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SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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SUNDAY MASSES

9:30 am (English)
11:00 am (Brazilian Portuguese)
12:30pm (French)
7:00 pm (Brazilian Portuguese)



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SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 & 11:00 am (English)
6:00 PM (Spanish)
Saturday Vigil Mass:
4:00 PM (English)



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

September 29

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Gerard Duplessis, 100th Birthday remembrance, Req
by Marcel

Vigil of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Robert Birtz, 14th Anniv, Frank Wagner, 14th Anniv.
Req by the Family

SUNDAY

September 30 - The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am (St. Stephen) + Denis Mahoney, 12th Anniv, Req by the Family

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Lorraine Lemieux, Req by Charles Bouchard
Dr Carlene, special intentions, Req by Margarett

Leveque

11:00 am (St. Joseph)

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + Leo & Dorothy Houle, Anniv., Req by the Family

12:30 pm (St. Joseph) Pour nos paroissens

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

MONDAY – October 1

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Kathleen Rice, 4th Anniv., Req by the Family

TUESDAY – October 2

8:30 am (St. Joseph) + Repose of the Soul of Nancie O'Brien

WEDNESDAY – October 3

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

THURSDAY – October 4

8:30 am (St. Joseph) + Respect for Life

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

FRIDAY – October 5

8:30 am (St. Stephen)

SATURDAY

October 6

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Bertha Guzas, Req by Lou Tripodi

Vigil of The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) Bertha Guzas, Req by Lou Tripodi

SUNDAY

October 7 - The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am (St. Stephen) + Robert Larson, 13th Anniv., Req by the Karen &
David Gouin

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Months Mind Mass Armand Bouley, Req by the Parish
Dr Carlene Special Intentions, Req by Margarett Leveque

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + For our Long Term Parishioners who are struggling
with significant illness

12:30 pm (St. Joseph) Pour nos paroissens

**THE TWENTY-SIXTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Entrance Hymn:

4:00 "Holy, Holy Holy" #206

11:00 "We Are Called" #617

Readings & Psalms
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Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

**"Your Words Are Spirit and Life"
#593**

Communion Hymn:

**4:00 "One Bread, One Body"
#527**

11:00 "To Be Your Bread" #323

Recessional Hymn

4:00 "Christ Be Beside Me" #398

**11:00 "Take the Word of God
With You" #382**

9:30 AM MASS

Entrance Hymn:

"Holy, Holy Holy" #448

Readings & Psalm **#1004**

Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

**"Your Words Are Spirit and Life"
#644**

Communion Hymn:

"One Bread, One Body" #793

Recessional Hymn

"Blessed by Your Sacrifice" #572

**MASS CELEBRANTS FOR
WEEKEND OF**

October 6 - October 7

Saturday- 4:00 pm – Fr. Rinaldo
Sunday - 7:30 am Fr. Steven

9:30 am - Fr. Steven

11:00 am - Fr. Steven

11:00 am (Brazilian) Fr. Adriano

12:30 pm - (French) Fr. Brice

6:00 pm - (Spanish)

7:00 pm - (Brazilian) Fr. Adriano

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES STARTING
SEPTEMBER 30th**

Classes for grades K-8 will begin this Sunday, September 30, 2018. Class times are 8:15-9:15 am. Classes this year will be held at the St. Joseph Religious Education Center (YOU, Inc. building) 81 Plantation Street.

Classes for High School students and preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation are held on Sunday evenings. These will begin on September 30, 2018. The classes are held 6:30-8:00 pm on alternating weeks.

Religious Education registration forms may be found online at www.ststephenworchester.org or at www.holyfamilyparishworchester.org. The forms together with the religious education fee may be placed in an envelope and put in the offertory basket at Mass OR mailed to either St. Joseph or St. Stephen Rectory (Attention: Religious Education/ Deborah Blicharz).

For more information, please contact Deborah Blicharz, Director of Religious Education at deborahblicharz01@gmail.com or at 508.383.5419.

**NOVENA TO THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL AT
SAINT STEPHEN'S**

A Novena to the Miraculous Medal will be held at Saint Stephen Church beginning on Wednesday, **October 3rd at 6:30pm** and continuing for nine consecutive Wednesdays through November 28. All are welcome.

A novena is a journey of prayer consisting of nine specific "moments." During the Miraculous Medal Novena we pray for one another, seek to imitate the Virgin Mary's openness to God's will and deepen our appreciation of St. Catherine Labouré's spirituality.

