



St. Irene Church

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The Baptism of The Lord January 12, 2014

Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Daniel McCarron

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 12 at 11 am

Charlene Morin

Birthday Mass

Wednesday, January 15 at 9 am

Pasquale Tranfaglia

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 19 at 11 am

Young Adult Mass

Our monthly Young Adult Contemporary Mass is Sunday, Jan. 12th at 5:00 pm. If you plan to join us and sing or play an instrument, please e-mail the music director at music@StIrene.org so we will have your music ready. We will meet to rehearse in the church at 4:00 on that day and hope you will join us!

The Pastor's Corner

In his first Christmas as our Holy Father, Pope Francis preached the goodness and tenderness of God and he also prayed that men and women around the world would allow God's grace to transform them into peacemakers.

In his Christmas message, Pope Francis said, "Let us allow our hearts to be warmed by the tenderness of God. We need his caress. God is peace. Let us ask him to help us to be peacemakers each day, in our life, in our families, in our cities and nations, in the whole world. Let us allow ourselves to be moved by God's goodness. My hope is that everyone will feel God's closeness, live in his presence, love him and adore him."

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The feast that concludes the Christmas season. Pope Francis reminds us that God has broken into the world with light and salvation. In our own lives, there are bright and dark moments. "If we love God and our brothers and sisters, we walk in the light. Our Father is patient, he loves us, he gives us Jesus to guide us in the way which leads to the promised land. Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness."

What a wonderful message of hope and joy to energize us as we begin this New Year.

-- Fr. Tom Donohoe

Religious Education

Religious Education News

Religious Ed classes will be held for grades 1-5 this Sunday, January 12th. Classes for grades 6-8 will be held on Monday evening, January 13th. There will be NO Religious Ed Classes on January 19th/20th due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will take place on January 25th (snow date: Feb. 1st) at 11am in the Church followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall for 2nd graders and their families. Second grade families will need to RSVP with the number in their party for the luncheon to Eileen Faber via email.

Parents of Grade 2 Students

Please note the following:

1. Reconciliation Workbooks and folders are due on January 12th.
2. Please RSVP for upcoming First Reconciliation/Luncheon via email at pe-faber@comcast.net
3. Please send in a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if you have not done so already.
4. Reminder - There will be a 2nd Grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 29th at 7:30pm.

Confirmation

The Rite of Enrollment for first year Confirmation students will take place at the 5:00 pm Mass on January 12.

Parish Happenings

Cardinal O'Malley in Sudbury

Cardinal O'Malley will be preaching at an Ecumenical Prayer Service at the United Methodist Church at 251 Old Sudbury Road in Sudbury on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 4 pm. The Cardinal is visiting to commemorate the historic visit of Cardinal Cushing to the Methodist Church 50 years ago. Bishop

Sudarshana Devadhar, episcopal leader of United Methodist in New England, will share in leading the ecumenical worship. All are welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, Jan. 12th at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Women's Club Bingo & Pizza Night

The Women's Club will have their annual Bingo & Pizza night on Thursday, January 16th beginning at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift for the prize table and you are asked to please call Jan Brown @ 978-256-9480 so that we can get a count for ordering pizza. This is a fun night and everyone is invited.

10th Annual Trivia Night

Come on out for the 10th Annual St. Irene's Team Trivia Night on Saturday, January 25 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. (Snow date is one week later on February 1) Bring your own team (max. 8 per table), or come on your own and we'll seat you with friendly St. Irene folks. Enjoy 60 stimulating questions, complimentary food and beverages, door prizes, and awards, all for \$5 per person.

Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend or contact Tim and Jean Butler at 978-692-7122 or butlertim@yahoo.com. Seating is limited, so tickets will be available at the door only if not sold out in advance. We look forward to seeing you.

Children's Choir is Back for More Fun!

The choir was such a success at Christmas that we have decided to continue the choir through First Communion weekend in May. The Children's Choir will sing at the monthly Family Masses, on Easter Sunday, and at the First Communion Mass. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, January 16th, from 6:15-7:00. All children in grades K through 6 are welcome to join! For more info, please contact Cypriana at music@StIrenes.org. I can't wait to see you again!

