

# St. Irene Church



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## Feast of the Transfiguration August 6, 2017

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### Mass Schedule

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#### Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am  
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

#### Sunday

8:00 am, 11:00 am

#### Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

### Liturgical Events

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#### Mass Intentions

Lee Andrews - Memorial Mass  
Saturday, August 5 at 5:00 pm

Josephine Alfano – Memorial Mass  
Sunday, August 6 at 8:00 am

Paul Cox - 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, August 6 at 11:00 am

Christian Phillips – Birthday Mass  
Tuesday, August 8 at 9:00 am

Peter Sellow – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Wednesday, August 9 at 9:00 am

Philomena Whelan – Birthday Mass  
Thursday, August 10 at 9:00 am

Jose Henriques – Memorial Mass  
Friday, August 11 at 9:00 am

Amarinda Scacciotti – Memorial Mass  
Saturday, August 12 at 9:00 am

Maria Ponte – Memorial Mass  
Monday, August 14 at 9:00 am

Walden and Grace Ward  
Memorial Mass  
Wednesday, August 16 at 9:00 am

Colleen Kelly – Memorial Mass  
Thursday, August 17 at 9:00 am

Joseph, Alice and Rose Doherty  
Memorial Mass  
Saturday, August 19 at 9:00 am

Peter Sellow – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Monday, August 21 at 9:00 am

Claire Ward – Birthday Mass  
Wednesday, August 23 at 9:00 am

Daniel P. McCarron – 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Sunday, August 27 at 11:00 am

Colleen Kelly – Memorial Mass  
Sunday, September 3 at 8:00 am

## The Pastor's Corner

I believe that goals in life are important to all of us. As parents, your goals are often set by your family especially your children. You guide them through their young years and assist them as they go on to college and a career. At work your goals are not merely long term, but the daily challenges we all face. We like to be successful in what we do – even at my age. I still look forward to the coming fall season when we begin our activities once again – our religious education programs and our other spiritual and social activities. I believe that the goals we set and accomplish give our lives meaning and satisfaction. So as we enjoy the remaining weeks of summer, we should look forward to what lies ahead with joy and anticipation.

Fr. Tom Donohoe

## Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Assumption – a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm.

## Tuesday Evening Adoration & Benediction

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@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.

## 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.

## Mass Schedule

Effective the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> the Mass schedule will be Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 11:00 am. The Sunday 5:00 pm Mass will resume on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

## Religious Education

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### First Communion Banners

The beautiful banners that were decorated by our second grade students are available to take home. They are in a basket at the back of the church arranged alphabetically.

### Religious Ed. Registration 2017-2018

Religious Education registration forms were due by June 30. **There is a late fee of \$100 for registrations after June 30.** Forms can be found at: [stirenes.org/docs/2017-2018\\_registration\\_form\\_rel\\_ed.pdf](http://stirenes.org/docs/2017-2018_registration_form_rel_ed.pdf). Fall classes begin September 17.

### Confirmation Registration 2017-2018

Registration forms for Confirmation were due both Level 1 and 2 by June 30. **There is a late fee of \$100 for registrations after June 30.** Forms can be found on St. Irene's website at: [www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation\\_prep.html](http://www.stirenes.org/faithformation/youtheducation/confirmation_prep.html). Level 2 begins classes on September 10 and Level 1 begins on September 17.

## Parish Happenings

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### St. Irene Parish Picnic – September 17

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am Mass. This annual event will be held on the grounds of St. Irene Church. It is a great opportunity to enjoy good food, family, fun kid games and

crafts, and to catch up with friends you may not have seen over the summer.

## Save the Dates

*Sunday, Sept. 17 – Parish Picnic*

*Saturday, Oct. 21 – Ham & Bean Dinner*

*Saturday, Nov. 18 – Mystery Dinner*

*Sunday, Dec. 3 – Parish Christmas Party*

*Saturday, May 5 – Confirmation*

*Saturday, May 12 – First Communion*

## St. Irene Newsletter

St. Irene's second quarter 2017 Newsletter was e-mailed to registered parishioners June 16th. If you're a registered parishioner and did not receive it, please contact the rectory office (978-369-3940 **or** [stirene@com-cast.net](mailto:stirene@com-cast.net)) to update your e-mail address.

## 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).

## 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: <http://www.bostoncatholic.org>. St. Irene's is offering classes in the parish hall on:

**Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 pm**

**Friday, September 15 at 9:30 am**

The Archdiocese also requires a 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**. CORI forms are due. Please contact Wendy Krugh at (978)369-3940 if you need a form or have any questions.

## New Wheelchair from the Knights

Your Saint Irene Knights of Columbus have recently received a new wheelchair as part of a K of C international program that encourages Councils to provide these types of items to our parishes, to ensure their availability when needed. The chair can be found in the right side closet of the main church entrance. If you have occasion to use it, please ensure that it is returned to this location. Thank you.

## Feedback

If you have the opportunity to attend Mass in other towns, states, or even countries, this summer, we want to ask a favor: Please send us your stories and observations from parishes you visit. If you or your young ones felt especially welcome, or touched by the Holy Spirit, or just observed something in a Mass that warmed your heart, what was it? Could we use the idea at St. Irene? Send us a word via [feedback@stirenes.org](mailto:feedback@stirenes.org) and tell us the good you have seen in other parishes. We'll consider ideas for St Irene. Thank you.

## Parish Library

Please return all Advent and Lenten books. The library is open whenever the church is open but not during religious education classes.

## Summer Bulletin Schedule

We will publish the bulletin three times during the summer. Publication dates are July 9<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, and September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please have information for print to the rectory by the prior Monday at 5:00 pm.

## Financial Information

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### 2017 Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you. St. Irene Parish has surpassed its 2017 Catholic Appeal goal of \$40,678, collecting \$40,720. We are truly grateful to the 65 parishioners and families that helped us reach our goal. The Catholic Appeal provides critical funding to hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs that impact tens of thousands throughout our Archdiocese. Thank you for your support.

## Increased Offertory Campaign

We sincerely thank those who have participated in the increased offertory campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our goal is to appeal to the generous support of our community and increase the offertory by 20% from parishioners to cover our operating expenses.

We are asking each of you who currently support our parish to prayerfully review your commitment and consider an increase in your continuing offertory contributions consistent with your means. The parish needs the support of every parishioner to have a vibrant, long-term community where all are welcome to share in the light of Jesus Christ and each other. Thank you.

## 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.

## Communications Collection

This week's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). If Jesus Christ were on earth today, how would he spread his message of salvation? Wouldn't he use all communication vehicles to share the Good News? The CCC believes Jesus would use as many means as possible, and that is why it supports projects that use the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. **50% of the collection remains at the parish**

to promote local communication efforts, such as website technology and bulletins.

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

## Weddings

Please contact Pastor 6 months in advance.

## Financial Details

July 2017

Year to Date

## Weekly

\$26,777

\$183,558

## Monthly

\$2493

\$19,354

## Gifts & Bequests

\$7050

\$61,624.13\*

\*Includes a one-time bequest of \$36,854.13