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OCTOBER 7, 2018

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SUNDAY MASSES

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



SAINT STEPHEN PARISH

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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

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 & Family Special Intentions, Req by Margarete Leveque

11:00 am (St. Joseph)

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

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

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

MONDAY – October 8

8:30 am (St. Stephen) For those struggling with addictions

TUESDAY – October 9

8:30 am (St. Joseph) For the homeless

WEDNESDAY – October 10

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

THURSDAY – October 11

8:30 am (St. Joseph) For the victims of sexual abuse

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

FRIDAY – October 12

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Helen Mahoney, Req by the Parish

SATURDAY

October 13

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Bruce Vidito, Req by Lou Tripodi & Nora Donoghue

Vigil of The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Rachel Ivanoski, Req by Harry & Lucille Worley

SUNDAY

October 14 - The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am (St. Stephen) + Matthew & Philip Laino, Req by the Family + Theresa Carney, 71st Anniv, Req by Jack

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Joseph Trudeau, 32nd Anniv., Req by his wife & daughter

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + For the People of St. Stephen's parish

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

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Entrance Hymn:

“This Day God Gives Me” #635

Readings & Psalms
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Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts:

“Love Goes On” #478

Communion Hymn:

“When Love is Found” #672

Recessional Hymn

“O God, Beyond All Praising” #535

9:30 AM MASS

Entrance Hymn:

“God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us” #587

Readings & Psalm #1007

Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts:

“For the Beauty of the Earth” #609

Communion Hymn:

“One Love Released” #802

Recessional Hymn

“God Is Love” #715

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR WEEKEND OF

October 13 - October 14

Saturday- 4:00 pm – Fr. Steven

Sunday - 7:30 am Fr. Rinaldo

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) Fr. Hugo

7:00 pm - (Brazilian) Fr. Adriano

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE
BEGUN**

Classes for grades K-8 began last Sunday. 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 classes also began on September 30th. The classes are held 6:30-8:00 pm on alternating weeks.

If you haven't yet registered, it is not too late.

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**

Our Novena to the Miraculous Medal is held at Saint Stephen Church on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and continues for nine consecutive Wednesdays through November 28—the Feast of Saint Catherine Labouré. 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.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS FOR THE FEAST OF
SAINT FRANCIS**

In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi – (Feast day: October 4th)- we invite you to bring your pet to a special Blessing of Animals on Sunday October 7th following the 11:00 am Mass at St. Stephen Church. We will gather on the lawn to the right of the church, near the school.

St Francis is Known for his radical commitment to Jesus, his preaching of the Gospel and of his care and appreciation for God's creation. St Francis wrote the **Canicle of the Sun** in which Francis offers thanksgiving to God for the gift of all living creatures. The blessing of animals reminds us that these creatures are a wondrous and precious part of God's handiwork. We must be good stewards of the gifts God has given us.

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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 Paul LaPierre.

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 29& Sept 30 was as follows:

Holy Family Parish: \$3,166.25

Saint Stephen Parish: \$3,133.65

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.

HELP US HELP OTHERS THROUGH

THE NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR MINISTRY!

The Holy Family parish **Neighbor Helping Neighbor Ministry** assists people who are experiencing difficulty (financial hardship, illness, in need of food, those burdened by overwhelming medical bills, etc). Our assistance to these individuals and families is always verified by means of a parish representative and done confidentially.

Please consider helping us to assist those most in need. If you wish to make a donation to the **Neighbor Helping Neighbor Ministry**, simply enclose your gift in a sealed envelope marked "*Neighbor Helping Neighbor,*" and drop it in the offertory basket or mail to Holy Family Parish, 20 Hamilton Street, Worcester, MA 01604. Checks should be made out to *Holy Family Parish*. May God bless you for helping us to help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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