



St. Irene Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 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

Albert Cabral

Months Mind Mass

Saturday, January 7 at 5:00 pm

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, January 10 at 9:00 am

Richard & Kathleen Maroney

Anniversary Mass

Mass of Special Intentions

Sunday, January 8 at 8:00 am

Ida Mae Broussard

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 8 at 11:00 am

Kenneth Conway – Memorial Mass

George Hamilton – Memorial Mass

Wednesday, January 11 at 9:00 am

Kathy, Claire & Gertrude

Memorial and Healing Mass

Thursday, January 12 at 9:00 am

Helen Dolan - 3rd Anniversary Mass

Mary Dumont - Memorial Mass

Friday, January 13 at 9:00 am

Kathleen Mignacca

Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 14 at 9:00 am

Armand Desharnais

Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 14 at 5:00 pm

Stasia Wojtas

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 15 at 8:00 am

Elizabeth (Diddy) Brown

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 15 at 11:00 am

Laurette Ferreira

Memorial Mass

Monday, January 16 at 9:00 am

The Pastor's Corner

This Tuesday, January 10th I am celebrating my 65th anniversary of ordination. Now I know I'm getting old but I am so grateful for the blessings I have received in my life. I am grateful that I am still able to do the work of ministry. I am grateful to still be here as pastor of this parish. And I am also grateful to have so many wonderful people to assist me – Father Romain and Deacon Dean as well as the talented people who direct our religious education and music programs. Finally I appreciate the many volunteers in our parish who serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, religious teachers, the Women's Club and the Knights of Columbus. They enable us to celebrate liturgy and to reach out to the needy and to offer social activities that bring us together. For all this, I am most grateful.

~ 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 & 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.

Religious Education

Religious Education K-8

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8th for grades K-5. Second Grade Reconciliation Workbooks and journals are due on January 22. There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, January 15 and Monday, January 16 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 28th (Snow date: February 4th) 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 2nd grade First Eucharist Parents Meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:30 pm.

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

Women's Club Bingo & Pizza Night

Women's Club will have an evening of pizza and bingo on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 pm. This is always a fun night so plan to attend, don't forget to call and RSVP Jan Brown at WomensClub@StIrenes.org so that we can have a head count. Please also bring a wrapped gift for the "winner's table". See you on the 19th.

13TH Annual St. Irene's Trivia Night 2017

Saturday, Jan. 28, 7-10 p.m. (*snow date Feb. 4*)
St. Irene Parish Hall

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.

Order now by emailing us at Trivianight@StIrenes.org. You can pay us at church or by dropping off payment at the rectory office. Please make checks payable to either Tim or Jean; 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

Appreciation from the Carlisle Council on Aging (COA)

Thank you to all of St. Irene's parishioners who so generously donated to our Carlisle seniors via the Caring Tree, and thank you to all the members of the Woman's Club for their outreach and support of folks in need, and also hosting our Chelmsford Crossing Lunches. A special thank you to Father Tom, Wendy, Lisa, Marvin, Judy Andrews, Jan Brown, Jean Sain, and Marguerite Barre (just to name a few). The Carlisle Council on Aging is blessed to have so much help from such a loving community.

*Best, Angela Smith,
Carlisle COA Outreach & Program Manager*

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

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

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.

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.

Save the Dates

The following are some of the events scheduled for 2017:

Saturday, Jan. 28 – Trivia Night

Friday, Mar. 3 – Stations of the Cross

Friday, Mar. 31 – Stations of the Cross

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.

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 **\$109,525** 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.

Special Collection – Urban Parishes

This week the second collection is to assist urban churches in the Boston Archdiocese. Many of these urban parishes have a high population of newcomers to our country, are in areas of higher socio-economical risk and are deemed critical to the mission of the Church. This collection will help continue this support to urban parishes to provide resources for mission and ministry in the parishes and for the people in the communities that they serve.

Financial Details

Total Offertory

December	\$27,649
Year to Date	\$335,026

Total Offertory includes Weekly and Monthly donations.

Gifts and bequests to St. Irene Church year to date: \$37,244.79

20 parishioners/families have enrolled in the on-line giving program.

21 parishioners are now using EBP (Electronic Bill Pay).

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.