

St. Irene Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 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

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

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

George MacCormack
Memorial Mass
Tuesday, January 8 at 9:00 am

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

The Pastor's Corner

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. In many countries, gifts are exchanged on the feast of the Epiphany rather than Christmas. The reason is obvious. This gift giving imitates the Magi who came from a far off country to worship the new born King and to offer him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Again this year we shall celebrate Three Kings Day after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday in the parish hall. All are invited to join us for food and entertainment for the children.

~ Fr. Tom Donohoe

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, Jan. 6 for grades K-5 and Monday, Jan. 7 for grades 6-8. 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 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.

Reminder:

Ryan Barba from ABIDE will be talking to the Confirmation candidates and their parents right after the Sunday 5:00 pm Mass. Any parishioners who would like to listen are welcome. His talk should take approximately 5 minutes.

Abide is a 24-hour event, starting on Good Friday at 5PM and ending on Holy Saturday, that invites high school teenagers to partake in a 24-hour "food and technology fast" and spend most of the day Holy Saturday serving others.

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>.

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.

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 & Fleming Christensen~The Trivia Night Committee

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.

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 Pastoral Council Meeting

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

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.

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

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.

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 week-end amounted to **\$106,350** 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.

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.

| Financial Details | Weekly | Monthly | Gifts |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| December 2018 | \$33,394 | \$3,144 | \$100 |
| Year to Date 2018 | \$309,745 | \$35004 | \$58,665* |
| Year to Date 2017 | \$322,239 | \$31,176 | \$86,234** |

*Includes a one-time gift of \$50,000

**Includes a one-time bequest of \$42,751