



# St. Irene Church

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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2016

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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

Colleen Kelly  
Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 7 at 11:00 am  
Wednesday, August 17 at 9:00 am

Christian Phillips  
Birthday Mass

Monday, August 8 at 9:00 am

Jose Henriques  
Memorial Mass

Thursday, August 11 at 9:00 am

Amarinda Scacciotti  
Memorial Mass

Friday, August 12 at 9:00 am

Paul Cox  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Sunday, August 14 at 11:00 am

Joseph Doherty

13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Friday, August 19 at 9:00 am

Daniel P. McCarron

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Sunday, August 28 at 11:00 am

Martha Huber

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, August 30 at 9:00 am

Colleen Kelly

Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 4 at 11:00 am

Bill and Dot Riley

Memorial Mass

Monday, September 5 at 9:00 am

Paul Tobin

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, August 6 at 9:00 am

Eileen Faber

Birthday Mass

Wednesday, September 7 at 9:00 am

Craig Tonies

Birthday Mass

Saturday, September 10 at 9:00 am

## Father Romain's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*"It's a new dawn  
It's a new day  
It's a new life  
For me  
And I'm feeling good."*

These words of Nina Simone express the feeling I had on July 28, 1996, the day I was ordained priest. Last Thursday, July 28, 2016 when I woke up, it was my 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The feelings were the same. Feeling new. Feeling good. In addition, I feel deeply grateful. Grateful first to the Lord who makes it all. Grateful to all the priests - from my teachers in Seminary to my pastor, Fr. Tom Donohoe, the most amazing man and mentor any priest can wish for. I am most grateful to you all, parishioners in all the places the Lord has deigned to send me - from a place called Rugango in Southern Rwanda to Carlisle, MA. I have been touched by your kindness, your love and generosity. Through you I have been blessed, through you I have grown. By you, I have been forgiven and learned to forgive. With you I hope to keep pleasing the Lord until one day we are all crowned with that eternal reward that only He will give to all who persevere in faith. My Grandmother taught me to see in the stars the eyes of angels.

Thank you for being my stars. Thank you for being my angels, these last twenty years.

~ Fr. Romain Rurangirwa

## Sixth Anniversary Mass for Paul Cox Sunday, August 14, 11:00 a.m.

It is hard to believe that it has been six years since Paul Cox, our wonderful organist and soloist, passed away (on July 27, 2010). Please join us on Sunday, August 14, at the 11 am Mass to remember the wonderful person Paul was and the amazing voice he shared with us.

## Banns of Marriage

3<sup>rd</sup> Publication

Max Toth and Rachael Perrone

2<sup>nd</sup> Publication

Darrell Lambert and Megan Flaherty

## Feast of the Assumption

Next Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Assumption. It is not a day of holy obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 9:00 am for the feast day.

## 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.

## Congratulations

Greyson Joseph Thomas and John Edward Lydon Jr. were baptized at St. Irene Church in July. Congratulations to Greyson and John Welcome to St. Irene Parish!

## 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.

## Mass Schedule

Effective the weekend of June 25<sup>th</sup>/26<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 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Religious Education

### Religious Ed. Registration 2016-2017

We are still in need of Catechist volunteers to teach grades K-8 If you are able to help please email Eileen Faber at [Reled@StIrenes.org](mailto:Reled@StIrenes.org). Classes begin Sunday, September 18.

## Confirmation

Registration forms for Confirmation were due for both Level 1 and 2 by June 1. Confirmation classes begin Sunday, Sept. 11.

## Parish Happenings

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### Welcome Sunday – September 18

On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> we will observe Welcome Sunday. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the 8 and 11 am Masses. Please join us.

### St. Irene Parish Picnic – September 18

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 18<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.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, and under 5 are free. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of Aug. 27/28.

### Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Eminence, Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM invites all couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2016 to the Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

The Mass will be celebrated on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 and will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please visit [bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass](http://bostoncatholic.org/WeddingAnniversaryMass).

Please register by September 2 to have your name included in the printed list of anniversary couples. A formal invitation and more information will be mailed to each registered couple in September.

### Women's Club – September 22

Ladies – Save the date of September 22<sup>nd</sup> for our 2016/2017 "kick off" Women's Club meeting. A Pot Luck dinner is planned for 6:30 pm and annual dues will be collected.

## Peer Leadership Seeks Adult Assistance

St. Irene Peer Leadership Ministry (PLM) has been in existence for over 5 years providing award winning leadership training and faith development based on the Gospel message for post confirmation high schoolers. Membership in the PLM has quadrupled during that time. This exciting rapidly growing expansion needs additional help from motivated committed catholic adults to help take the program to its next level.

PLM involves social events, retreats, mission trips, and leadership activities for younger parish members all of which have been key components of our ministry.

We are seeking adult volunteers to assist with the organizing and execution of various events. This would require at most 4 or 5 hours per month. Ideal candidates would possess the skills of mentoring, guiding, and supporting the development of sound Catholic values, virtues and principles for post confirmation young adults.

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to become involved please contact the rectory (978) 369-3940 for more information.

## 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.boston-catholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspx?pid=1472](http://www.boston-catholic.org/PGCTrainingSchedule.aspx?pid=1472). 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 **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.

## Summer Bulletin Schedule

The last weekly bulletin before the summer schedule begins is June 19<sup>th</sup>. We will publish the bulletin three times during the summer. Publication dates are July 10, August 7, and September 4. Please have information for print to the rectory by the prior Monday at 5:00 pm.

## Financial Information

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

St. Irene Parish now 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.

### Catholic Appeal 2016

As of July 7 we've received **53%** (\$20,040) of our goal this year of \$37,646 for the Catholic Appeal. Please help us to meet this goal. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Giving is also possible online at [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org). Thank you to all who have participated.

### Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week's second collection for Catholic Relief Services supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in countries around the world. The funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, services for victims of human trafficking, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ's

love and respect to all people. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/crscollection](http://www.usccb.org/crscollection).

### 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.

## Financial Details

	Total Offertory	Expenses	Surplus / Deficit
July	\$27,498	\$36,341	\$ - 8,843
Year to Date	\$191,707	\$297,496	\$ - 105,789

### Gifts and bequests to St. Irene Church year to date: \$16,870.99

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

19 parishioners are now using EBP (Electronic Bill Pay).