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9:30 am (English)
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1:00pm (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

December 22

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

Vigil of The Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Judith & Raymond Mattress Jr Req by the Family
+John Lewandowski, Req by the Family

SUNDAY

December 23 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am (St. Stephen) + Theresa Roy, Req by the Family

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Raymond Lyman, Req by Mary Sanning

11:00 am (St. Joseph)

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + Don Sr., Don Jr., Michael & Tommy Vigliatura, Req
by the Family

1:00 pm (St. Joseph) Pour nos paroissiens

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

MONDAY – December 24

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Gary Mattress, 14th Anniv Req by Alice Norbert

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Kathleen & Daniel Foley, Req by the Family

6:00 pm (St. Joseph) +Venincasa/Standring Families

8:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 pm (St. Joseph) + Elaine LaClair

TUESDAY – December 25

9:30 am (St. Stephen)

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

WEDNESDAY – December 26

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Angela Ridick 16th Annv, Req by Jim & Nancy
Ridick
Randy Trudeau for good health, Req by Anne Marie

THURSDAY – December 27

8:30 am (St. Joseph) + Shirley O'Brien Req by the Parish

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

FRIDAY – December 28

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

SATURDAY

December 29

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + John & Delia Crawford, Req by the Family
+ Deacon Paul Dacri Req by the Parish

SUNDAY

December 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Jeannette LeClair, 16th Annv., Req by the Family

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + Normand & Yolanda Cote, 6th Anniv by the Family

1:00 pm (St. Joseph)

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

4:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Entrance Hymn:

“O Come, Divine Messiah” #32

Readings & Psalms

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Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts:

**“The Angel Gabriel From Heaven
Came” #24**

Communion Hymn:

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” #20

Recessional Hymn

“People, Look East” #22

9:30 AM MASS

Entrance Hymn:

“The Advent of Our King” #287

Readings & Psalm #869

Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

“Pilgrim Prayer” #476

Communion Hymn:

“Christ, Circle Round Us” #284

Recessional Hymn

“People, Look East” #297

**2019 PARISH CALENDARS NOW
AVAILABLE**

The 2019 Parish Calendars for both St. Stephen's and Holy Family Parishes are now available at **the entrances to both churches**. The calendars note both holydays and saint's days in our liturgical calendar. The 2019 calendars are free. Please take what you need.

OUR LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS 2018

United with Christians throughout the world, we will gather to celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ on December 24th and 25th. Our schedule of English-language Christmas Masses as follows:

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve:**4:00 pm at Saint Stephen's Church****6:00 pm at Saint Joseph's Church****10:30 pm Choral Prelude at Saint Joseph Church****11:00 pm at Saint Joseph Church**

Masses will also be celebrated at 6:00 pm in Spanish at Saint Stephen's and at 8:00 pm in Brazilian Portuguese at St. Joseph's on Christmas Eve.

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day: 9:30 am at Saint Stephen's Church

Mass will also be celebrated at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's in Brazilian Portuguese on Christmas Day.

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2018!*Feliz Natal! Joyeux Noel! ;Feliz Navidad!***WELCOME TO SAINT STEPHEN & HOLY FAMILY PARISHES**

Our parish community joins with Christians throughout the world to celebrate the love of God revealed to us in the birth of Jesus Christ. It is in the spirit of joy having been called to live in the light of God's radiant love that we welcome you.

We open our church doors and our hearts to all.

Along with our parishioners, we welcome those who have traveled to be with family and friends.

We welcome those who have no church.

We welcome those who struggle with their faith or find it difficult to pray.

We welcome those who carry the burden of past sins.

Please know that you can leave that burden here.

We welcome those who are hurting, grieving in any way and find it difficult to celebrate Christmas. *It is our prayer that you will find healing and strength.*

We welcome those whose hearts are brimming with joy. *You bless us by lifting our spirits.*

We welcome the young and the old; the wise and the foolish; the strong and the weak, the humble and the proud.

Everyone is welcome in the name of Christ.

May our celebration of Christmas unite us in faith, hope, and love.

Father Steven Labaire, Pastor

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2019:**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Tuesday, January 1 is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. It is a holyday of obligation in our liturgical calendar. Our schedule of Masses is as follows:

**Monday, December 31st: 4:00 pm
(St. Stephen's)****Tuesday, January 1st at 11:00 am
(St. Stephen's)**

As we turn the page on another (civil) calendar year, we're invited to be mindful of the bigger picture of our lives, the things that really matter and of our final destiny with God in eternity. So much of what we worry about and occupy our time with is fleeting. As we begin to count the days of 2018, what will ultimately "count" for us?

At the beginning of the New Year, we are presented with Mary, the mother of Christ, as a model and example of one who lives her days completely open to God. She lived her days (and her years) well. We pray that we would follow in Mary's footsteps in our own time.

NEW YEAR'S DAY PARISH OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is most cordially invited to join us on **January 1st, 2019** for a Parish Open House at 20 Hamilton Street, at anytime, from **12 noon- 2:00 pm** to celebrate the start of the New Year. The occasion is an opportunity to share in fellowship as well as for everyone to visit the new parish offices. Refreshments will be served. *All are welcome.*

THANK YOU!

On behalf of both Saint Stephen's and Holy Family Parishes, I extend my gratitude and thanks to all who helped us prepare for and celebrate our Christmas liturgies: the Saint Joseph Choir, the singers at Saint Stephen's, cantors, those who so beautifully decorated and prepared our churches, our deacons, liturgical ministers, Lucia Clemente Falco, director of music, Theresa O'Brien, have all been invaluable in coordinating the many preparations for the feast-day of Christ's Nativity. We are blessed with so many generous hearts, hands and voices. *Thank you!* Father Steven LaBaire

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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 December 2018: That those entrusted with passing on the faith as teachers and catechists may do so in a way that speaks to our time and to contemporary cultures.

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, Roger Fortin, Paul & Suzanne White, John Bouckaert, James Reilly.**

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.

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.

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