



St. Irene Church

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**The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16, 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

Rita Paquin

6th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, November 15 at 5 pm

Ted Semrad

19th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, November 16 at 8 am

Maureen Shashaty

Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 16 at 11 am

George MacCormack

Memorial Mass

Saturday, November 22 at 5 pm

Childrens' Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will be this Sunday, November 16th at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Grade 7 students will host.

The Pastor's Corner

Each week I receive the bulletin for Saint Margaret's Parish, Burlington. Last week Father Frank Silva had an interesting column. He quoted a magazine article with the question – What's the #1 reason teens keep their faith as adults? Perhaps it's not surprising that the answer is – their parents. The study noted that fathers and mothers who practice what they preach are far and away the major influence in adolescents keeping their faith into their twenties. An interesting statistic is only 1% of teens age 15 to 17 raised by parents with little importance of religion were highly religious in their twenties. But 82% of children raised by parents who talked about faith at home, attached great importance to their beliefs and practiced their faith were themselves religiously active as adults. Parents have the privilege and responsibility of passing their faith on to their children. This study confirms that there is no substitute for the role of parents in educating their children in faith.

- Fr. Tom Donohoe

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.

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.

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 7th at 4:00 pm.

Adult Choir

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

Religious Education

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 due.

Parish Happenings

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 20th 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 with payment of \$10 per pie due at that time.** Looking forward to many volunteers giving a helping hand!!

Children's Christmas Party December 7th 12:00 – 2:00 pm

The annual children's Christmas party will follow the 11 am Mass on December 7th. Please join in the fun with holiday arts and crafts, pizza, music and a visit from Santa. Tickets are available after Masses. Children 3 and under are Free, 4-12 \$5 and Adults \$7.

ST. IRENE'S MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SOLD OUT!

All tickets to the St. Irene's Murder Mystery Dinner scheduled for Saturday, November 22, have been sold. Marguerite and Frank Barre are taking names for a waiting list. Please contact the rectory if you have any questions. Thank you.

Women's Club Christmas Gifts for Soldiers

Each year St. Irene's Women's Club sends Christmas gifts to our deployed men and women serving our country. We are once again collecting small but welcome gifts for the soldiers. There is a detailed information sheet at the back of the Church for those who would like to donate. Items will be picked up by the Women's Club on Dec. 7th for Christmas delivery. Please consider a small remembrance for our deployed soldiers serving you and our country.

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 collected on Sunday, November 23rd. 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 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 15th through Sunday, December 7th; 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, please email Jean Donnelly at prisongifts@stirenes.org

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 5.7% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Keeping Christ in Christmas Cards

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

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.

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.

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. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

Area Events

Grief Workshop at Holy Family

A workshop "Handling Grief Through the Holidays" will be held, Wednesday, November 19th. 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.

Financial Information

Offertory \$5928
Offertory YTD \$272,665

The collection for the Campaign for Human Development amounted to \$915.

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

Next week's second collection will be for the Retired Religious Sisters.

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.