



St. Irene Church

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2014

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

Etalo Moschini

14th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, September 14 at 8 am

Daniel McCarron

23rd Anniversary Mass

Sunday, September 14 at 11 am

MaryEllen & David Bakken

35th Wedding Anniversary Mass

Monday, September 15 at 9 am

Matthew Whaley

17th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, September 20 at 5 pm

Kurt Kelly

2nd Anniversary Mass

and

John Kelly

13th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, September 21 at 8 am

The Pastor's Corner

Today we celebrate a feast day – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is one of the few Sundays during the year when we celebrate a feast in place of the Sunday celebration. The feast has a special meaning in the archdiocese of Boston because our Cathedral Church is dedicated to the Holy Cross.

Each week I enjoy reading the words of Pope Francis. We receive copies of his daily homilies as well as his other talks. In a recent homily Pope Francis said, “The privileged place for an encounter with Christ are our sins. If a Christian is incapable of seeing his sins and his salvation in the blood of Christ, he has only gone half way. He is a tepid Christian.” Pope Francis concluded his homily with words pertinent to today’s feast of the Holy Cross. He invited the faithful to ask themselves whether they are capable of telling the Lord that they are sinners; whether they really believe the Lord has given them new life; whether they trust in Christ. Because he said – a Christian can be boastful of two things – of his sins and of Christ on the cross.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

Banns of Marriage

2nd Publication

Matthew Lauro and Susanna Mackey

Religious Education

On Sunday, September 21st we observe Catechetical Sunday with a Commissioning Ceremony for the Religious Education teachers at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses.

Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 will begin on Sunday, September 21st. Session I is from 9:00-9:50 am and session II is from 10:00-10:50 am. Grades 6-8 will begin classes on Monday, September 22nd from **6:30-8:00 pm**. **Please note special start time**. We will begin and end our year with a Mass.

Teacher Orientation

The Religious Education Teacher Orientations will be held in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, September 15th

Teachers for grades 6-8

Wednesday, September 17th

Teachers for grades 3-5

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

Confirmation Classes

Classes for Level 1 begin on Sunday, Sept. 14th and Level 2 begins on Sunday, Sept. 21st. The full calendar as well as registration forms are available on the Confirmation Preparation page on the St. Irene Website www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html. Forms can also be found at the back of the church. Questions regarding the program should be directed to Sheila Zacharchuk at confirmation@StIrenes.org.

Parish Happenings

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on September 14th at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Women's Club

The Women's Club of the parish will have their "Welcome Back" pot luck dinner on **Thursday, September 18th** beginning at 6:30 pm. If you are new to the parish, please come join us and learn about the club - a good way to meet some ladies of the parish! We ask that you bring either a salad, vegetable or dessert - the Board will provide the main meal. Dues are \$10 and will be collected at this meeting. We look forward to seeing all returning members and meeting new ones.

St. Irene Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 21st right 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 kids games and crafts, and to catch up with friends you may not have seen over the summer. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, and under 5 are free.

Theater News

Irving Berlin's **White Christmas** is coming to Boston in December. The show runs from Tuesday, Dec. 16th through Sunday, Dec. 28th. The Tuesday night show is being considered as a possible date. If you are interested in going, please call the rectory (978) 369-3940, email info@StIrenes.org or see Judy Andrews. No payment is required until November.

St. Irene Photo Directory

If there are any parishioners who did not get their picture taken by Lifetouch Photography but would like their name and contact information listed in the back of the directory, please contact Wendy Krugh in the rectory office at (978) 369-3940 or email stirene@comcast.net. Please let us know what you would like listed (i.e. address, phone number). Thank you.

Virtus/Protecting God's Children Training

All teachers and volunteers need to take a one-time VIRTUS training course. If you have already taken it at St. Irene's or any other parish you do NOT need to retake the

class. However, if you have not had this training you will need to take it. St. Irene's is offering classes in the parish hall on:

Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 pm

Friday, September 19 at 9:30 am

Please call Wendy Krugh at (978) 369-3940 or email stirene@comcast.net to register for a class. Additional dates and locations are listed on the Archdiocese of Boston website at www.bostoncatholic.org/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=4986&pid=1472.

Please call the rectory if you have taken VIRTUS training at another parish, so we can update our records. Thank you.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2014/2015:

Sunday, Sept. 21 – St. Irene Parish Picnic

Saturday, Nov. 22 – Mystery Dinner

Thursday, Jan. 15 – W.C. Pizza & Bingo

Saturday, Jan. 24 – Trivia Night

Please mark your calendar now and plan to come to these wonderful events.

Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

Take a break from the world's demands and rest in the Lord! All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction. 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.

Family Prayer for Vocations Icon

St. Irene's has a beautiful new icon of Christ the High Priest which will go each month to a family wishing to host it to pray for religious vocations as well as discern God's will in their lives. The kit includes the icon, a stand, a votive candle, a booklet of prayers, questions to help your family discern what God may want them to do with their lives, some scripture references, and more. Also included is a prayer card listing the current seminarians, so you can pray for them by name if you wish. Please join us in this beautiful initiative to pray for priestly vocations and to guide and bless us all in our vocation in life. To sign up please contact Mary Ellen Bakken at vocations@StIrenes.org.

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

We have upgraded St. Irene's web site: www.StIrenes.org and also added a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StIrenes. You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

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.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 11% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Finance Note

As of July 1, 2014 and going forward, the monthly collection will now be dedicated specifically to the maintenance, improve-

ment and running of our parish plant, evangelization and education programs.

2014 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all the supporters of the 2014 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$21,470 towards our goal of \$33,894 from 77 donors and families.

If you have not yet contributed please consider a donation to the Catholic Appeal. Donation envelopes are at the back of the Church. For more information, please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you.

Clergy Benefit Trust

The Clergy Benefit Trust supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit clergyfunds.org/.

Special Catholic Relief Services Collection

Cardinal Sean has authorized a special collection for the weekend of September 13/14 to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in the Middle East. Funds will be used to support Church programs to aid persecuted Christians. Baskets will be located at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you.

Area Events

Ignatian Volunteer Corps- Boston Area

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps invites active adults in the second half of life to experience its unique combination of service and spirituality. Share your talents and life experience with the materially poor while reflecting with guidance in the Jesuit tradition. Ignatian Volunteers donate two days per week of service from September to June and engage in monthly spiritual reflection with other volunteers and with a spiritual reflector. For more information contact Dave Hinchin, IVC New England Regional Director at 617-571-3838, email [\[land@ivcnewengland.org\]\(mailto:land@ivcnewengland.org\) or online at \[www.ivcusa.org/new-england\]\(http://www.ivcusa.org/new-england\).](mailto:neweng-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Financial Information

Offertory	\$7848
Offertory YTD	\$213,476

The second collection this week will be for the Clergy Benefit Trust.

This week there will be a special collection for the Catholic Relief Services for the Middle East. Baskets are at the back of the church.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Resident:

Reverend Augustin Vondou

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett
Deacon Charles Ferraro

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, 1st of month 3:30 – 6:00 pm

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

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.