



# St. Irene Church

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**The 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 19, 2014**

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## 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

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## Liturgical Events

### Mass Intentions

Albert and Lorraine Rotoundo  
Memorial Mass

Saturday, October 18 at 5 pm

Donohoe, Flynn, Barrett & Siwinski  
Family Mass

Sunday, October 19 at 11 am

Billy and Virginia Thompson  
Healing Mass

Sunday, October 19 at 5 pm

Anthony Furnari  
Memorial Mass

Tuesday, October 21 at 9 am

Daniel P. O'Brien  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, October 22 at 9 am

Marie Riccio  
Memorial Mass

Saturday, October 25 at 9 am

Ted Graczyk  
12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Saturday, October 25 at 5 pm

Fran and Ed Kelly  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, October 26 at 8 am

Ellen Costello  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, October 26 at 11 am

John and Margaret O'Connor  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, October 26 at 5 pm

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## The Pastor's Corner

The month of October is devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary. This devotion to Mary dates back to the twelfth century and popularized by Saint Bernard. So the rosary has been a popular form of prayer for over 800 years. The rosary is both a vocal prayer and a meditative prayer. It is a vocal prayer because we pray familiar Catholic prayers especially the Hail Mary. But it is also a meditative prayer since we reflect on events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. These meditations are called mysteries – the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries and the Luminous mysteries added by Saint John Paul II. Our devotion to Mary has always been an integral part of Catholic devotion. Recently Pope Francis spoke of Mary and said that we can look at Mary who was to be the Mother of God and ask, “How do I journey in my story?”

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Do I allow God to walk with me or do I want to walk alone? Do I let Him caress me, help me, forgive me, carry me forward that I may arrive at the encounter with Jesus Christ: this will be the end of our journey and an encounter with the Lord."

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

## **Banns of Marriage**

1<sup>st</sup> Publication

Paul Lalicata and Heidi Collins

## **Children's Liturgy**

Our next Children's Liturgy will take place on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the 8 and 11 am Masses. Grade 6 students will host both Masses.

## **Welcome to All Music Ministry Members!**

I heard from Pat Barry that several parishioners signed up to join the Music Ministry, and I am very excited to meet you! Please take a look our rehearsal schedule below and come join us at our next rehearsal!

## **Children's Choir**

Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church from 6:20-7:00 pm.

## **Young Adult Contemporary Group**

We meet in the church on the first Sunday of every month to rehearse and sing at the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass. Our next meeting is Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm.

## **Adult Choir**

Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church from 7:15-8:30 pm.

If you are an instrumentalist, please contact me directly at: [music@StIrenes.org](mailto:music@StIrenes.org) so we can set up a time to meet and plan how best to use your talents.

Fondly, Cypriana

## **Religious Education**

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### **Safety Sessions**

Safety Sessions for grades K-4 will conclude on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Parents are strongly

encouraged to attend. Safety Part I for grade 5 will begin on October 19<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Safety Part I for grade 6 will begin on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and conclude on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Healthy Choices/Safe Kids Parent-Teen Retreat will be held in the Parish Hall from 11:30-4 pm on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please email Eileen Faber at [reled@StIrenes.org](mailto:reled@StIrenes.org) **whether or not you will be able to attend.**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent's Meeting**

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents First Reconciliation meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

### **Confirmation Classes**

Confirmation Level 1 will be meeting this Sunday after 5:00 pm Mass. If you have not already done so, please remember to bring in your candidate commitment form and Sponsor form. If you have any questions, please email Sheila Zacharchuk at [confirmation@StIrenes.org](mailto:confirmation@StIrenes.org).

## **Parish Happenings**

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### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the rectory.

