

St. Irene Church

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Christmas Day *December 25, 2016*

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

Claire Kelly

19th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 pm

Mary Macumber

46th Anniversary Mass
Saturday, December 24 at 5:30 pm

Amy Caruso

Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 25 12:00 am

Colleen Kelly

Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 25 at 11:00 am

Amy Caruso

7th Anniversary Mass

Monday, December 26 at 9:00 am

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

Albert Cabral

Months Mind Mass

Saturday, January 7 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. This is the Good News we celebrate this Christmas day. This is the story we treasure of the birth of Jesus – the babe in the manger, the shepherds and Wise Men who come to worship the new born king, the angels singing their song of peace on earth, good will to all. Today we too come to worship the child because He is the Son of God, the Prince of Peace. Then we gather with family and friends to celebrate with gifts and presents, with food and conversation. May each one of us have a blessed and joyful Christmas.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Sacrament of Penance

Confessions will be heard on Saturday, December 24th from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Masses for Christmas will be celebrated on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm and at Midnight. Lessons & Carols will be celebrated at 11:15 pm on Christmas Eve prior to Midnight Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Christmas Day.

There are no Masses at 8 am or 5 pm on Christmas Day.

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.

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!

St. Irene Christmas Ornament

Caring 4 Cameroon, a non-profit organization that works to provide students of St. Andrews School in Ngong, Cameroon with scholarships and school supplies is selling red, glass St. Irene Christmas ornaments. The proceeds from these ornaments will give students that are most in need the ability and materials to have a better education. If you preordered the ornament, they will be available at the back of the church this weekend. More are available for sale at \$10 each. Thank you so much for supporting this cause, Merry Christmas.

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

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2017:

Thursday, Jan. 19 – W.C. Pizza & Bingo

Saturday, Jan. 28 – Trivia Night

Friday, May 5 – Confirmation

Sunday, May 7 – Tea & Fashion Show

Saturday, May 13 – First Communion

Catholic Television Christmas Day

On Christmas Day Catholic Television is broadcasting ***Christmas Mass with Cardinal Sean*** at 9:00 am and repeating at 7:00 pm. This Mass was taped earlier this week with both Father Tom and Father Romain attending the Mass.

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**.

Welcome Committee

Have you ever walked in to St. Irene's a few minutes late and wished that there was someone to help you find a seat without drawing the attention of the whole congregation as you cast your eyes around to find a pew that can accommodate you and your family? How about when you go to a new church and you find that you need to use the restroom, how lost do you feel trying to find it? How nice is it to enter a church and have a parishioner greet and welcome you, someone who makes you feel that they are happy to have you visiting their parish.

We are starting a new Welcome Ministry at St. Irene's and are asking for volunteers to help with this new ministry. Please contact Sheila Zacharchuk at Welcome@stirenes.org for more information or to volunteer. 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**.

2017 Calendar - Thank You

St. Irene Church would like to thank the Dee Funeral Home of Concord, MA for their yearly donation of calendars to our parish. 2017 calendars can be found at the entrance to our church.

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 week-end amounted to **\$96,425** 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.

Christmas Collection for the Clergy Trust

This Christmas the collection will support the health and well-being of our priests. Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving the Catholic faithful. Now, it is our turn to help fulfill the promises made to care for them in their time of need. Please give generously to the Christmas collection, which will directly benefit the 614 active and senior

diocesan priests who are cared for through the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. All are welcome to make a gift online at clergy-funds.org or use the envelopes that are provided. **All donations given at Christmas Masses go to the trust.** Thank you for helping to care for the priests who give so much to our Church.

There is only one collection on Christmas. All donations will be for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust.

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.