee you will not be bored.

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.

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

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. 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.

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.

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.bos-toncatholic.org>. St. Irene's is offering classes in the parish hall on:

Friday, September 14 at 9:30 am & 7:00 pm

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.

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.

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.

Vocation Office Re-Launch of Web Site

www.vocationsboston.org

Now more than ever, the Church is called to renew Her efforts to encourage holy and faithful men to a priestly vocation - and to encourage all the Faithful to consider how the Lord desires them to serve Him. We are happy to announce that the Vocation Office has a newly designed web site and invite you to check it out at www.vocationsboston.org.

The site features new design, content, and resources for parishioners interested in learning how to encourage a Culture of Vocations in their parish, and for men to explore the priestly vocation. Interested in learning how you can lend your talents to encouraging those men called to be holy priests? Want to explore vocational discernment, seminary life, and the life of seminarians and priests? Come see www.vocationsboston.org and feel free to contact the Vocation Office by phone at 617-746-5949.

Financial Information

Next week's second collection is the Monthly Collection.

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.

Clergy Benefit Trust

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergyfunds.org.

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.

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.

Financial Details	Weekly	Monthly	Gifts
August 2018	\$20,954	\$3195	\$350
Year to Date 2018	\$199,576	\$24,344	\$57,550*
Year to Date 2017	\$206,536	\$21,404	\$67,849**

*Includes a one-time gift of \$50,000

**Includes a one-time bequest of \$42,751