Catherine Labouré (1806-1876) entered, at a young age, the Community of the Daughters of Charity, in Paris, France. She spent 40 years of her life working with the poor and the destitute. A series of mystical experiences are the origin of the Miraculous Medal. Today, millions of Catholics and non-Catholics alike draw inspiration and strength from this devotion and St. Catherine Labouré's example.

The Novena service at 6:30 pm is a simple, brief service consisting of hymns, prayers, a short reflection concluding with veneration of the relic of Saint Catherine Labouré. Join with us in prayer!

**PARISH OFFICES FOR SAINT STEPHEN &
HOLY FAMILY PARISHES**

The parish offices for both Saint Stephen and Holy Family Parishes are located at 20 Hamilton Street in the building that formerly housed the Thrift Store. Theresa O'Brien is the office administrator for both St. Stephen's and Holy Family Parishes. She may be reached using the same parish phone numbers: **508.755.3165 for Saint Stephen's and 508.754.6722 for Holy Family Parish.** Parish emails and websites all remain the same.

The office hours are generally 10:00 am- 4:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Of course, it is always a good idea to call the office first before coming in order to assure that someone will be there when you arrive. If you leave a message on the answering machine over the weekend, it will be returned as soon as possible on Monday. The parish offices are closed on civic holidays.

The parish offices located at 20 Hamilton Street include space for the **Brazilian** and **Haitian** communities (which worship at St. Joseph's) and the **Spanish-speaking** community which worships at St. Stephen's.

These changes are being made with a view to fiscal responsibility as well as enabling greater collaboration between **all four** cultural/ language communities, which now comprise our two parishes here on Grafton Hill. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we make these transitions and strive to work together as a Catholic community.

**ST. FRANCIS HOME CHAPEL RE-
DEDICATION ON OCT 4th**

On Thursday, October 4th, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, we will gather at 10:30 am at the Saint Francis Home to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving as we note the completion of the chapel renovation. As part of the Mass, the new chapel crucifix will be blessed. This crucifix is a replica of the **San Damiano Cross**, the one before which St. Francis was praying when he is said to have received his vocation from Christ to "re-build" the church. Franciscans cherish this cross as the symbol of their mission. The cross, with Christ's outstretched arms, beckons us to welcome the poor, the sick, and the unloved with the compassion which St. Francis lived. *All are welcome to join us for this joyous occasion!*

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

In the charity of your prayers, please join in praying for Pope's Francis' special intention for the month of October 2018: Please pray for men and women in religious life that their hearts will compel them to accompany and minister to people who are marginalized, poor, ignored and excluded.

In the charity of your prayers, you are kindly asked to remember the sick, especially: **Annette Chauvin, Christine Caron, Lisa Vancelette, Jules Andre Alcide, Cyrus Hiatt, Doris Kennedy, Denise Thibeault, Rev. George J Ridick, Rev. Robert Brusio, Carey Santiago, David Peloquin, Bruce Vidito, Tom Marshall, Fr. John Hamm, Roger Fortin, Paul & Suzanne White, Betty Ryan John Bouckaert, James Reilly.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nancie O'Brien, Fr. Robert Spellman and Sally Phenix.

There is also a request for prayer for the end to violence in our city and for solutions to the opioid drug epidemic which plagues our nation and which has taken so many lives. Please pray for Christians and other religious minorities that are experiencing persecution.

Weekly Meetings/Gatherings

Rosary: Before weekday Masses

AA Meetings: Monday @ 7:00 PM; Thursday @ 7:00 PM and Saturday @ 9:00 & 10:00 AM all at St. Stephen's Church Hall.

Wednesday @ 7:00 PM (Woman Only 12 Step Meeting) @ St. Stephen's Church Hall. For more info call 774-253-3995 Sharon.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting (French) Wednesday @ 7:00 PM Msgr. Ducharme Center. **Baptismal** Preparation for parents and Godparents: Please call the rectory.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The offertory collection for the weekends of Sept 22 & Sept 23 was as follows:

Holy Family Parish: \$3,783.30

Saint Stephen Parish: \$4,668.20

Thank you for your generosity to our parishes. It is through your goodness that we are able to accomplish all that we do. May God bless you for all that you do to support our work and ministries at Saint Stephen and Holy Family Parishes.

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