

St. Irene Church

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The Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2019

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

Mildred (Millie) Whaley

Funeral Mass

Wednesday, January 16 at 10:00 am

Amy Caruso

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 20 11:00 am

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

Claire Mariano

1st Anniversary Mass

Saturday, January 12 at 5:00 pm

Robert and Louise Park

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 13 at 8:00 am

Thi C. Bui

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 13 at 11:00 am

Richard and Kathleen Maroney

Memorial Mass

Charlene Morin – Birthday Mass

Tuesday, January 15 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast brings our celebration of the Christmas season to its conclusion. The baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist reminds us of the importance of our own baptism. In baptism we are all reborn of water and the Spirit to become children of God and members of his Church. Baptism is a commitment to believe and follow Jesus; to listen to his teaching and live as he taught us. If we do that, we enjoy a fuller life and look forward to the promise of Jesus - eternal life.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on January 13th at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The 3rd and 4th grade Religious Education students will host both Masses.

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

Religious Education Classes for grades K-5 Session I are from 9:00-9:50 am and Session II is from 10:00-10:50 am on Sunday mornings. Grades 6-8 meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 pm.

There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, Jan. 20 and Monday, Jan. 21.

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**.

Confirmation

Classes for Levels 1 and 2 will meet on Sunday, Jan. 27th. Class begins with attendance at the 5:00 pm Mass. The Rite of Election will take place on Sunday, Jan. 28th for Level 2.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council is meeting on Sunday, January 13 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Lector Training for New and Returning Lectors

If you have not attended Lector training in the last 18 months, please mark your calendar to attend the training session scheduled for **Thursday, January 17th from 7 - 8 PM** in the church.

Current Lectors who have not been through the Archdiocese's training program and all new Lectors should plan to attend this educational and uplifting training. If you would like to Lector, but have not registered, please send an email to Lectors@stirenes.org.

Women's Club Bingo & Pizza Night

Women's Club will have an evening of pizza and bingo on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 6:30 pm. This is always a fun night so plan to attend, don't forget to call and RSVP Jan Brown at 978-256-9480 so that we can have a head count. Please also bring a wrapped gift for the "winner's table". See you on the 17th.

Save the Dates

Sat., Mar. 16 – K of C Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Sat., Apr. 27 – Mystery Dinner

Sat., May 4 – Confirmation

Sun., May 5 – Fashion Show & Tea

Sat., May 18 – First Communion

15th Annual St. Irene's Trivia Night 2019

Saturday, Jan. 26, 6-10 p.m. (*snow date Feb. 2*)

If you have not reserved your tickets (or your entire table!), now is the time to do so. If you have not attended in the past, people sit in tables of 8 and discuss among themselves the questions. The entire table then submits a list of answers. There are 10 categories with 6 questions for each. This has grown to be a wonderful time to interact with other members of the St. Irene's community.

Come on out and stir up those brain cells from their midwinter torpor, and fill the night with cheer.

As always, we offer complimentary snacks and beverages and door prizes. All this (and plenty of free parking) for the low price of \$5 per person. Bring your own team (up to 8 people per table) or let us seat you with friendly St. Irene folks. There will be a maximum of 18 tables (144 people) to prevent overcrowding.

For more information or to order tickets, please email us at Trivianight@Stirenes.org. All profits after expenses go to St. Irene parish. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jean & Tim Butler, David Bakken, Michelle & Flemming Christensen

The Trivia Night Committee

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.

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/faithfor-mation/catholiceducation/colleges.html.

Catholic Charities Thank You

On behalf of Catholic Charities Merrimack Valley, we wish to thank the parishioners at St. Irene's their generous donation of Christmas gifts. You blessed so many families with your kindness and compassion this holiday season.

Peace and blessings, Laurie Lee, Office Manager

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.

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive – February 28

On Thursday, February 28 from 1:00 – 6:00 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.

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.

Area Events

Pastoral Associate's Lecture Series

Please join Dr. Elizabeth Smith, Ph.D., Pastoral Associate, after the 5pm Mass for adult faith formation & discussions about how Catholics can engage today's world.

All lectures will be at Holy Family Parish
12 Monument Square, Concord at 6:00 pm
Wine and cheese will be served!

Jan. 20: *Spiritual, Emotional, & Social Care at the End of Life: Palliative Care as Pro-Life*

Lecture by guest speaker Diane McCarthy, Initiative for Advance Care Planning, RCAB

Feb. 17: *Vulnerability & Cruciformity: Catholic Theology & the Work of Brené Brown*
Reflection & Meditation by Dr. Elizabeth Smith

Mar. 17: *St. Patrick: The Man, the Myth, the Theology*

Abbreviated lecture & St. Patrick's Day party
Come for the fun facts, stay for the green food!

May 19: *The Lord's Prayer Experience*

A musical and Hebraic study of this famous text

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 56 and streaming on www.CatholicTV.com.

Financial Information

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection this past weekend amounted to **\$109,000**. 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.

The second collection next weekend will be the Monthly collection.

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.