

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 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

Ralph Guanci - 6th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, October 10 at 5:00 pm

Barbara Graczyk - 22nd Anniversary Mass
Sunday, October 11 at 8:00 am

Phuc Tu and Pham T. Thanh
Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 11 at 11:00 am

Dolores Regan - 1st Anniversary Mass
Sunday, October 11 at 5:00 pm

Ann Martin – 5th Anniversary Mass
Justin Whitehouse – Birthday Mass
Thursday, October 15 at 9:00 am

Grace Mary Fairbanks - Birthday Mass
Friday, October 16 at 9:00 am

Ruth Falcone – 10th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, October 17 at 5:00 pm

Pham T. Thanh - Memorial Mass
Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

Last Sunday we observed our annual Ministry Weekend at Saint Irene's. For many years, we have offered the opportunity to share in the ministry and activities in our parish. We wish to invite each one of our parishioners to take an active role in parish life. The opportunities are many – lector, Eucharistic minister, religious education teacher, parish council member, adult choir and as a member of the Women's Club or the Knights of Columbus. You may also volunteer to assist at individual parish activities especially during the holiday season. Our children may also participate as altar servers or in the children's choir. Our young adults may join the teenage music group. We live our faith more fully by being active in our church. If you offered your talent and services last weekend, I thank you. If not, consider doing it this weekend.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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

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.

Religious Education

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

Safety Sessions for grades K-4 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.

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

There are NO CLASSES this Sunday. Level 1 Classes will meet on Sunday, Oct. 18. Class begins with attendance at the 5 pm Mass.

Parish Happenings

St. Irene Parish Award for Christian Ministry

On Sunday, October 4, John Walsh was presented with the St. Irene Parish Award for Christian Ministry at the 11 a.m. Mass. A parishioner since 1979, John was St. Irene's first "web master" and has worked behind the scenes to launch the original website and to support both the original and new websites. He also introduced the message of "Keeping Christ in Christmas" by inaugurating the sale of Christmas Cards by the Knights of Columbus. Thank you, John, for contributing so much of your time and talent to the parish. Congratulations!

Ministry Weekend

Many thanks to all of you who filled out a Ministry form last weekend! 56 adults / teenagers and 8 children completed forms—and they volunteered to help in 214 ways in the parish!! If you did not get a chance to complete a form last weekend, there are extra blank copies at the rear of the church. Stay tuned—someone will be in touch with you within the next month if you have signed up for a new ministry.

SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, Nov. 21

St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater

Mark your calendar now! The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "Star Wreck – or- The Day the Earth Slowed Down for Murder" on **Saturday, Nov. 21**. Fr. Tom has been the hit of the show for the last 18 productions, and you will surely want to see what he is up to this year! Come and enjoy good company, good food (from Hostess Catering of Acton), and lots of laughs!!

Parish Pastoral Council – Date Change

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

Women's Club Movie Night

The Women's Club October meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 15th at 6:30 pm. It will be "Movie Night" with all the normal movie treats, plus some surprises!! Ballots will be given upon entrance to determine which movie will be shown; so come enjoy an entertaining evening. The meeting is open to all ladies of the parish.

Ham and Bean Dinner

A harvest Ham & Bean Dinner, sponsored by the Women's Club, will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, October 24th at 6:30 pm. Tickets will go on sale the week-end of October 10th after Mass. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Come gather with family and friends for a nice warm comfort meal. Seating is limited so we encourage you to get your tickets early. Please call Jan Brown at (978)256-9480 for more information or to reserve tickets.

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.

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!

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.

Area Events

Cub Scout Religious Emblems Program St. Rita Parish, Lowell, MA

An introductory meeting for the Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei Emblems, Catholic Religious Program, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25th. We invite you and your son to join us at 6:00 pm at St. Rita Parish Hall, 158 Mammoth Rd, Lowell. All information for completion of these two emblems will be discussed at this meeting. If you will be attending or have any questions, please contact Roy or Lorraine Corbeil at roy-corb@comcast.net or call 978-458-0039.

Bowling / Pizza Event – November 15th

On Sunday, Nov. 15, 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 Duck-pin bowling, which is followed by pizza. Interested families are asked to register for this free event by contacting Ken Desilets before Nov. 11th - phone: 978-692-6866 or email; kgdesigned@gmail.com.

Catholic Television

Catholic TV is available on Comcast Cable channel 238, Verizon FiOS channel 271, Sky Angel IPTV channel 142, RCN channel 85, EWTN channel 56 and streaming on www.CatholicTV.com.

Financial Information

World Mission Sunday

This week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For more information please visit <http://www.propfaithboston.org/>.

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 38% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$5,894
Last year's Offertory	\$9,486

Offertory YTD	\$231,617
Offertory YTD last year	\$240,855

Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD	\$23,618
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The second collection this Sunday is for World Mission Sunday. Next Sunday the second collection will be for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep Fund.

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.