

St. Irene Church



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Solemnity of Mary January 1, 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

Amy Caruso

7th Anniversary Mass

Saturday, December 31 at 9:00 am

Saturday, December 31 at 5:00 pm

Colleen Kelly

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 1 at 11:00 am

Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, January 6 at 9:00 am

Thomas Doherty

Grace Ward

Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 7 at 9:00 am

Albert Cabral

Months Mind Mass

Saturday, January 7 at 5:00 pm

Ida Mae Broussard

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 8 at 11:00 am

Richard & Kathleen Maroney

Anniversary Mass

Mass of Special Intentions

Sunday, January 8 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Today we begin a new year – 2017. As I grow older, the years seem to fly by. It is always a good time to look at ourselves and to evaluate our spiritual lives. We will probably not all make New Year resolutions but we can recognize our strengths and our weaknesses so that we can grow spiritually in this New Year. The Christmas season is a time to rejoice in the birth of Jesus, our Savior. It is also a good time to renew our faith in Him and our determination to follow Him more faithfully in the New Year.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. St. Irene Church will have the regular weekend Mass schedule: Saturday at 5:00 pm, and Sunday at 8:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm.

First Friday

This Friday, January 6th is the First Friday of the month. 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.

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 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.

Daily Bible Readings

Please visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings/ to find the daily bible readings and other information.

Religious Education

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Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8th for grades K-5 and Monday, January 9th for grades 6-8. Second Grade Reconciliation Workbooks and journals are due at that time.

Confirmation

Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will resume on Sunday, Jan. 8th. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass. The Rite of Enrollment will take place on Sunday, Jan. 8th for Level 1.

Parish Happenings

Three King's Day Party January 6th

Please join us for St. Irene's second annual Three King's Day party! Celebrate the Epiphany with us on Friday, January 6th from 6-8 pm in the church's parish hall. We will have an entertainer for the children and a potluck for all. Kindly visit our Sign Up page if you want to participate in the potluck: <http://tinyurl.com/3Kings-StIrene>. Please contact Karen Gettings at 3Kings@StIrenes.org or the rectory (978)369-3940 for more information. Merry Christmas, and we're looking forward to celebrating with you in January!

Parish Finance Council Meeting

The Parish Finance Council is meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council is meeting on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Red Cross Blood Drive – January 26

On Thursday, January 26 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 and enter "SaintIrene." Please donate if you are able. Thank You.

Christmas Flowers

The Christmas flowers decorating our church were donated in memory of or in honor of the following:

In Memory of Raymond Briere

The Bulpett/McDermott Families

In Memory of Albert Cabral

In Memory of Evald Thunbo Christensen

In Memory of Smutte Thunbo Christensen

In Memory of Trisoa, Leonora & Tris Correia

In Memory of Francis J. Creran

In Memory of Helen and Raymond Critch

In Memory of Marylin Goss

In Memory of Barbara and Ted Graczyk

In Memory of Marion Hardy

In Memory of Duane E. Irmén

In Memory of Kurt Kelly

In Memory of James and Helen Lee

In Memory of Anna P. Lenda

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Noone

In Memory of Rita and Lionel Paquin

In Memory of John & Beverly Schirmer

In Memory of Ted Semrad

In Memory of Andrea Silva

In Memory of Sebastian Slosky

In Memory of Ursula Kocemba Slosky

In Memory of Ray St. Germain

In Memory of Martin Traumuller

In Memory of the deceased members of:

The Clericuzio Family

The Ferreira Family

The Silva Family

Catholic Charities Thank You

On behalf of Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities, we sincerely thank you, St. Irene's, for your generous donation of Christmas gifts. You blessed so many families with your kindness and compassion this holiday season. Our clients truly appreciate the outpour of love from your parishioners. We wish you continued blessings and health for this upcoming New Year.

Christmas Thank You

A special thank you to all that worked so hard this Christmas season to make it joyous for so many others. We thank Jean Morin and the Women's Club who organized packing and sending 30 individual soldier gift boxes and 2 common room boxes for our men and women serving overseas; Jean Donnelly who organized the Gift Bag Project for the Concord Prison; Lauren Dominguez for coordinating the Catholic Charities Thanksgiving food basket drive. A total of 81 Thanksgiving baskets were given to those in need; Judy Andrews for coordinating and delivering over 250 gifts donated by our generous parishioners for the Giving Tree. Gifts were distributed through Catholic Charities, Elder Services of Merrimack Valley, Carlisle COA, and House of Hope. Margaret Bulpett, Alice Fischer and several other volunteers knitted and crocheted over 22 blankets as well as other items.

We also thank Paul Flanagan for coordinating the parking on Christmas Eve. Thank you also to Kevin Donnelly and Rich Boule who assisted, making the parking safe and orderly. St. Irene's would also like to thank the **Carlisle Police Department** for their traffic control help.

We thank all who made our church so beautiful for Christmas with the banners, wreaths and flowers especially Marvin Gonzales for setting up the Christmas trees, Mary Ellen Bakken, Jan Brown, Pat and Tom Briere and Deacon Dean and Margaret Bulpett for decorating.

Many people helped to make our Church Liturgies both wonderful and inspirational. Cypriana Coelho, Marianne Vrotsos and the entire Music Ministry provided beautiful music. We also thank our Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers for their contributions. Everyone worked together to make our celebration of the birth of the Lord a joyful experience.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2017:

Thursday, Jan. 19 – W.C. Pizza & Bingo
Thursday, Jan. 26 – Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, Jan. 28 – Trivia Night
Friday, May 5 – Confirmation
Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show
Saturday, May 13 – First Communion

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.

St. Irene Online

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

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$105,055** 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.

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, 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.

The Christmas collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust amounted to \$11,960.

Next week the second collection is for assisting urban churches in the Boston Archdiocese.

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, 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.