

St. Irene Church

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All Saints Day
November 1, 2015

The Pastor's Corner

Traditionally, the month of November has been a special time in our Church to pray for our family members, friends and acquaintances who have died. We begin this month by celebrating the feast of All Saints on November 1. We honor the "little saints" whose names are known to God alone as well as the canonized saints. On November 2, we celebrate the Commemoration of All Souls. We pray for and commend to God our deceased. Each year during this month we place a book at the front of the church that we call the "Book of Life" to record the names of our loved ones who have died. The Mass on All Souls Day will be offered for all those whose names are written in the Book of Life. In addition, we will remember them in each daily and Sunday Mass. I encourage you to write the names of your family and friends who have died so that we can pray together for them in this month devoted to the Holy Souls.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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

Pham T. Thanh

Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 1 at 11:00 am

Brian Tobin

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, November 3 at 9:00 am

Rita Paquin

7th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, November 7 at 5:00 pm

Veterans' Day Mass

Sunday, November 8 at 11:00 am

All Saints Day

This Sunday, November 1 is the feast of All Saints. Masses are on the regular Sunday schedule.

Honoring Our Veterans – Sunday, Nov. 8

The Saint Irene Parish Knights of Columbus invite all veterans and parishioners to a coffee hour after the 11am Mass next Sunday, November 8th. Coffee, juice and hot cocoa as well as pastries, muffins, coffee cake and donuts will be served. Please stop by and take a moment to show your appreciation for the valuable service performed by veterans for our country.

Parish Book of Life

During the month of November we offer special prayers in remembrance of the faithful departed. The Parish Book of Life will be 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 the First Religious Society on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 pm. Father Tom will preach. Refreshments will follow in the Union Hall.

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.

Religious Education

Thank You

Thank you to the Grade 6 students for hosting both the 8:00 & 11:00 am Masses last Sunday. Our next Children's Liturgy will be hosted by Grade 4 on Sunday, Nov. 15.

Christmas Pageant Directors Needed

After several years of directing both Carol Yelle and Laura France will be retiring after this year. Please email or call Eileen Faber at Reled@StIrenes.org or 978-505-2967 if you are interested in volunteering for this position. You would be involved in assisting this year and take over for next.

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.

2nd Grade Parent's Meeting

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

Confirmation

Level 1 Classes will meet on Sunday, Nov. 1. Class begins with attendance at the 5 pm Mass. If you have not done so, please bring your commitment and sponsor forms.

Parish Happenings

Thanksgiving 2015 Food Baskets

Catholic Charities of Lowell and Haverhill currently distributes food to 30,000 people annually. For many years Catholic Charities has relied upon St. Irene's Parish to provide food baskets to families in need. Your response in the past has been greatly appreciated.

Detailed information and food lists can be found at the back of the church. The boxes have been donated by *Olympia Movers of Watertown* and can be found in the closet at the back of the church. **Baskets will be collected and delivered immediately after on Sunday, November 22nd.** We are in need

of volunteers to drive the donated meals to Catholic Charities **Sunday after collection**. If you own a large SUV, enclosed truck or minivan, please consider helping deliver. Checks can be made out to "Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities" with "Lowell Food Pantry" on the memo line in lieu of a food basket. Checks can be dropped off at the rectory. Please email Deacon Charles Ferraro at DeaconCharlie@StIrenes.org for more information or to volunteer.

St. Irene Mystery Dinner Theater Saturday, November 21

The St. Irene Players, with lead thespian Fr. Tom Donohoe, will present its latest production: "Star Wreck – or - The Day the Earth Slowed Down for Murder" on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6:15 pm.

Ticket Sales

We will have a special "box office" time. Marguerite and Frank Barre will sell tickets in the lower church hall on **Thursday, Nov. 5 from 6 - 8:00 pm**. Tickets will also be sold after all Masses on the weekends of **Nov. 7/ 8** and **Nov. 14/ 15** if there are any remaining. Tickets are \$25 each for a 4-course catered meal (by Hostess Catering of Acton) 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!

Theater News

The North Shore Music Theatre will present "A Christmas Carol" in December. If you are interested in going, please call the rectory (978) 369-3940, email info@StIrenes.org or see Judy Andrews as soon as possible. If there is enough interest, a trip will be planned for early December. Thank you.

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!

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

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.

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.

St. Irene Online

We have upgraded St. Irene's web site: www.StIrenes.org and also added a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StIrenes. You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Protecting God's Children / CORI Checks

All clergy, Parish staff, and volunteers who minister, work, or serve in a capacity involving contact with children under eighteen must complete the prevention and education programs mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston (Virtus/Protecting God's Children). Dates and locations for training are listed at the Archdiocese website: www.bostoncatholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspx?pid=1472.

The Archdiocese also requires a **yearly** criminal offender record information (CORI) check for all full and part-time paid staff members, all clergy and all volunteers (17 years and older) who minister to or have access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978) 369-3940 if you have any questions.

Area Events

David Thorp Memorial Lecture

Holy Family's annual David Thorp Memorial Lecture will take place on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 6:00 PM in the lower level of Holy Family Church. Fr. Mike McGarry, current Director of the Paulist Center will be speaking on "Sharing Faith in the Midst of our Interfaith Neighborhoods." David Thorp served Holy Family parish for a year as Director of Faith Formation and in the Archdiocese of Boston for more than twenty years in many and varied capacities. Fr. McGarry is also an internationally recognized expert in Catholic-Jewish as well as ecumenical issues.

St. Paul's Choir School Open House Sunday, Nov. 15 12:30 – 2:00 pm

St. Paul's Choir School will have an Open House for all interested families of current third and fourth grade boys. We will begin immediately following 11:00am Mass at St. Paul's Church in Harvard Square.

St. Paul's Choir School is the only all boys Catholic choir school in the United States. The choir school offers unparalleled spiritual development, small class sizes, excellence in academics and world-class musical experience. Our graduates are in high demand for the areas outstanding high schools. For more information please visit our website www.stpaulchoirschool.com or call our office at (617) 868-8658.

Financial Information

Catholic Appeal 2015

Thank you to all who have participated in the 2015 Catholic Appeal. St. Irene Parish has raised \$25,255 towards our goal of \$35,246 from 82 donors and families. If you would like to make a donation, envelopes are at the back of the church or visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com. Thank you.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory last Sunday was 10.4% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

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| Offertory | \$5,442 |
| Last year's Offertory | \$6,072 |
| Offertory YTD | \$247,211 |
| Offertory YTD last year | \$258,484 |
| Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD | \$26,140 |

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

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
Please contact Deacon Charles Ferraro

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

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.