

# St. Irene Church

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018

### 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

Mass of Thanksgiving  
Saturday, April 28 at 5:00 pm

Mass for Saint Irene  
Sunday, April 29 at 11:00 am

Mark Thomas Frates  
Memorial Mass  
Wednesday, May 2 at 9:00 am

Father Peter Quinn  
Birthday Mass of Thanksgiving  
Saturday, May 5 at 9:00 am

Ethel Isabelle  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Saturday, May 5 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly  
Memorial Mass  
Sunday, May 6 at 8:00 am

Scott Whalen  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, May 6 at 11:00 am

### The Pastor's Corner

Next Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Bishop Robert Reed will be coming to our church to confirm twenty-three candidates. These young adults have been preparing for Confirmation for two years by study, prayer, attendance at Sunday Mass and service projects. Confirmation is an important time in their lives. They will become fully initiated members of our church. So, I urge them to continue to be active members of our parish community, sharing the Eucharist with us each Sunday and taking an active role in our parish ministries. I congratulate these young people for their faithfulness and pray for their continued spiritual growth.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

## First Friday

Next Friday, May 4 is the First Friday of May. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. First Friday Devotions will follow and conclude with Benediction.

## 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

All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. 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@Stlrenes.org](mailto:adoration@Stlrenes.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

Our last class for grades 6-8 will be on April 30. It will be from 7-8:15 p.m. (Please note the special finish time). We will conclude our year with Mass followed by a Sundae Party in the Parish Hall.

Our last class for grades K-5 will take place on Sunday, May 6. The 9 am session classes will go to their classes as scheduled. BOTH the 9 &

10 am classes will begin lining up in the parish hall at 9:15 am.

We will conclude our year with the May Crowning ceremony at 9:30 am. Following the procession the 9 am students will be dismissed to their parents and 10 am students will go to their classrooms until 10:50 am dismissal time.

## Second Graders

The second of two mandatory First Communion rehearsals will also take place on Sunday, April 29. Please note the *SPECIAL START AND FINISH* time of 9:30 - 10:30 am for both class sessions as ALL 2nd grade students need to attend.

Folders, workbooks, and banners as well as donations for First Communion Flowers are due on Sunday, April 29. First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 12 at 10 am.

## Religious Education and Confirmation Registration 2018/2019

Registrations for the 2018/2019 Religious Education and Confirmation Program are available now. Please make sure to return with payment by June 30 in order to receive discounted price. Thank you.

## Confirmation News

On Wednesday, May 2 at 6:30 pm there is a rehearsal with dinner following in the parish hall. Confirmation candidates and their families will meet in the church. Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 5 at 11:00 am. Candidates and sponsors should arrive by 10:00 am.

## Peer Leaders

The Peer Leadership will be meeting on Sunday May 6th at 3:30. The title of the meeting will be On the Road.

Just a reminder that the Peer Leaders will be having a bake sale after the 11 am Mass on May 20th.

## Parish Happenings

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### Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, May 6 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

## Lazarus House Collection April 28- 29

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting funds for the Lazarus House Homeless Shelter in Lawrence, MA on April 28-29 after all the Masses. The Knights supply and cook a meal at Lazarus House once a month for about 30 men, women and children. Through the generosity of St. Irene Parish and the Knights of Columbus we are performing a great act of kindness and service to those in need.

## Bake Sale – Caring 4 Cameroon

**Sunday, April 29th 8:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Caring 4 Cameroon is an organization designed to help children at St. Andrew's School in Ngong, Cameroon. This project was founded by Fr. Augustin. Emma Tonies, Kylie Pietropaolo and Michael Zacharchuk will be hosting a bake sale at St. Irene's to raise money for five students at St. Andrew's. This money will provide for their school tuition and materials for the 2018/2019 school year. Thank you.

## CORI Checks for Staff and Volunteers

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 (18 years and older) who minister to or have access to **children, youth, elderly or the disabled**.

Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm if you have any questions. Forms were due April 20. Thank you to all who have submitted your forms.

## 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.

## Save the Dates

Saturday, May 5 – Confirmation

Sunday, May 6 – May Crowning

Saturday, May 12 - First Communion

## 2018 Catholic Appeal – Updated April 20

One of St. Irene's goals set by the Appeal is to have at least 44 In-Pew Envelopes filled out by parishioners. If you have not filled one out, please help St. Irene's by filling one out and putting it in the collection basket this weekend. We thank all of those who have already done so.

So far, 39 parishioners have participated, and together, we have raised **\$20,605** toward our parish assessment of **\$37,577**. Thank you to all who already have participated. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston. With **\$16,972** left to raise, we need the participation of every parishioner. If you have yet to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, please pledge online at **[bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org)** or complete a pledge form available in the back of the church.

## Red Cross Blood Drive – June 7

On Thursday, June 7 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm St. Irene's is sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross. You must be at least 17 years of age and in good general health to donate. To schedule an appointment either call (800) Red-Cross or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

## 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.

## 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)**.

## Lost Binoculars

A set of binoculars were left in the church last week. Please call the rectory office (978) 369-3940 to arrange to pick them up. Thank you.

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/StIrenes). You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via email 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).

## Area Events

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### Dynamic Catholic Presents Passion & Purpose for Marriage

Saturday, May 5 from 9:00am-1:30 pm  
St. Catherine Parish, 107 N. Main St., Westford  
Discover key ingredients to a healthy and happy marriage. Featuring author and speaker Dr. Allen Hunt and music guest George Lower. Tickets are \$25/person and are available at the parish offices of St. Catherine's and St. Anne's of Littleton.

### 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).

## Financial Information

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### 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.

## St. Irene Staff:

### Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

### Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

### Permanent Deacon:

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, 1st 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, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

### Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.

The rectory office is usually open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

| Financial Details | Weekly   | Monthly  |
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| Year to Date 2018 | \$99,778 | \$12,140 |
| Year to Date 2017 | \$98,032 | \$11,250 |