



# St. Irene Church

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**The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 28, 2014**

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## 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

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## Liturgical Events

### Mass Intentions

Theresa Manning

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

and

George O'Hearn

15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Saturday, September 27 at 5 pm

Norma Burke

Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 28 at 11 am

George Canzano

Memorial Mass

Thursday, October 2 at 9 am

Alice Martin

Healing Mass

Friday, October 3 at 9 am

Ralph Guanci

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Saturday, October 4 at 5 pm

Sarah Jane Moore  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, October 5 at 5 pm

## The Pastor's Corner

During this past week, the Archdiocese announced Phase III in the process of forming collaboratives for its 289 parishes. This plan entitled "Disciples in Mission" involves naming one pastor for two or more parishes. The parishes will remain separate, but there will be one Parish Pastoral Council and separate Finance Councils for each parish. The plan is a gradual one, up to seven phases. Next June, thirty four parishes will be formed into sixteen collaboratives. The parishes were named last week. Eventually, Saint Irene Parish and Holy Family Parish, Concord will form one collaborative. I am pleased that this will not happen until at least 2016. Still, it will happen eventually and we need to prepare for it. During the past year I have met with Father Austin Fleming to discuss our preparations. Our Parish Councils have also met together to formulate plans to make this process as successful as we can. We will continue to work together for the good of all our people.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Banns of Marriage

1<sup>st</sup> Publication

Ryan Burns and Danielle Poulin

## Blessing of the Animals

The annual Blessing of the Animals will take place next Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the church parking lot.

## 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 6:20-7:00 pm. The choir sings at the monthly Family Masses, as well as at Christmas, Easter, and First Communion. No experience is needed.

## Young Adult Contemporary Group

We welcome young adults ages 13 and up to come and sing at the Monthly Contemporary Mass. This Mass is always the 5:00 pm Mass on the first Sunday of every month. Our group meets at 4:00 pm and rehearses for an hour before singing at the 5:00 pm Mass. This group is open to vocalists and instrumentalists. No singing experience is necessary. Our first Mass is October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## 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!

We would also love to have instrumentalists join the Music Ministry as well, so please don't hesitate to come and find me after Mass or drop me a line at: [music@StIrenes.org](mailto:music@StIrenes.org).

*Fondly, Cypriana Coelho*

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> will begin Part I of our Safety Sessions for grades K-4 and will conclude on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Safety Part I for grade 5 will begin on October 19<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Safety Part I for grade 6 will begin on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and conclude on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Healthy Choices/Safe Kids Parent-Teen Retreat will be held in the Parish Hall from 11:30-4 pm on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Youth Living Rosary - Special Start Time

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

## Columbus Day Weekend

There will be NO CLASSES for grades K-5 on Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> for grades 6-8 due to the Columbus Day Weekend. Classes will resume on Oct. 19 and 20.

## Confirmation Classes

Classes for Level 1 will meet this Sunday. Please remember to bring your Sponsor and Candidate Commitment forms. The full calendar is available on the Confirmation Preparation page on the St. Irene Website [www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation\\_prep.html](http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html). If you have any questions, please email Sheila Zacharchuk at [confirmation@StIrenes.org](mailto:confirmation@StIrenes.org).

## Parish Happenings

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### SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, Nov. 22 St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater

Mark your calendar now! The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "Demise in Paradise – or – Koo-koo Nuts on a Deserted Island" on Saturday, November 22, 2014. Fr. Tom has been the hit of the show for the last 17 productions, and you will surely want to see what he is up to this year! Come and enjoy good company, good food, and lots of laughs!!

## **Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive**

The Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual Tootsie Roll Drive the weekend of October 4/5 following all the Masses. Proceeds will benefit the Special Olympic participants. Thank you for your support.

## **Knights of Columbus Fund Raiser for Fr. Augustin's Mother**

The Knights of Columbus are assisting with the raising of funds for the rebuilding of Fr. Augustin's mother's house, which recently collapsed completely. If you are able to donate, please do so. Our target is to raise at least \$5,000. This fundraising is separate from the parish finances, but we ask that checks be made out to St Irene's Parish with a clear memo that the money is for "Fr Augustin's Rebuild Fund", so your amount can be included in your annual donation receipt. Please ask any Knight if you have any questions.

## **Book Sale to Benefit Fr. Augustin's Mother**

On Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm there will be a book sale in the Parish Hall. The proceeds from this sale will be donated towards rebuilding Father Augustin's mother's house. Please help if you are able. Thank you.

## **St. Irene Parish Picnic – Thank You**

Thank you to all the Knights of Columbus for the wonderful picnic last week at St. Irene Parish. Thanks also to the Peer Leadership group for their service with our youth. Thankfully the rain stopped and the company and food were terrific.

## **Theater News White Christmas - Tuesday, Dec. 16**

Irving Berlin's **White Christmas** is coming to Boston in December. Judy Andrews has purchased 20 tickets for opening night on Tuesday, December 16 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$58 per person (group rate). If you are interested in going, please contact Judy or call the rectory (978) 369-3940. No payment is required until November.

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the rectory. This is Columbus Day weekend.

## **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.

## **Virtus/Protecting God's Children Training**

All teachers and volunteers need to take a one-time VIRTUS training course. If you have already taken it at St. Irene's or any other parish you do NOT need to retake the class. However, if you have not had this training you will need to take it. Dates and locations are listed at [www.bostoncatholic.org/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=4986&pid=1472](http://www.bostoncatholic.org/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=4986&pid=1472).

Please call the rectory if you have taken VIRTUS training at another parish, so we can update our records. Thank you.

## **2014 Catholic Appeal Update**

Thank you to all the supporters of the 2014 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$21,470 towards our goal of \$33,894 from 77 donors and families. If you have not yet contributed please consider a donation to the Catholic Appeal. Donation envelopes

are at the back of the Church. For more information, please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com). Thank you.

## Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 17.5% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

## Area Events

### Permanent Diaconate – Information & Inquiry Sessions

If you are discerning God's possible call to serve the Church as a minister of charity, word, and sacrament as an ordained Deacon in the Archdiocese of Boston, you and your wife (for those who are married) are invited to take part in the upcoming Inquirer program. The program consists of four meetings: three evening informational sessions to be held at the Pastoral Center in Braintree on Oct. 7 & 14 and Nov. 4 from 7:00-8:30 pm, as well as a half-day discernment retreat to be held on Saturday Nov. 15 (location TBA) from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (with lunch provided). For more information, please contact the Permanent Diaconate Office at [deacondan\\_burns@rcab.org](mailto:deacondan_burns@rcab.org).

The next group to be admitted into formation will begin classes in Sept. 2015. The Diaconate Formation Program is four years in length and is open to single and married men who will be between the ages of 35-65 at the time of ordination.

### Public Square Rosary Bedford, MA Saturday, Oct. 11 at Noon

Please join in a Public Square Rosary on Saturday, October 11, at noon at Bedford Town Square, on Great Road. We will be praying for our country on the 97<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the miracle of the sun at Fatima. The Public Square Rosary will be one of over 12,000 rallies taking place across the United States on that day.

### St. Margaret School Craft/Vendor Fair

St. Margaret School, Lowell will be hosting a Craft/Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 15 from 9:00 – 3:00 in the school hall. We

are calling all Crafters/Vendors to join us on that day. 8 ft x 8 ft spaces are available to showcase your wares! For more information, please contact Danielle Caron at 978-453-8491.

### Financial Information

Offertory	\$5495
Offertory YTD	\$224,980

Last week's second collection for the Dedicated Parish Maintenance & Upkeep Collection amounted to \$2189.

### 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.