



St. Irene Church

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2015

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

7th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, November 7 at 5:00 pm

Veterans' Day Mass

Sunday, November 8 at 11:00 am

Mary Curcio

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 9:00 am

Amarinda Scacciotti

17th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, Nov. 14 at 5:00 pm

Pham T. Thanh

Memorial Mass

Sunday, Nov. 15 at 11:00 am

Ted Semrad

20th Anniversary Mass

Monday, November 16 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

This Wednesday we observe Veteran's Day. It is a day to honor the men and women who have served our country in the military and have fought to preserve our freedom and way of life. This day was originally called Armistice Day and observed on November 11 because that was the day that the treaty was signed that ended World War I. At the time, this conflict was called the war to end all wars. But unfortunately that did not happen. Since then, we have been involved in a Second World War, as well as conflicts in Korea, Vietnam and now the Middle East. Veteran's Day is a reminder to pray for our veterans, especially those disabled or killed in combat but also a day to pray for peace in our world.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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 Sun-

day, 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.

Children's Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will take place next Sunday, Nov. 15 at the 8 and 11 am Masses. Grade 4 will host both Masses.

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

Christmas Pageant Directors Needed

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

Help others and Get ready for Christmas!

The 7th grade CCD class will be selling Advent Candles and Wreaths after Mass on Nov 15th and 9-11am during CCD to earn money to send clothing to school children in Nicaragua. Please support our effort! You can reserve yours in advance by clicking on the link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4cab2ca0fb6-advent>.

Cost: \$10 each (cash or check payable to St. Irene Parish / memo: candles). Supplies are limited so order yours soon! Thank you for your support!

The 7th grade CCD Classes

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.

Confirmation

Level 2 Classes will meet on Sunday, Nov. 8. Class begins with attendance at the 5 pm Mass.

Parish Happenings

Women's Club Apple Pie Day

The Women's Club will be having their Apple Pie Day on Thursday, November 19th 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 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.

There are a few tickets remaining and will be sold after the Saturday, Nov 7th 5 pm Mass. 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.

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, November 8th at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project

We will be collecting items for the Concord Prison Holiday Gift Bag Project from Saturday, Nov. 14th through Sunday, Dec. 6th; 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 or gels, 2.5 oz. or larger), and a hand made holiday greeting card ("Happy Holidays, Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas, no religious cards), signed with first names only. If you would like to assemble gift bags, make cards, have any questions or want to make a cash donation, contact Jean Donnelly at prisongifts@stirenes.org.

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.

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.

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!

Area Events

A Night of Food, Friends and Faith Wednesday, November 11 from 7-9 PM

Calling on young adults in their 20's & 30's! Come join us for dinner/ beverages (pay your own way), reflection and discussion at **Rapscallions Table and Tap** at 5 Strawberry Hill Road in Acton. Father Joe Rossi (St. Catherine's and St. Anne's parishes) will be presenting a reflection. For more information please contact Jim Flanagan at jim@applevalleycatholic.org. Sponsored by the Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Community.

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 14.4% less than last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish.

Offertory	\$7,069
Last year's Offertory	\$8,254

Offertory YTD	\$254,280
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Offertory YTD last year	\$266,738
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Dedicated Church Maintenance and Upkeep Fund YTD	\$26,315
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The second collection this weekend is for the Campaign for Human Development.

Next week the second collection for will be for the **Grand Annual Collection** in lieu of the Dedicated Parish Maintenance and Upkeep Fund.

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.