

# St. Irene Church

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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 19, 2017**

## 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

Josephine Cotroneo  
Memorial Mass  
Saturday, February 18 at 5:00 pm

Margaret Hanlon  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, February 19 at 8:00 am

Thomas Sullivan  
Healing Mass  
Thursday, February 23 at 9:00 am

Estelle Judd  
Paul Ricard  
Memorial Mass  
Friday, February 24 at 9:00 am

Patsy Colette  
Memorial Mass  
Saturday, February 25 at 9:00 am

Stephen and Maddie Kaduboski  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, February 25 at 5:00 pm

Grace McCarron  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, February 26 at 11:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

As I write this column, I am still adjusting to my return to the parish from my vacation in Florida. It is always good to separate ourselves from our work. So often our work identifies us. We as Americans tend to allow this to happen. I find it great to be away from my responsibilities as pastor for a short while. It is a kind of retreat for us. And I did enjoy being with family in 70 degree weather and enjoying several rounds of golf. Still it is good to be home and to do the work I love and enjoy.

~Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Ash Wednesday Schedule

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, Wednesday, March 1. Masses for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm. A Prayer Service will be held at 4:00 pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at these services.

## Low-Gluten Altar Bread is Available

If you have Celiac Disease and wish to receive Communion, please see the celebrant priest prior to Mass so he can consecrate the low-gluten hosts during the Mass.

## Daily Bible Readings

Please visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/) to find the daily bible readings and other information.

## Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

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.

## Religious Education

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### Religious Education K-8

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.

There are no Religious Education classes on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>st</sup> due to Winter Vacation. Classes will resume on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> for grades 6-8.

## Parish Happenings

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### Stations of the Cross

#### Women's Club – Soup and Bread

The Season of Lent is fast approaching. Ash Wednesday is March 1<sup>st</sup>. On Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, prior to the Stations of the Cross, we will have our first "Soup & Bread" repast in the Parish Hall. This Lenten event hosted by the Women's Club will run from 5:30 pm and continue until 7:00 pm so as to give people ample time to enjoy their meal before going upstairs for the stations. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

### 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

Are you interested in seeing "The King and I" at the Opera House? Judy Andrews is setting up a trip in April. The show runs from April 11 - 23. More information will be available soon.

### Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2017:

- Friday, Mar. 31 – Soup and Bread*
- Stations of the Cross*
- Sunday, Apr. 9 – Fr. Tom's Party*
- Friday, May 5 – Confirmation*
- Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show*
- Saturday, May 13 – First Communion*

## Parish Library – Overdue Books

St. Irene's library is missing many books. If you have an overdue library book, please return it as soon as possible – especially Lenten books. We would like to be able to share them with all our parishioners during Lent. Please return all books by Sunday, February 26. Thank you.

## 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 [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0). 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.

## 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).

## St. Irene Online

For more information about St. Irene Parish, please visit our web site: [www.StIrenes.org](http://www.StIrenes.org) or [www.facebook.com/StIrenes](http://www.facebook.com/StIrenes). You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail at [feedback@stirenes.org](mailto:feedback@stirenes.org). St. Irene's online calendar can be found at [www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html](http://www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html).

## Catholic Television

Catholic TV is available on Comcast Cable channel 238, Verizon FiOS channel 271, Sky Angel IPTV channel 142, RCN channel 85,

EWTN channel 56 and streaming on [www.CatholicTV.com](http://www.CatholicTV.com).

## Area Events

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### LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries on Tuesday, February 21st at 7pm for an inspiring night of worship at Immaculate Conception Church in Nashua, NH with speaker Fr. Matt Williams. The night will include uplifting music, a relevant talk, confessions, Eucharistic Adoration, and is FREE to attend and open to ALL AGES. A downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com). Come and worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

### Special Showing of "The Shack"

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith cordially invites you to attend the exclusive Boston premiere of "The Shack"

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:00 p.m.

AMC Framingham 16

22 Flutie Pass, Framingham, MA

All seats in the theatre are reserved for this event - over 600 are available through The Propagation of the Faith. Groups will be seated together on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to be there when the doors open at 6:30pm! Sign up by emailing [info@propfaithboston.org](mailto:info@propfaithboston.org) with the following info: number of people attending, parish or ministry, and contact name and email of your group leader.

While the tickets are complimentary, we request that attendees prayerfully consider a Lenten gift to benefit children in the missions. You may give now by visiting [www.propfaithboston.org](http://www.propfaithboston.org) and clicking on the "donate now" button. Then select the Missionary Childhood Association. An opportunity to donate will also be available the night of the event in the theater. See you at the movies!

## The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us. All are welcome.

St. Anthony Shrine, Boston, MA  
Lenten One-Day Spiritual Retreat  
March 11 from 9:30am-7:30pm

Lenten One-Hour Spiritual Retreat  
"Death is Only the First Day of the Week"  
March 15 from 12:00-1:00pm

For more information call Diane, Mother of Paul, at (617) 542-8057 or [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org)

## Financial Information

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### Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$118,925** towards our goal of \$125,000. If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. Your generosity over the years has been outstanding. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

### 2017 Catholic Appeal

Please take a moment to watch the 2017 Catholic Appeal video to see the positive impact that Central Ministries make throughout our Archdiocese:

<https://vimeo.com/193393173>. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. You may mail your pledge or visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to give online. Thank you in advance for your support.

### On-Line Giving at St. Irene's

St. Irene Parish provides Online Giving - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donations. Getting started is easy - just visit our website, [www.stirenes.org](http://www.stirenes.org), and click our **E-Giving** link. When you participate, your gift will

be securely transferred directly to the parish. We thank you for your continued support of St. Irene Parish.

*23 parishioners/families have enrolled in the on-line giving program.*

*23 parishioners are now using EBP (Electronic Bill Pay).*

The second collection this weekend is the Monthly collection.

### St. Irene Staff:

#### Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

#### Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

#### Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett

#### 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

Please contact the rectory.

#### 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

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.