

St. Irene Church



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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2015

The Pastor's Corner

On Thursday, September 17, the Annual Celebration of Priesthood Dinner was held at the Seaport World Trade Center. The event highlights the life and work of the priests of our archdiocese. It is a huge event and the largest Catholic fundraiser in Boston with 1600 people in attendance this year. Each year I attend this dinner with Father Romain, Deacon Dean and Deacon Charles and their wives and with members of our parish staff – ten of us at our table this year. The dinner featured a video depicting the lives of several priests and also a brief talk by Cardinal Sean. Along with the Christmas and Easter collections, it is one of the major sources of income for the support of the medical and retirement needs of our priests. It was a wonderful evening for an excellent cause.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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

George MacCormack

1st Anniversary Mass

Sunday, September 27 at 11:00 am

Ray St. Germain

2nd Months Mass

Tuesday, September 29 at 9:00 am

Edward Whitehouse

6th Anniversary Mass

Aleks Parlee

Birthday Mass

Wednesday, September 30 at 9:00 am

Whitehouse Family

Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, October 1 at 9:00 am

George Canzano

Memorial Mass

Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 am

Kevin Phillips
Birthday Mass
Saturday, October 3 at 5:00 pm

Pham T. Thanh
Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 am

First Friday

This Friday, October 2nd is the First Friday of October. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

Blessing of the Animals

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 am in the church parking lot.

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.

Religious Education

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Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 Session I are from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am on Sunday mornings. Grades 6-8 meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Safety Sessions

October 4th will begin Part I of our Safety Sessions for grades K-4 and will conclude on October 18th. Safety Part I for grade 5 will begin on October 18th and will conclude on October 25th. Safety sessions for grades 6-8 are now part of the regular classroom curriculum.

Columbus Day Weekend

There will be NO CLASSES for grades K-5 on Sunday, Oct. 11th and Monday, Oct. 12th for grades 6-8 due to the Columbus Day Weekend. Classes will resume on Oct. 18 and 19.

Youth Living Rosary - Special Start Time

Grades 6-8 will host their annual Living Rosary on Monday, October 5th from **6:30-8:00 pm**. *Please note the special start time.* ALL are welcome to attend!

Confirmation

Level 1 Classes will meet on Sunday, Sept. 27th. Class begins with attendance at the 5 pm Mass.

Parish Happenings

St. Irene's Team

Lazarus House "Hike for Hope"

The St. Irene's Social Justice Committee wants to thank everyone who contributed to the collection last weekend to support the St. Irene's Team who will walk in the Lazarus House "Hike for Hope." You donated \$1,200 to support the team. The walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 4, starting at 1:00 p.m. in Bartlet Park, Andover. There is still time to become a walker for St. Irene's Team by checking out the information at www.lazarushouse.org/hike-for-hope. AND there is still time to contribute on-line to the St. Irene's team by going to: http://lazhm.convio.net/site/TR/Events/General?pg=team&fr_id=1040&team_id=1300. St. Irene's has definitely heard Pope Francis' message to help one another!

Parish Pastoral Council – Date Change

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, October 18th at 7 pm in the rectory.

Tootsie Roll Drive

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Roll drive after Masses the weekend of October 3rd & 4th. All proceeds will go to help children with special needs. Thank you for your generosity towards this great cause.

Theater News

The North Shore Music Theatre will present "A Christmas Carol" in December. If you are interested in going, please call the rectory (978) 369-3940, email info@StIrenes.org or see Judy Andrews as soon as possible. If there is enough interest, a trip will be planned for early December. Thank you.

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 6:00 -7:00 pm. The choir sings at the monthly Family Masses, as well as at Christmas, Easter, and First Communion. No experience is needed.

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!

Lazarus House Collection

On Saturday, Oct. 17th, Lazarus House Ministries from Lawrence will have a truck in the lower parking lot of the church to collect slightly used clothing and household items like towels, sheets and comforters. They are in desperate need of infant clothes up to 3T and children's shoes and sneakers. The truck will be there from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. You may bring your donations to them at that time. **DO NOT BRING ANY DONATION BEFORE THE TIME NOTED!!** For those who do not know, Lazarus House Ministries provides services to those in dire need in the Greater Lawrence area. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2015/2016:

Saturday, Nov. 21 – Mystery Dinner
Thursday, Jan. 21 – W.C. Pizza & Bingo
Saturday, Jan. 23 – Trivia Night
Saturday, Apr. 30 – Confirmation
Saturday, May 14 – First Communion

We hope to see you.

Protecting God's Children / CORI Checks

All clergy, Parish staff, and volunteers who minister, work, or serve in a capacity involving contact with children under eighteen must complete the prevention and education programs mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston (Virtus/Protecting God's Children). Dates and locations for training are listed at the Archdiocese website: www.bostoncatholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspx?pid=1472.

The Archdiocese also requires a **yearly** criminal offender record information (CORI) check for all full and part-time paid staff members, all clergy and all volunteers (17 years and older) who minister to or have access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978) 369-3940 if you have any questions.

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.

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.

Parish Library

Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books in our Parish Library which is located in Room 6 of the Parish Hall. The library is open whenever the Church is open but not during religious education classes.

Area Events

St. Margaret School Holiday Craft Fair

St. Margaret School in Lowell is searching for Crafters and/or Vendors for our annual Craft/Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 14 from 9-2. If you would like to rent an 8x8ft space for \$30 please contact Danielle Caron at 978-453-8491.

Opening Your Heart- The Starting Point! Calling all Women

Please join us for this amazing faith-based class from Walking with Purpose- beautiful environment, yummy food, wonderfully supportive and encouraging women of all ages, and babysitting! Registration will begin at the end of August. This practical and informative course is for any woman wanting to grow in their relationship with the Lord. Please join us.

When: Oct. thru Mar. Thursdays 10 am to noon

Where: Holy Family Parish, Lower Level

Please contact Rita Staniar 978-505-5775 or email rstaniar@gmail.com.

Financial Information

Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$25,255 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 82 donors and families. If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are at the back of the church or visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 13.7 % more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$6,248
Last year's Offertory	\$5,495
Offertory YTD	\$217,069
Offertory YTD last year	\$224,980

Dedicated Church Maintenance
and Upkeep Fund YTD \$23,348

The collection for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep Fund amounted to \$2,889.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

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
Please contact Deacon Charles Ferraro

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

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.