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9:30 am (English)
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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 27

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

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)

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

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

MONDAY – October 29

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

TUESDAY – October 30

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

WEDNESDAY – October 31

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) +

THURSDAY – November 1

8:30 am (St. Joseph)

7:00 pm (St. Joseph)

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

FRIDAY – November 2

8:30 am (St. Stephen)

12:15 pm Notre Dame Cemetery

SATURDAY

November 3

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

Vigil of The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Violet Mann, Req by her daughter Linda Jackson
+ Ralph Caputo, Req by Karen Helmstadter

SUNDAY

November 4 - The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am (St. Stephen) + For the People of St. Stephen Parish

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

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + Irena Rozevicius, Req by the Family
+ Ed & Mike Healy, Req by Pat & Family

12:30 pm (St. Joseph)

**THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Entrance Hymn:

“Be Thou My Vision” #397

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Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

“Amazing Grace” #433

Communion Hymn:

“Christ Be Our Light” #596

Recessional Hymn

“The Lord Is My Light” #681

9:30 AM MASS

Entrance Hymn:

**“Sing Praise to God, who Reigns
Above” #590**

Readings & Psalm #1016

Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

“Christ Be Beside Me” #650

Communion Hymn:

“Christ Be Our Light” #824

Recessional Hymn

“Amazing Grace” #680

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!

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.”

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. Joseph1 Church

7:00 pm—Mass at St. Joseph Church

ALL SOULS’ DAY IS NOVEMBER 2nd

Friday, November 2nd is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed-All Souls’ Day. It is the Church’s remembrance of those who have gone before us in death but who may be still in need of our prayers.

The scriptures teach us to pray for one another. Prayer joins us to Christ and to each other. Through prayer, love is diffused throughout the Body of Christ, even to those who have passed beyond this world and who are being purified before reaching the fullness of God’s eternal presence. Through God’s providence, the departed, who are on this journey are assisted by our prayers. **Mass for the Feast of All Souls will be celebrated on Friday, November 2nd at Notre-Dame Cemetery Chapel at 162 Webster Street in Worcester at 12:15 pm. The schola for the Mass will be under the direction of Lucia Clemente Falco. Fr. LaBaire will be the celebrant.** All are welcome. Mass will also be celebrated at the usual time of 8:30 am at St. Stephen Church on November 2nd.

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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 Robert Vigliatura.

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 20 & 21 was as follows:

St Stephen Parish: \$4,223.51

Holy Family Parish: \$5,961.27

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.

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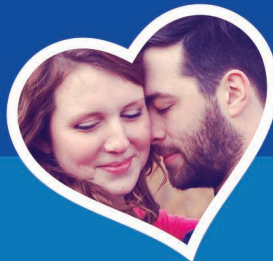
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