

St. Irene Church

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2015

The Pastor's Corner

Pope Francis has convened a synod of bishops in Rome from October 4-25. There are 270 bishops from around the world, most elected as delegates by their national bishops' conferences along with 90 other experts. The synod will focus on family and marriage and discuss ways to strengthen the Church's support of families, marriage preparation, communication, sexuality, and outreach to families struggling to live the Catholic ideals of family as well as controversial subjects such as whether Catholics who remarry after a civil divorce may receive Holy Communion. I'm certain that there will be no change in Catholic teaching but we may see changes in the approach of the Church to modern problems in family life.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will take place on Sunday, October 25th at the 8 and 11 am Masses. Grade 6 students will host both Masses.

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

Pham T. Thanh

Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 18 & 25 at 11:00 am

Ruth Forinash

Memorial Mass

Monday, October 19 at 9:00 am

Sally Samia

Birthday Mass

Thursday, October 22 at 9:00 am

Dan O'Brien

5th Anniversary Mass

Friday, October 23 at 9:00 am

John & Margaret O'Connor

Memorial Mass

Saturday, October 24 at 5:00 pm

Ted Graczyk

13th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, October 25 at 8:00 am

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

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

Level 1 Classes will meet on Sunday, Oct. 18. Class begins with attendance at the 5 pm Mass.

Parish Happenings

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

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

Thanksgiving 2015 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 donated by *Olympia Movers of Watertown* and can be found in the closet at the back of the church. Baskets will be collected on Sunday, November 22nd. We are in need of volunteers to drive the donated meals to Catholic Charities the morning of Monday, November 23 at 9:30 am. ***If you own a large SUV, enclosed truck or minivan, please consider helping deliver.*** Please email Deacon Charles Ferraro at Deacon-Charlie@StIrenes.org for more information or to volunteer.

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!

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 are on sale after Mass and 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.

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!!

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

St. Michael Annual Harvest Holiday Fair

St. Michael Parish will hold its annual craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, 90 Concord Rd (Rt. 62), Bedford. The fair features an array of beautiful raffle baskets and items, beautiful holiday gifts by crafters, artisans, independent vendors, home-base businesses, delicious baked goods, home-made apple pies (frozen ready to bake), and a definite not-to-be missed White Elephant Sale! Please spread the word and bring along your family and friends – there is something for everyone!

Holy Family Presentation

Holy Family Parish Church at 12 Monument Square, Concord, will be the site of a special presentation on healthcare to the homeless by Harvard Medical School professor Dr. James O'Connell on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary of Holy Family Church. Dr. O'Connell has just published a book, *Stories from the Shadows, Reflections of a Street Doctor*, which recounts his years of experience working with the homeless men, women and children of Boston. Designed for adults and older youth we are expecting a very large crowd for this event. So, please plan to come early to get a good seat. He will be touching on some of the greatest health challenges of our time: AIDS, addiction and untreated mental illness.

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.

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 6.3% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$5,230
Last year's Offertory	\$5,582

Offertory YTD	\$236,847
Offertory YTD last year	\$246,437

Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD	\$23,618
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The collection for World Mission Sunday amounted to \$1490.

The second collection this Sunday is 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.