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### **SUNDAY MASSES**

9:30 am (English)  
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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 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)

11:00 am (St. Stephen) For the People of St. Stephen Parish

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

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

**MONDAY – October 15**

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Theresa Duplessis, 20th Anniv., Req by Marcel

**TUESDAY – October 16**

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

**WEDNESDAY – October 17**

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

**THURSDAY – October 18**

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

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

**FRIDAY – October 19**

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

**SATURDAY**

**October 20**

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

Vigil of The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Dennis Porcaro, 18th Anniv Req by Linda & Family  
+ Raymond Mattress, Jr, 9th Anniv, Req by the Family

**SUNDAY**

**October 21** - The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am (St. Stephen) + Bertha Guzas, Req by Lou Tripodi

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Omer Prunier, Req by the Family

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + Pauline Hayes, 2nd Anniv Req by the Family

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

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

**4:00 PM & 11:00 AM**

Entrance Hymn:

**4:00 “God, We Praise You” #204**

**11:00 “Gather Us In” #303**

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Hymn at the Preparation of the  
Gifts:

**4:00 “The Summons” #384**

**11:00 “Seek Ye First” #436**

Communion Hymn:

**4:00 “Christians, Let Us Love One  
Another” #476**

**11:00 “Blest Are They” #629**

Recessional Hymn

**4:00 “To Jesus Christ, Our  
Sovereign King” #734**

**11:00 “Those Who See Light”  
#496**

**9:30 AM MASS**

Entrance Hymn:

**“O God, Our Help In Ages Past”  
#672**

Readings & Psalm #1010

Hymn at the Preparation of the  
Gifts:

**“Be Thou My Vision” #646**

Communion Hymn:

**“Blest Are They”**

**Refrain:** Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the  
kingdom of God!

Recessional Hymn

**“Let All Things Now Living” #608**

**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 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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](http://www.ststephenworchester.org) or at [www.holyfamilyparishworchester.org](http://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](mailto: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.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, NOVEMBER 1st  
A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the celebration of the triumph of grace in every person who now enjoys the eternal vision of God in heaven. All Saints Day is a reminder that the saints are beyond counting. It is a Holyday of obligation in our liturgical calendar.

A very small portion of these men and women have been publically recognized ("canonized"), but the great majority have not. Heaven is full of souls we do not know. Among them are surely members of our families and loved ones who have helped us in living the way of faith, hope and love. On All Saints Day we give thanks for the great "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) that surrounds us. We pray for the grace to imitate their virtues in our lives. We look forward to the day when all creation will be transformed and we will be joined to that great multitude of men and women who down through the centuries have given witness to Christ in varied and diverse ways. Our schedule of Masses for All Saints is as follows.

**Wednesday, October 31**

**4:00 pm—Vigil Mass at St. Stephen Church**

**Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**8:30 am—Mass at Saint St. Joseph 1 Church**

**7:00 pm—Mass at St. Joseph Church**

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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.**

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

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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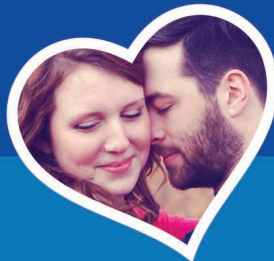
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