



# St. Irene Church

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## The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 9, 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

James Hamilton  
Memorial Mass

Saturday, November 8 at 5 pm

Veterans Day Mass

Sunday, November 9 at 11 am

Jose Dias

Memorial Mass

Monday, November 10 at 9 am

Mary Curcio

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, November 12 at 9 am

Clara DiNicola

Memorial Mass

Thursday, November 13 at 9 am

Amarinda Scacciotti

16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Friday, November 14 at 9 am

Rita Paquin

6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Saturday, November 15 at 5 pm

Ted Semrad

19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Sunday, November 16 at 8:00 am

### The Pastor's Corner

Next weekend, we will take up the Grand Annual Collection. It will replace the usual November monthly collection. Over the years all of you, our parishioners, have been most generous in your donations to this collection. The Grand Annual Collection began in 1997 as the primary way to pay off the mortgage of our new church. This collection enabled us to pay this mortgage of about \$800,000 in less than ten years. Since then, we have used this collection to make improvements to our church property and to pay for the expenses not met by the weekly offertory. I know that this year you will respond as generously as in the past to enable us to reach our goal. I am most grateful for your generous response to this collection and to all the other appeals we have made over the years. Thank you and God bless you.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

### Childrens' Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will take place next Sunday, November 16 at the 8 and 11 am Masses. Grade 7 students will host.

## Veterans Day Mass

The Saint Irene Knights of Columbus will be providing coffee and refreshments in the hall following the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 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, December 7<sup>th</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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### Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Level 2 will be meeting this Sunday after 5:00 pm Mass. If you have not already done so, please remember to bring in your Sponsor and Retreat forms that are now due.

## Parish Happenings

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### Parish Council Meeting

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

### 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 be on sale after all Masses the weekend of **November 8/ 9** at \$25 each for a 4-course catered meal AND a fun production—such a deal!

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

### Women's Club Apple Pie Day

The Women's Club will be having their Apple Pie Day on Thursday, November 20<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!!

### 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. 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 collect-

ed 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.

### **Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project**

We will be collecting items for the Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project from Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 7<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 ¾ (6 ½" 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, 2.5 oz. or larger), and a holiday greeting card ("Happy Holidays, Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas, no religious cards), signed with first names only. Handmade cards are especially appreciated. If you would like to assemble gift bags, make cards, have any questions or want to make a cash donation, email Jean Donnelly at [prisongifts@stirenes.org](mailto:prisongifts@stirenes.org). Thank you.

### **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.

### **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 Andrews 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).

#### **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).

## 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.

## Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 11.2% more than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

## Area Events

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### Grief Workshop at Holy Family

A workshop "Handling Grief Through the Holidays" will be held, Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Holy Family Parish Center (55 Church St., West Concord). The speaker, Gloria Clough, MDiv, RN, CS will provide valuable information of dealing with the "EMPTY CHAIR". The painful issues that one is coping with will be address. Time for questions will be provided. For further information, please call Sister Rose Marie at 978-369-7442 or e-mail [rosel55church@aol.com](mailto:rosel55church@aol.com).

### Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius at St. Michael Parish in Bedford

We are excited to announce that on the Tuesday, Nov. 18 the Parish of St. Michael will begin a 25 week series of spiritual formation according to the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. The Spiritual Exercises grew out of Ignatius Loyola's personal experience as a man seeking to grow in union with God and to discern God's will. The Retreat will take place from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center and will be guided by Victor Melo, Pastoral Assistant at St. Anthony Church in Lowell. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per session. For more information, please contact the Rel. Ed. Office at 781-275-6324 or email [RelEd@SaintMichaelParishBedford.org](mailto:RelEd@SaintMichaelParishBedford.org) by Wednesday, Nov. 12.

## Financial Information

Offertory \$8254  
Offertory YTD \$266,738

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

The second collection next week will be for the **Grand Annual Collection** in lieu of the monthly (Parish Maintenance and Upkeep) collection.

## 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.