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NOVEMBER 4, 2018

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH AT SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

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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

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 our faithful long term parishioners who are struggling
with significant illness

11:00 am (St. Joseph)

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

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

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

MONDAY – November 5

8:30 am (St. Stephen)

TUESDAY – November 6

8:30 am (St. Joseph)

WEDNESDAY – November 7

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

THURSDAY – November 8

8:30 am (St. Joseph) All Souls

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

FRIDAY – November 9

8:30 am (St. Stephen) All Souls

SATURDAY

November 10

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

Vigil of The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + The Tripodi Family, Req by Lou Tripodi
+ Betty Anne Ryan, Req by Lou Tripodi & Debra Collette

SUNDAY

November 11 - The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am (St. Stephen) +

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Arthur Perra, 14th Annv., Req by his wife & family

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + Guy Guerry, 8th Annv., Req by the Family

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

**THE THIRTY-FIRST
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

4:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Entrance Hymn:

4:00 “We Gather Together” #199

**11:00 “Glory and Praise To Our
God” #546**

Readings & Psalms
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Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

**4:00 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep
Silence” #207**

11:00 “One Lord” #649

Communion Hymn:

4:00 “As the Deer Longs” #765

11:00 “The Path of Life” #736

Recessional Hymn

**4:00 “Holy God, We Praise Thy
Name” #192**

11:00 “O Bless the Lord” #559

9:30 AM MASS

Entrance Hymn:

“A Mighty Fortress” #674

Readings & Psalm #1019

Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

**“Draw Near and Take the Body of
the Lord” #454**

Communion Hymn:

“The Path of Life” #15

Recessional Hymn

**“O God, Beyond All Praising”
#589**

NOVENA TO THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL AT SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH

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. 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. All are welcome.

ANNUAL TURKEY SOCIAL ON NOVEMBER 17

The Saint Joseph Church Turkey Social is a long-standing Family Fun Night. Raffle prizes are worth over \$ 1,000. Every fifteen minutes an attendance prize of a frozen turkey is drawn. All prizes have a minimum value of \$15. During the Social, we offer hot dogs , pizza, drinks at family prices. At this time we are in need of prize donations with a starting value of \$15. We are also accepting donations of wine and liquor for the baskets. **On November 17th, the doors open at 5pm and raffles begin at 6pm.** The event is held at 10 Dupont Street in Worcester (the parish hall directly behind St. Joseph Church). Proceeds support St. Joseph Church. All are welcome!

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 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.** The offices are closed on civic holidays.

Spiritual Wisdom For the Week

“When someone learns to not reject, not judge, nor hate; he has begun to learn the love of neighbor.

Anonymous

REFLECTION FOR THE 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” (Mark 12:33) Of all the gifts the God gives us the one he wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing to support our parish is important. But it is more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how he is calling us to be generous with our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

HELP US HELP OTHERS

The Saint Stephen Parish *Saint Vincent de Paul Society* and The Holy Family parish *Neighbor Helping Neighbor Ministry* both assist people who are experiencing difficulty (financial hardship, illness, in need of food, those burdened by overwhelming medical bills, heating 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 *Saint Vincent De Paul Society OR TO Neighbor Helping Neighbor Ministry*, simply enclose your gift in a sealed envelope marked “*Neighbor Helping Neighbor*” or “*Saint Vincent de Paul*” and drop it in the offertory basket or mail to the parish office. Checks should be made out to *Holy Family Parish* or to *Saint Stephen Parish*. Any gift, large or small, is appreciated. May God bless you for helping us to help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

SAINT STEPHEN PARISH WEBSITE

www.ststephenworcester.org The Saint Stephen Parish website is intended to be a 24/7 source of parish information as well as a means of on-going evangelization for the people of Saint Stephen Parish. The site also contains information pertaining to Saint Stephen School, Holy Family Parish and the Diocese of Worcester. More content will be added to the site in the coming weeks. Please consider adding St. Stephen’s to your bookmarked websites.

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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 November 2018: That the language of love will prevail over the language of conflict.

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, John Bouckaert, James Reilly.**

Pray for the repose of the souls: For those who perished in the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh.

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

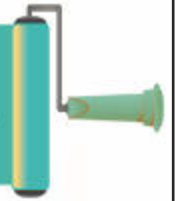
The offertory collection for the weekend of October 27 & 28 was as follows:

St Stephen Parish: \$3,630.98

Holy Family Parish: \$3,406.00

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