



St. Irene Church

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The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 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

Ted Graczyk

12th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, October 25 at 5 pm

Fran and Ed Kelly

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, October 26 at 8 am

Ellen Costello

10th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, October 26 at 11 am

John and Margaret O'Connor

Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 26 at 5 pm

Salvator Curcio

Memorial Mass

Thursday, October 30 at 9 am

Jose Dias

Memorial Masses

Sunday, November 2 at 8 & 11 am

Dolores Regan

Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 2 at 5 pm

The Pastor's Corner

This Saturday, November 1, is the feast of All Saints. It is a holy day, but not of obligation. When a holy day falls on a Saturday or Monday, the Church dispenses the obligation of attending Mass. The reason is the conflict between the Vigil Mass on Saturday for the following Sunday and also the conflict on Sunday afterwards. But All Saints Day is still a wonderful feast day in our church. We are all familiar with the canonized saints of the church like Saint Paul, Saint Patrick, Saint Anthony and more recently Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II. But on All Saints Day, we also honor the saints in heaven who are not canonized saints. It is the day we recognize the men and women who have led holy lives – our moms and dads, family members and friends, people who have influenced us in our lives. It is also a celebration of hope – the promise of our faith, the promise of heaven and eternal life for all of us who aspire to be saints.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

Banns of Marriage

2nd Publication

Paul Licata and Heidi Collins

Children's Liturgy

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

All Saints Day

Next Saturday, November 1 is the feast of All Saints – a holy day but not of obligation. Mass for the feast day will be celebrated at 9:00 am.

Parish Book of Life

During the month of November we offer special prayers in remembrance of the faithful departed. The Parish Book of Life is at the front of the Church so that you may record the names of your family members who have died. We will offer Mass for them on All Souls Day and on other days in November. We will also pray for them at Mass daily in November.

Welcome to All Music Ministry Members!

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 2nd 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 so we can set up a time to meet and plan how best to use your talents.

Fondly, Cypriana

Religious Education

Safety Sessions

Safety Part 2 for grade 5 will conclude on October 26th. Safety Part I for grade 6 will

begin on Monday, October 27th and conclude on November 3rd.

2nd Grade Parent's Meeting

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

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Level 2 will be meeting this Sunday after 5:00 pm Mass. If you have not already done so, please remember to bring in your Sponsor and Retreat Forms. If you have any questions, please email Sheila Zacharchuk at confirmation@StIrenes.org.

Parish Happenings

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 has been distributed in the Religious Ed classes along with a bin for each class to store their donations. Food items will be collected through October 26. Parishioners may drop off non-perishable food items in the bin located at the entrance of the church. Thank you.

Thanksgiving 2014 Food Baskets

Catholic Charities of Lowell and Haverhill currently distributes food to 30,000 people annually. Clients are carefully screened for need. For many years Catholic Charities has relied upon St. Irene's Parish to provide food baskets to families in need.

Your response in the past has been greatly appreciated. We are continuing this worthwhile project again as the need is greater than ever. Detailed information can be found at the back of the church after all Masses this weekend and every weekend until the baskets are collected. Boxes have been provided by Olympia Movers of Watertown and can be found in the closets at the back of the Church. Baskets will be collect-

ed on Sunday, November 23rd. We are in need of volunteers to drive the donated meals to Catholic Charities the morning of Monday, November 24 at 9:30 am. ***If you own a large SUV, enclosed truck or minivan, please consider helping deliver.*** We are in need of 6 vehicles in order to fit around 60 boxes of food. Please email Debbie Boulé at foodbaskets@StIrenes.org for more information or to volunteer.

Keeping Christ in Christmas Cards

The Saint Irene Knights will be selling Catholic themed Christmas cards after Masses starting the weekend of November 8th. Please consider buying your cards to support the great charitable work the Knights do in our community.

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!!

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 \$11,621 for Fr. Augustin's Mother's house! Please take a minute to look at the pictures of Fr. Augustine's mom, Marcelline and of the house that you have helped to build (at the entrance to the church). Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

Theater News

White Christmas - Tuesday, Dec. 16

A few tickets still remain 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 Andrews or call the rectory (978) 369-3940. Please submit payment to Judy by November 9.

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 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.

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 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 \$22,070 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. Thank you.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 23.6% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Area Events

Holy Family Parish Lecture

Holy Family will be presenting this year's David Thorp Memorial on Saturday, November 1st 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 Square in Concord. 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 2nd

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 pizza. Interested families are asked to register

for this **free event** by contacting Ken Desilets (Phone: 978-692-6866 or email: kgdesigned@gmail.com) before Oct. 29th.

Financial Information

Offertory \$5975
Offertory YTD \$252,412

The collection for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep Fund totaled \$2858.

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.