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OCTOBER 21, 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

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
+ George & Viola Lamontange, Req by Donald

11:00 am (St. Joseph)

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

12:30 pm (St. Joseph) Mass of Thanksgiving for Marielle Similien, Req by
Marielle Similien

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

MONDAY – October 22

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

TUESDAY – October 23

8:30 am (St. Joseph) For the People of Holy Family Parish

WEDNESDAY – October 24

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

THURSDAY – October 25

8:30 am (St. Joseph)

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

FRIDAY – October 26

8:30 am (St. Stephen) For the People of St. Stephen Parish

SATURDAY

October 27

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

Vigil of The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + The Tripodi Family Req by Lou Tripodi

SUNDAY

October 28 - The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am (St. Stephen) +

9:30 am (St. Joseph) For the People of Holy Family Parish

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + Kathleen & Andrew Sluckis, Sr. Req by a Friend

12:30 pm (St. Joseph) Mass of Thanksgiving for Marielle Similien, Req by
Marielle Similien

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

4:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Entrance Hymn:

“Praise to the Lord” #194

Readings & Psalms
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Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

“The King of Love” #468

Communion Hymn:

“Ubi Caritas” #328

Recessional Hymn

“Love Goes On” #478

9:30 AM MASS

Entrance Hymn:

**“God, Whose Love in Humble
Service” #825**

Readings & Psalm #1013

Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

“Ubi Caritas” #776

Communion Hymn:

“Ubi Caritas” #776

Recessional Hymn

**“The Church of Christ in Every
Age” #823**

**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 Laboure. 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!

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE
ARCHANGEL**

In response to Pope Francis’ appeal that we exercise “the gentle power of prayer” as the Church faces so many challenges, both internal and external, Bishop McManus has asked that the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel be recited at the conclusion of Masses throughout the Diocese of Worcester

The text of the prayer which the Church has prayed in turbulent times since it was composed by Pope Leo in 1886 is as follows:

“Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.”

**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 1st 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 1st**

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dawn Birtz.

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 weekend of October 13 & 14 was as follows:

St Stephen Parish: \$3,331.00

Holy Family Parish: \$4,807.36

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.

ANNUAL TURKEY SOCIAL SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018 DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

It is time to start bringing your prize donations with a starting value of \$15. We will be accepting donations for wine and liquor baskets. They may be left at the entrance of Saint Joseph's church before Mass. If you would like to volunteer please call Terry Turgeon at 508-757-6209.

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