

St. Irene Church

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 30, 2018

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

Euclid and Claire Lague
Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 30 at 8:00 am

Amy Caruso
Memorial Mass

Monday, December 31 at 9:00 am

Deceased Family Members of the Choir
Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 30 at 11:00 am

Larry and Elizabeth Halpern
Memorial Mass

Wednesday, January 2 at 9:00 am

Arthur "Buck" Collins
Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 5 at 5:00 pm

Walden and Grace Ward
Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 6 at 8:00 am

Victor Bove
Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 6 at 5:00 pm

The Pastor's Corner

During this week, we continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We also look ahead to the New Year – 2019. It is a time to thank God for the many blessings we have received during this past year. But the New Year offers us hope that God loves us and watches over us. Let us renew that hope as we begin this new year in our lives.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God is a holy day of obligation. Masses for the Holy Day are on Monday, Dec. 31 at 5:00 pm and on Tuesday, Jan. 1 at 8:00 and 11:00 am.

First Friday

January 4 is the First Friday of January and 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.

Daily Bible Readings

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

Tuesday Evening Adoration

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 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.

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6th for grades K-5 and Monday, January 7th for grades 6-8.

There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, Jan. 20 and Monday, Jan. 21 due to the Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, Jan. 26 (Snow Date: February 2) at 11:00 am in the Church followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall for 2nd graders and their families. Students will need to arrive to the church by 10:45 am and sit with their class in the **Reserved pews**.

Reminder: There will be a mandatory 2nd grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the parish hall during regularly scheduled class times on Sun., Feb. 3.

Confirmation

Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will resume on Sunday, Jan. 6. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass. The Rite of Enrollment will take place on Sunday, Jan. 6th for Level 1.

Peer Leaders

The next Peer Leadership gathering will take place on January 6 at 3:30. The title of the meeting will be "Fragile Earth - Thinking about the Encyclical Laudato Si." Please join us in the parish library.

Parish Happenings

Three King's Day Party - January 6

Please join us for St. Irene's very special Epiphany celebration! We will celebrate The Three Kings Day on January 6, 2019, right after the 11AM mass in the church hall. There will be entertainment for the children and a potluck for all. This event is free of charge and always a great time! If you wish to participate in the potluck you may sign up here:

<https://www.signupge-nius.com/go/20F0C4CACA723AAFC1-three3>.

Parish Library – New Books

Thanks to the efforts of one of our parishioners, as well as the Library Committee, there are free books compliments of Dynamic Catholic. Copies of Matthew Kelly's new book, "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" are at the back of the church. Please take one.

Christmas Flowers

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

In Memory of Paul & Laurretta Bolduc
In Memory of Francis & Rita Booth
In Memory of Joe Bowers
In Memory of Albetine Chamberlain
In Memory of Susan & Paul Champagne
In Memory of Evald Thunbo Christensen
In Memory of Smutte Thunbo Christensen
In Memory of Mary Jane Cleaves
In Memory of Joanne Cleaves
In Memory of Francis Creran
In Memory of Helen Dolan
In Memory of Mary & William C. Dumont
In Memory of Maura Rose Gaida
In Memory of Barbara & Ted Graczyk
In Memory of Duane E. Irmen
In Memory of Kurt Kelly
In Honor of Officer Michael Knox
In Memory of Ernestine Kontney
In Memory of Alverna Lober
In Memory of Betty Mangan
In Memory of Claire Mariano
In Memory of the Nolan Family
In Memory of John & Maria Teresa Noone
The Paglia and Ciulla Families
In Memory of Jeanne & Charles Parlee
In Memory of Ralph & Muriel Parlee
In Memory of Rita & Lionel Paquin
In Memory of Carmela & Dr. Joseph Parisi
In Memory of Mary Koulas Perry
In Memory of Philip & Nancy Phalon
In Memory of Robert & Mary Reynolds
In Memory of Beverly Schirmer
In Memory of John Schirmer
In Memory of Paul Schirmer

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Shaver
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Stenrose
In Memory of Martin Traumuller
In Memory of Wayne & Rosalie Troutman
In Memory of Rene & Ann Van Hoorde
In Memory of Stasia Wojtas

In Memory of Deceased Members of:

The Briere Family
The Clericuzio Family
The Critch Family
The Correia Family
The Ferreira Family
The Lee Family
The Silva Family

Council on Aging Christmas Thank You

Dear St. Irene's Parishioners: The Carlisle Council on Aging and our seniors would like to thank each and every parishioner who so very generously donated gift cards to support our seniors who could use a little help. Not only does the Market Basket gift card help with expenses, but knowing that it was donated by a community member provides the warmth that someone in your community cares about you; you are important. This feeling of support may be the nicest gift that any of our seniors will receive, and it was only made possible because of all of your generosity. Thank you **so very much**.

Best, Angela Smith

Carlisle COA Outreach and Program Manager

Catholic Charities Thank You

On behalf of Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities, we would like to thank the parishioners at St. Irene's for the food baskets delivered at Thanksgiving time and for all of the presents from the Christmas Giving Tree. We truly appreciate your generosity.

On behalf of all those we are privileged to serve, thank you again for your kindness. Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Peace and blessings, Laurie Lee, Office Manager

2019 Catholic Appeal Volunteer Needed

St. Irene's is seeking a volunteer to help as an Appeal Coordinator for the 2019 Catholic Appeal. If you are able to help please speak with Fr. Tom or call the rectory office (978-369-3940) Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Thank you.

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.

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.

CORI Checks – All Volunteers & Staff

The Archdiocese requires a criminal offender record information (CORI) check for all paid staff members, all clergy and **all volunteers (18 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 need a form or have any questions.

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$93,600** 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.

Christmas Collection for the Clergy Trust

The Christmas collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust amounted to \$8,094.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Permanent Deacon:

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/Peer Leaders

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.