

# St. Irene Church

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**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 15, 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

Amarinda Scacciotti

17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Sunday, November 15 at 8:00 am

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Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 15 & 22 at 11:00 am

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20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Monday, November 16 at 9:00 am

Emile Dumont - 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Betty Biga – Birthday Mass

Tuesday, November 17 at 9:00 am

Charles, Josephine & Mary Roscoe

Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 22 at 8:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

This weekend we are taking up our Grand Annual Collection. We began this collection after the construction of our beautiful new church and parish hall. At that time the mortgage due on the church was around \$800,000. At the advice of our parish finance council, we introduced the Grand Annual Collection which enabled us to pay off the debt of the new church in nine years. Since then, this collection has enabled us to remain financially stable. We have been able to maintain services and make necessary repairs and improvements in our parish. It is your generosity that has made this possible. I am most grateful to all of you for your generous support. God bless you.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Children's Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will take place on Sunday, Nov. 15 at the 8 and 11 am Masses. Grade 4 will host both Masses.

## Parish Book of Life

During the month of November we offer special prayers in remembrance of the faithful departed. The Parish Book of Life will be 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.

## Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Our annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at the First Religious Society on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 pm. Father Tom will preach. Refreshments will follow in the Union Hall.

## 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.

## Religious Education

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### Christmas Pageant Directors Needed

After several years of directing both Carol Yelle and Laura France will be retiring after this year. Please email Eileen Faber at [Reled@StIrenes.org](mailto:Reled@StIrenes.org) if you are interested in volunteering for this position. You would be involved in assisting this year and take over for next.

## Selling Advent Candles and Wreaths - November 15

The 7th grade CCD class will be selling Advent Candles and Wreaths in the Parish Hall Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 am. These are 12" taper candles priced at \$10/set. The money earned will be used to ship clothing to children in Nicaragua. Please support our young parishioners in this initiative!

## 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.

## Confirmation

Level 1 Classes will meet on Sunday, Nov. 15. Class begins with attendance at the 5 pm Mass.

## Parish Happenings

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### Grand Annual collection

The Grand Annual Collection is the second collection this weekend. You may place your donation in the collection basket or simply send it to the rectory. Our goal this year is \$100,000. Your generosity over the years has been outstanding. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

### Women's Club Apple Pie Day

The Women's Club will be having their Apple Pie Day on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 am - until finished. Bring your favorite apple peeler, apron and smile - the more help the easier the work!!! **If anyone wishes to purchase a pie, you can do so between 4:00 – 7:00 pm for \$10 each due at that time.** Looking forward to many volunteers giving a helping hand!!

### Keeping Christ in Christmas

Your St. Irene Knights will be selling Keeping Christ in Christmas cards after the Masses beginning Nov. 21 & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please consider purchasing these Catholic themed cards that represent what Christmas is all about.

## Thanksgiving 2015 Food Baskets

Catholic Charities of Lowell and Haverhill currently distributes food to 30,000 people annually. For many years Catholic Charities has relied upon St. Irene's to provide food baskets to families in need. Your response in the past has been greatly appreciated.

Detailed information and food lists can be found at the back of the church. The 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 and delivered immediately after on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.** We are in need of volunteers to drive the donated meals to Catholic Charities **Sunday after collection.** If you own a large SUV, enclosed truck or minivan, please consider helping deliver. Checks can be made out to "Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities" with "Lowell Food Pantry" on the memo line in lieu of a food basket. Checks can be dropped off at the rectory. Please email Deacon Charles Ferraro at [DeaconCharlie@StIrenes.org](mailto:DeaconCharlie@StIrenes.org) for more information or to volunteer.

## Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project

We will be collecting items for the Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project from Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>; please put your contributions in the box located in the church vestibule. Donations do not have to be in sets. Adult volunteers will assemble the gift bags. Each gift bag will contain a bar of deodorant soap (4-5 oz.), toothpaste (5.8 - 6 oz.), white envelopes #6 3/4 (6 1/2" x 3 5/8"), a pad of WHITE paper (6" x 9" or 5" x 8"), 100 pages, no wire), a pair of white CREW socks (no tube socks, knee highs or "tennis" socks), a bottle (plastic) of shampoo (12-15 oz.), a stick deodorant (no roll-ons or gels, 2.5 oz. or larger), and a hand made holiday greeting card ("Happy Holidays, Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas, no religious cards), signed with first names only. If you would like to assemble gift bags, make cards, have any questions or want to make a cash donation, call Jean Donnelly 978-369-1993 or email [prison-gifts@stirenes.org](mailto:prison-gifts@stirenes.org).

## St. Irene Mystery Dinner SOLD OUT!

All tickets to the St. Irene's Murder Mystery Dinner scheduled for Saturday, November 21 have been sold. Marguerite and Frank Barre are taking names for a waiting list. If you would like to be on the list, please let the rectory office know (978)369-3940.

## Library News – Advent Book Displays

Advent books for both adults and children are on display at the back of the church and also downstairs in the library. Please keep the books out for no longer than 3 weeks, so that all may enjoy them. Thank 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](http://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.

## 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## Area Events

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### Luke: Stories on the Road Frank Runyeon to Kick Off Year of Mercy

The Catholic Community of Billerica has invited Frank Runyeon, a former Hollywood actor who now performs the gospel throughout the country, to bring “**Luke: Stories of Mercy**” to **St. Theresa Church on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 PM**. Frank will share reflections and stories from his own faith journey, and point to the theme of mercy in Jesus' best known parables, *The Prodigal Son* and *The Good Samaritan*. In addition, Frank will share some of his “Hollywood vs. Faith” presentation to help us to choose to live out our Advent the way Jesus would want us to, as opposed to secular society. All ages are welcome! We will have fellowship and refreshments following the hour-long performance.

## Financial Information

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### 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](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com). Thank you.

### Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 6.7% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$6,327
Last year's Offertory	\$5,928
Offertory YTD	\$260,607
Offertory YTD last year	\$272,665

Dedicated Church Maintenance  
and Upkeep Fund YTD     \$26,405

The collection for the Campaign for Human Development amounted to \$904.

This week the second collection for will be for the **Grand Annual Collection** in lieu of 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of each month at 1:00 pm.

#### Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.