



St. Irene Church

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The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5, 2014

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

5th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, October 4 at 5 pm

George MacCormack

Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 5 at 8 am

Betty Phillips

Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 5 at 11 am

Sarah Jane Moore

1st Anniversary Mass

Sunday, October 5 at 5 pm

Pat Cella

Healing Mass

Tuesday, October 7 at 9 am

Barbara Stevens

Memorial Mass

Saturday, October 11 at 9 am

Ursula Kocemba-Slosky

Memorial Mass

Saturday, October 11 at 5 pm

Barbara Graczyk

21st Anniversary Mass

Sunday, October 12 at 8 am

Phuc Tu

Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 12 at 11 am

George MacCormack

Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 12 at 5 pm

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend we observe Ministry Sunday in our parish. It has been our custom for many years to designate this weekend as an opportunity for our parishioners to share in the various ministries of our parish. Since the Second Vatican Council, we have encouraged our lay people to be actively involved in the life and ministries of our church community. We have many opportunities for service. Some are spiritual, for example Eucharistic Ministers, lectors and altar servers. Some are educational, teaching in our Religious Education program. Our Women's Club offers both social and charitable activities. The Knights of Columbus offers similar opportunities. We are always open to men and women willing to serve in our Parish Pastoral Council and our Parish Finance Council. We encourage you to consider the ministry in the parish that is suited to your talents and needs.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

Banns of Marriage

2nd Publication

Ryan Burns and Danielle Poulin

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 5th.

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.

Fondly, Cypriana Coelho

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

October 5th will begin Part I of our Safety Sessions for grades K-4 and will conclude on October 19th. Safety Part I for grade 5

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

Youth Living Rosary - Special Start Time

Grades 6-8 will host their annual Living Rosary on Monday, October 6th 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. 12th and Monday, Oct. 13th for grades 6-8 due to the Columbus Day Weekend. Classes will resume on Oct. 19 and 20.

Confirmation Classes

Classes for Level 2 will meet this Sunday. Please remember to bring your Confirmation Commitment Sponsor Forms. The full calendar is available on the Confirmation Preparation page on the St. Irene Website www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html. If you have any questions, please email Sheila Zacharuk at confirmation@StIrenes.org.

Parish Happenings

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!!

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, October 19th at 7 pm in the rectory. *Please note new date.*

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

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

Update on Fund Raising Efforts for Fr. Augustin's Mother

Wow, the Holy Spirit is moving through the Parish of St. Irene's! Only a few short weeks ago, the need of Father Augustin's Mother was announced, and as of today, we have collected \$9,676! This new total will allow Marcella (Father's Mother) to add an electric light, enclose the pit toilet/outhouse and add a small enclosed cooking area behind her new, sturdy house. We can't wait to share pictures of the house you helped to build! We are still gratefully accepting additional contributions. Thank you so very much for your unbelievable generosity.

Theater News

White Christmas - Tuesday, Dec. 16

The initial 20 tickets for **White Christmas** are taken but Judy Andrews has an order in for more. The performance is on Tuesday, December 16 at 7:30 pm and 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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Thank you.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 21% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

World Mission Sunday

Next 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. For more information please visit <http://www.propfaithboston.org/>.

Area Events

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 97th 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.

Bowling / Pizza Event – November 2nd

On Sunday, November 2, 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 1:00 - 3:00 pm. The event includes Duckpin bowling, which is followed by pizza. Interested families are asked to register for this **free event** by contacting Ken Desilets (Phone: 978-692-6866 or email: kgde-signed@gmail.com) before October 29th.

St. Margaret School Craft/Vendor Fair November 15th

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	\$6389
Offertory YTD	\$231,369

The second collection next week will be for World Mission Sunday.

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, 1st 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, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

Weddings

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.