2014 Holy Hour for Life

The 2014 Holy Hour for Life is Tuesday January 21 at 7:30 pm at St. Irene Parish. This is in advance of the National Day for Prayer for Life in Washington DC and the 41st anniversary of Roe v Wade. Holy Hours will be held throughout the Archdiocese in support and prayer for those traveling to Washington from Boston. We will have adoration and prayer to promote the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Come and join us in prayerful witness to life.

Council on Aging Thank You

Dear St. Irene Parishioners: The seniors and the Carlisle Council on Aging would like to thank all of the parishioners who so generously took a tag off the caring tree and provided a very helpful gift certificate. Many calls saying thank you for your generosity have been received. Your support means a great deal to us and is so appreciated. We would also like to thank the Woman's Club for the meals, and gifts that helped a number of families and for their hosting our Minuteman Senior Services/Chelmsford Crossing Lunches. Thanks to Father Tom and all of St. Irene's staff for all their support throughout the year, and a special thanks to Judy Andrews for her coordination of the Caring Tree. We are blessed to have such a supportive parish!

Best, Angela Smith, Carlisle Council on Aging

Thank you

We would like to thank all of the parishioners who dropped off food and goodies over the holidays. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is appreciated. Please feel free to stop by the rectory and pick up your containers. If you have any questions please call Wendy at (978)369-3940. Thank you again.

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 Chant 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 contact Mary Ellen Bakken at adoration@StIrenes.org for more information.

Family Prayer for Vocations Icon

St. Irene's has a beautiful new icon of Christ the High Priest which will go each month to a family wishing to host it to pray for religious vocations as well as discern God's will in their lives. The kit includes the icon, a stand, a votive candle, a booklet of prayers, questions to help your family discern what God may want them to do with their lives, some scripture references, and more. Also included is a prayer card listing the current seminarians, so you can pray for them by name if you wish. Please join us in this beautiful initiative to pray for priestly vocations and to guide and bless us all in our vocation in life. To sign up contact Mary Ellen Bakken at vocations@StIrenes.org or 978-692-3315.

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.

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to \$103,184.01. If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

St Irene Online

We have recently upgraded St Irene's web site (www.stirenes.org) and also added a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/StIrenes). You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail, please contact: feedback@stirenes.org - thank you.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory decreased 5.2% from last year. Thank you for your continuing support.

Catholic Appeal Update

Good news! We have exceeded our goal for the 2013 Catholic Appeal. Thank you to all the supporters who made this happen. We truly appreciate your donations. Our parish campaign goal was \$32,187 and we have raised \$32,727 from 91 donors and families. Visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org for more information. Thank you for your generosity.

Special Collection Sunday

We have been informed by the Archdiocese that there will not be a Special Collection on Sunday, Jan. 12. You may discard the yellow envelope included in your envelope package. Thank you.

Area Events

Holy Family Speaking Series

Holy Family Parish in Concord, MA will be hosting psychiatrist Kathryn Rapperport as part of an ongoing series called *My Life, My Faith, and My Career*. She will be speaking on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 pm in the lower level of Holy Family Church located at 12 Monument Square in historic Concord Center. A donation of \$5-10 is deeply appreciated.

St. Paul's Choir School

St. Paul's Choir School will host an open house for all interested families of current third and fourth grade boys. We will begin immediately following the 11:00 Mass at St. Paul's Church Harvard Square. St. Paul's Choir School is the only all boys Catholic Choir School in the United States. It offers unparalleled spiritual formation, small class sizes, excellence in academics, and a world-class musical experience. Our graduates are in high demand by the area's outstanding high schools. For more information, please visit www.stpaulchoirschool.com or call our office at 617-868-8658.

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 26 and streaming on www.CatholicTV.com.

Financial Information

Offertory \$5423
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There will not be a second collection this week. The second collection next week will be the monthly collection.

St. Irene Staff

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Resident:

Reverend Augustin Vondou

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett
Deacon Charles Ferraro

Music Director:

Cypriana Coelho

Religious Education Coordinator:

Eileen Faber

Confirmation Coordinator:

Frank de Alderete

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

Sunday 6:00 – 8:15 p.m.

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

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.