



# St. Irene Church

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 18, 2015**

## 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

Philip Phalon  
Months Mind Mass  
Saturday, January 17 at 5 pm

Leo Cantin  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, January 18 at 11 am

Jose Dias  
Memorial Mass  
Monday, January 19 at 9 am

Amy Caruso  
Memorial Mass  
Tuesday, January 20 at 9 am

Elizabeth Bucens and Family  
Mass of Thanksgiving  
Wednesday, January 21 at 9 am

Helen Dolan  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Thursday, January 22 at 9 am

Wallace Zacharchuk

Healing Mass

Friday, January 23 at 9 am

Kathryn McCarthy

Months Mind Mass

Saturday, January 24 at 5 pm

Laura Whitehouse

Birthday Mass

Sunday, January 25 at 11 am

## The Pastor's Corner

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast completed the Christmas season. Now we return to Ordinary Time in the church. And in a sense, after the holiday season, we return to ordinary time in our lives. It can be a let-down, but it is also a reminder that most of our lives are ordinary. We work, raise our families, send our children off to school and college, drive them to sporting events and after school activities. The insight we need is to find grace and goodness and even holiness in the ordinary events of daily life. And perhaps as we do, we can find the value not only of the special, extraordinary days but also of the ordinary days and see both as a gift and blessing from God.

*- Fr. Tom Donohoe*

## Children's Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education students will host both Masses.

## 2015 Holy Hour for Life

The 2015 Holy Hour for Life is Tuesday Jan. 20 at 7:30 pm at St. Irene's. This is in advance of the National Day for Prayer for Life in Washington DC and the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Roe v Wade. Holy Hours will be held throughout the Archdiocese in support and prayer for those traveling to Washington We will have adoration and prayer to promote the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Come and join us in prayerful witness to life.

## Religious Education

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There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend.

### First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> (snowdate: January 31<sup>st</sup>) at 11:00 am in the Church followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their families. Students will need to arrive to the Church by 10:45 am and sit with their class in the **reserved pews**.

### Parents of Grade 2 Students

**REMINDER:** There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

### Confirmation

There are no classes Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> due to Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend. Level 1 Classes will resume on Sunday, January 25.

## Parish Happenings

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### 11th Annual Trivia Night

Come on out for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Irene's Team Trivia Night on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. (Snow date is one week later on January 31). Bring your

own team (max. 8 per table), or come on your own and we'll seat you with friendly St. Irene folks. Enjoy 60 stimulating questions, food and beverages, door prizes, and awards, all for \$5 per person.

Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend or contact Tim and Jean Butler at [trivianight@stirenes.org](mailto:trivianight@stirenes.org). Seating is limited, so tickets will be available at the door only if not sold out in advance. We look forward to seeing you.

### Mission Trip - July 2015

St. Irene parish in conjunction with Holy Family parish is organizing a mission trip for High School age students. The trip is through Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) and is during the week of July 19 through July 25 in Worcester, MA. If you are interested in finding out more or want to sign up, please contact Deacon Charlie at [DeaconCharlie@stirenes.org](mailto:DeaconCharlie@stirenes.org).

### Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection total as of this past weekend is \$92,900 towards our goal of \$100,000. If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. Your generosity over the years has been outstanding. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Irene's will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) for more information or call (800)733-2767 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. You must be 18 years old to donate. Please donate if you are able. Thank you.

### Parishioner Giving Envelopes

We are updating our list of parishioners who receive offertory envelopes. In an effort to save money, we will stop sending envelopes to parishioners who have not used them for the last three years. If you would like to begin to receive envelopes, please contact Wendy Krugh in the rectory office at (978)369-3940. Thank you.

## **Make a New Year's Resolution to join the Music Ministry in the New Year!**

In spite of the frigid weather, the Spring Season of both the Children's and Adult's Choirs is in full swing! Come join us!

Weekly rehearsals take place in the church at the following times: Children's Choir, 6:15-7:00; Adult Choir, 7:15-8:30.

Neither choir requires an audition or any previous singing experience. The only "requirements" are a positive attitude and the desire to grow spiritually through learning new music and sharing your talents during the Masses. For more information, please drop me a note at [Music@stirene.org](mailto:Music@stirene.org). I look forward to seeing YOU! 😊

*Cypriana Coelho*

## **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 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](mailto:vocations@StIrenes.org).

## **Library News**

Please remember to return any overdue books. *Many of the Lent books have not been returned.* We would like to have them for the upcoming season. 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](mailto:caring@StIrenes.org).

## **St. Irene Online**

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

## **2014 Catholic Appeal Update**

Good news! We have exceeded our goal for the 2014 Catholic Appeal. Thank you to all of the supporters who made this happen. We truly appreciate your donations. Our parish campaign goal was \$33,894 and we have raised \$34,570 from 83 donors and families. For more information, please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com). Thank you for your generosity.

## Area Events

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### 24-7 Prayer & Fasting February 1<sup>st</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> St. Anne's and St. Catherine's Parishes

During the first week of February, the collaborative of St. Catherine and St. Anne Catholic churches is embarking on a week-long journey of prayer and fasting. Individuals will commit to 30-minute blocks of continuous, intentional prayer, so there is full 24-7 coverage throughout the week. You may sign up for as many 30-minute slots as you want. Where you pray is your choice; choose a time and place that works best for you. In addition to prayer time, you can also sign up for a day or days of fasting. Fasting may be a fast from food or from something that consumes your personal time.

Please consider joining St. Catherine and St. Anne parishioners as they seek to rekindle their prayer lives, and to remind themselves how God calls them to pray. You can do this by signing up on poster boards located at St. Anne's in Littleton and St. Catherine's in Westford or you can sign up at [www.littletoncatholic.org](http://www.littletoncatholic.org) under the *Prayer & Fasting* tab.

### Church in Latin America Collection

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for priests and deacons. For more information please visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/).

## Financial Information

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### Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 16.7% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

### Financial Information

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| Offertory           | \$6137 |
| Offertory last year | \$7381 |

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| Offertory YTD           | \$12,566 |
| Offertory YTD last year | \$12,804 |

This week the second collection is for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep Fund.

Last week's Special Collection for Catholic Charities amounted to \$3935. Thank you.

Next week's second collection is for the Church in Latin America.

### 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.