### **St Irene Peer Leaders Organize to Help Stamp out Hunger in Massachusetts**

St. Irene's Peer Leaders are joining high school students across the commonwealth to help stamp out hunger. Walmart has challenged us to end hunger and will match every pound of food collected, with a donation of the same amount to the four regional food banks in Massachusetts. A list of food items will be distributed in the Religious Ed classes along with a bin for each class to store their donations. Food items will be collected over October 18-19 and 25-26. Parishioners may drop off non-perishable food items in the bin located at the entrance of the church. Thank you.

### **Thank You from the Knights of Columbus**

The Saint Irene Knights of Columbus raised \$486 to support programs that assist chil-

dren with special needs through its annual tootsie roll drive. Thank you to all the parishioners that gave to the effort.

### **Update on Fund Raising Efforts for Fr. Augustin's Mother**

Through the power of the Holy Spirit and your generosity, we have collected a total of \$11,421 for Father Augustin's Mother's house! At the back of the church there are pictures of Fr. Augustine's mom, Marcelline and of the house that you are helping to build. Please take a minute to take a look. Thank you so very much for your unbelievable generosity.

### **SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, Nov. 22 St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater**

Mark your calendar now! The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "Demise in Paradise – or – Koo-koo Nuts on a Deserted Island" on Saturday, November 22, 2014. Fr. Tom has been the hit of the show for the last 17 productions, and you will surely want to see what he is up to this year! Come and enjoy good company, good food, and lots of laughs!!

### **Theater News**

#### **White Christmas - Tuesday, Dec. 16**

Judy Andrews has ordered 10 more tickets for **White Christmas**. The performance is on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 pm and tickets are \$58 per person. If you are interested in going, please contact Judy or call the rectory (978) 369-3940.

### **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](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.

### **Family Prayer for Vocations Icon**

St. Irene's has a beautiful 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](mailto:vocations@StIrenes.org).

### **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. Go to [www.bostoncatholic.org/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=4986&pid=1472](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=4986&pid=1472) for dates.

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

### **2014 Catholic Appeal Update**

Thank you to all the supporters of the 2014 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$22,020 towards our goal of \$33,894 from 79 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](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com). Thank you.

## Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 17% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

## Area Events

### Boston College High School Reception

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, college preparatory school, grades 7-12, located in Boston. To learn more about BC High and its academic, athletic, co-curricular and spiritual offerings, we invite you to attend a community reception at the home of Concord residents (and a current BC High family), the Rzepczynski family. The reception will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7:00 pm. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Theresa Flaherty, Assistant Director of Admissions at [tflaherty@bchigh.edu](mailto:tflaherty@bchigh.edu) or 617-474-5056. You may visit [www.bchigh.edu/admissions](http://www.bchigh.edu/admissions) for more information about BC High and the admissions process.

### Holy Family Parish Lecture

Holy Family will be presenting this year's David Thorp Memorial on Saturday, Nov. 1 after the 5:00 pm Mass. "Conversion and Reconciliation" will explore the multiple levels of conversion Catholics regularly experience and the light this sheds on the process of reconciliation. It will be held in the lower level of the church located at 12 Monument Sq. Fr. Frank DeSiano CSP, President of Paulist Evangelization Ministries will be the principal speaker. The lecture is in honor of David Thorp, who served this parish for a year as Director of Faith Formation and in the Archdiocese of Boston for more than 25 years.

### Bowling / Pizza Event – November 2<sup>nd</sup>

On Sunday, Nov. 2, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor their Fall Bowling / Pizza Event for children with disabilities and their families. It will be held at Collins Bowladrome in Billerica from 1-3 pm. The event includes Duckpin bowling, followed by piz-

za. Interested families are asked to register for this **free event** by contacting Ken Deslets (Phone: 978-692-6866 or email: [kgdesigned@gmail.com](mailto:kgdesigned@gmail.com)) before Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Financial Information

Offertory	\$5582
Offertory YTD	\$246,437

The collection for World Mission Sunday totaled \$1281. This week's second collection is for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep Fund.

## 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of each month at 1:00 pm.

### Weddings

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.