



St. Irene Church

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The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 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

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

Molly Kiernan

Birthday Mass

Wednesday, September 24 at 9 am

Theresa Manning

5th Anniversary Mass

and

George O'Hearn

15th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, September 27 at 5 pm

The Pastor's Corner

This Sunday the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday and will focus on the theme, "Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness." On this Sunday, the men and women who serve as catechists in our parish will be commissioned for this important ministry in our Church. All of us are called to witness our faith to our families and loved ones. Those men and women who teach in our religious education programs have a special role to play in teaching our young people both to know the faith and to live the faith. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each one of us plays, by virtue of our baptism, in handing on the faith and giving witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

Banns of Marriage

3rd Publication

Matthew Lauro and Susanna Mackey

Children's Choir

We welcome children in grades K through 6 to come and sing with the Children's Choir. Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church from 6:20-7:00 pm. The choir sings at the monthly Family Masses, as well as at Christmas, Easter, and First Communion. No experience is needed. Rehearsals begin September 25th.

Young Adult Contemporary Group

We welcome young adults ages 13 and up to come and sing at the Monthly Contemporary Mass. This Mass is always the 5:00 pm Mass on the first Sunday of every month. Our group meets at 4:00 pm and rehearses for an hour before singing at the 5:00 pm Mass. This group is open to vocalists and instrumentalists. No singing experience is necessary. Our first Mass is October 5th.

Adult Choir

We welcome adults of any age to come and sing with the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church from 7:15-8:30 pm. The choir sings at the 11:00 pm 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 September 25th.

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.

Fondly, Cypriana Coelho

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.

Safety Sessions

October 5th will begin Part I of our Safety Sessions for grades K-4 and will conclude on October 19th. Safety Part I for grade 5 will begin on October 19th and will conclude on October 26th. Safety Part I for grade 6 will begin on Monday, October 27th and conclude on November 3rd. The 7th and 8th grade Healthy Choices/Safe Kids Parent-Teen Retreat will be held in the Parish Hall from 11:30-4 pm on Sunday, October 19th.

Youth Living Rosary - Special Start Time

Grades 6-8 will host their annual Living Rosary on Monday, October 6th from **6:30-8:00pm**. *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. 12th and Monday, Oct. 13th for grades 6-8 due to the Columbus Day Weekend. Classes will resume on Oct. 19 and 20.

Confirmation Classes

Classes for Level 2 begin on Sunday, Sept. 21st. The full calendar is available on the Confirmation Preparation page on the St. Irene Website www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html. Questions regarding the program should be directed to Sheila Zacharchuk at confirmation@StIrenes.org.

Parish Happenings

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.

Knights of Columbus

Fund Raiser for Fr. Augustin's Mother

The Knights of Columbus are assisting with the raising of funds for the rebuilding of Fr.

Augustin's mother's house, which recently collapsed completely. If you are able to donate, please do so. Our target is to raise at least \$5,000. This fundraising is separate from the parish finances, but we ask that checks be made out to St Irene's Parish with a clear memo that the money is for "Fr Augustin's Rebuild Fund", so your amount can be included in your annual donation receipt. Many of St Irene's Knights will be at the picnic this weekend. Please ask us if you have any questions.

Book Sale to Benefit Fr. Augustin's Mother

On Sunday, September 28th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm there will be a book sale in the Parish Hall. The proceeds from this sale will be donated towards rebuilding Father Augustin's mother's house. Please help if you are able. Thank you.

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.

Save the Dates

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

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.

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. Dates and locations are listed 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.

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.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 24% less 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, improvement and running of our parish plant, evangelization and education programs.

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 for your generosity. For more information, please visit clergyfunds.org/.

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.

Area Events

Permanent Diaconate – Information & Inquiry Sessions

If you are discerning God's possible call to serve the Church as a minister of charity, word, and sacrament as an ordained Deacon in the Archdiocese of Boston, you and your wife (for those who are married) are invited to take part in the upcoming Inquirer program. The program consists of four meetings: three evening informational sessions to be held at the Pastoral Center in Braintree on Oct. 7 & 14 and Nov. 4 from 7:00-8:30 pm, as well as a half-day discernment retreat to be held on Saturday Nov. 15 (location TBA) from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (with lunch provided). Those who are interested in the Diaconate are strongly encouraged to attend all four events along with their wives (for those who are married). Please contact the Permanent Diaconate Office (deacondan_burns@rcab.org) to sign up or for more information.

The next group to be admitted into formation will begin classes in Sept. 2015 at the Theological Institute for the New Evangelization in Brighton. The Diaconate Formation Program is four years in length and

is open to single and married men who will be between the ages of 35-65 at the time of ordination.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$6009
Offertory YTD	\$219,485

The collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust amounted to \$2362. The special collection for the Catholic Relief Services for the Middle East totaled \$722.

This week's second collection is the Dedicated Parish Maintenance & Upkeep Collection.

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.