



# St. Irene Church

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**All Souls Day**  
**November 2, 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

Jose Dias

Memorial Masses

Sunday, November 2 at 8 & 11 am

Dolores Regan

Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 2 at 5 pm

Manuel Barros - Memorial Mass

Manuel & Otilia Barros

42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, November 5 at 9 am

Norbert Balles

Memorial Mass

Thursday, November 6 at 9 am

James Hamilton

Memorial Mass

Saturday, November 8 at 5 pm

Veterans Day Mass

Sunday, November 9 at 11 am

## Banns of Marriage

3<sup>rd</sup> Publication

Paul Licata and Heidi Collins

## The Pastor's Corner

This Sunday we observe All Souls Day, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. The practice of praying for our relatives and friends who have died is rooted in ancient tradition dating back to the second century. Prayers for the dead were offered in the catacombs in Rome where many early Christians were buried. We continue to pray for those who have died in the funeral Mass in which we not only remember and celebrate the life of the person who has died, but also commend that person to the Lord. During the month of November, we remember at Mass those whose names we write in our Parish Book of Life. We are reminded of our basic Christian belief – that life does not end in death. Jesus Christ has risen and conquered death for us. He promised eternal life in our Father's house in heaven to all who believe in Him. As we pray for those who have died, we renew our faith and our Christian hope in the promised life in heaven.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Veterans Day Mass

The Saint Irene Knights of Columbus will be providing coffee and refreshments in the hall following the 11:00 am Mass in honor of veterans. All parishioners are invited to come by. Veterans especially, in that we would like to honor your service. A new flag has been given to the Parish by the Knights in honor of all veterans who have been a part of the Saint Irene community.

## Parish Book of Life

During the month of November we offer special prayers in remembrance of the faithful departed. The Parish Book of Life is 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 St. Irene's on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

## Children's Choir

Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church from 6:20-7:00 pm.

## Young Adult Contemporary Group

We meet in the church on the first Sunday of every month to rehearse and sing at the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass. Our next meeting is this Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm.

## Adult Choir

Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church from 7:15-8:30 pm.

## Religious Education

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### Thank You

Thank you to the Grade 6 students for hosting both the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses last Sunday. Our next Children's Liturgy will be hosted by Grade 7 on Sunday, November 16.

## Safety Sessions

Safety Part II for grade 6 will conclude on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent's Meeting

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents First Reconciliation meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

## Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Level 1 will be meeting this Sunday after 5:00 pm Mass. If you have not already done so, please remember to bring in your forms that are now past due

## Parish Happenings

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### Thanksgiving 2014 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. In conjunction with the Peer Leaders and Project 351, all food basket donations will be matched by an in-kind contribution by Walmart.

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 provided by Olympia Movers of Watertown and can be found in the closets at the back of the Church. Baskets will be collected on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are in need of volunteers to drive the donated meals to Catholic Charities the morning of Monday, November 24 at 9:30 am. *If you own a large SUV, enclosed truck or minivan, please consider helping deliver.* We are in need of 6 vehicles in order to fit around 60 boxes of food. Please email Debbie Boulé at [foodbaskets@StIrenes.org](mailto:foodbaskets@StIrenes.org) for more information or to volunteer.

## **St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater Saturday, November 22**

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**. Tickets will go on sale after all Masses on the weekends of **November 8/ 9** and **November 15/ 16** at \$25 each for a 4-course catered meal AND a fun production—such a deal!

This year we will also have a special "box office" time for those who might be out of town on the ticket sale weekends. Marguerite and Frank Barre will sell tickets in the lower church hall on **Thursday, November 6** from 6:00-8:30 pm.

Come and see what Fr. Tom is up to this year—and enjoy good company, good food, and lots of laughs!!

## **Parish Council Meeting**

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

## **Keeping Christ in Christmas Cards**

The Saint Irene Knights will be selling Catholic themed Christmas cards after Masses starting the weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please consider buying your cards to support the great charitable work the Knights do in our community.

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

Through the power of the Holy Spirit and your generosity, we have collected a total of \$11,691 for Fr. Augustin's Mother's house! Please take a minute to look at the pictures of Fr. Augustine's mom, Marcelline and of the house that you have helped to build (at the entrance to the church). Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

## **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](mailto:caring@StIrenes.org).

## **Theater News**

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

The tickets for **White Christmas** are sold out. The performance is on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 pm and tickets are \$58 per person. Please submit payment to Judy by November 9. Thank you.

## **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.

## **Family Prayer for Vocations Icon**

St. Irene's has a beautiful 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](mailto: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. Go to [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) for dates.

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 \$22,070 towards our goal of \$33,894 from 79 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.

## Parish Library

Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books in our Parish Library which is located in Room 6 of the Parish Hall. The library is open whenever the Church is open but not during religious education classes.

## College Planning

If you and your family are starting a college search please check St. Irene's website for a list of many Catholic colleges in the US at [www.stirenes.org/faithformation/catholiceducation/colleges.html](http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/catholiceducation/colleges.html).

## Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was .4% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

## Area Events

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### Holy Family Lecture

Holy Family Parish in Concord will be sponsoring a talk by Boston College Emeritus Professor of English, Dennis Taylor, on Wednesday, November 19 at 7:30 pm. The talk and discussion will introduce the audi-

ence to Etty Hillesum's classic spiritual work, *An Interrupted Life* and will take place in the parish office building at 55 Church Street in West Concord, opposite the Harvey Wheeler Center. Donations gratefully accepted.

## Financial Information

Offertory	\$6072
Offertory YTD	\$258,484

The second collection next week will be for the Campaign for Human Development.

## 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.