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9:30 am (English)
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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

January 5

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Cole Victor, Req by Jim & Theresa

Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) For the People of St. Stephen Parish

SUNDAY

January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am (St. Stephen) + Deacon Paul Dacri, Req by the Parish

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Raymond Lajoie, 25th Annv, Req by his daughter
Patricia Lajoie
+ Armand Bouley, Req by the Family

11:00 am (St. Joseph)

11:00 am (St. Stephen) +

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

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

MONDAY – January 7

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Barbara Laino, Req by Joan Noonan

TUESDAY – January 8

8:30 am (St. Joseph)

WEDNESDAY – January 9

8:30 am (St. Stephen)

THURSDAY – January 10

8:30 am (St. Joseph) + Shirley O'Brien

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

FRIDAY – January 11

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

SATURDAY

January 12

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Helen Tripodi, Req by Lou Tripodi
+ John & Delia Crawford, Req by the Family

SUNDAY

January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am (St. Stephen) + Barbara Laino, Req by Joan Noonan

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Felix Laurent, Req by Jim & Theresa

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + George Haddad, Req by the Family

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Entrance Hymn:

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” #78

Readings & Psalms

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Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts:

“We Three Kings” #86

Communion Hymn:

“What Child is This” #87

Recessional Hymn

“As With Gladness, Men of Old” #91

9:30 AM MASS

Entrance Hymn:

“The First Nowell” #328

Readings & Psalm **#878**

Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts:

“We Three Kings” #329

Communion Hymn:

“What Child is this?” #330

Recessional Hymn

“Angels, From the Realms of Glory” #332

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.

TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we continue our celebration of Christmas as the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word “*Epiphany*” means “appearance,” or “revelation” or “manifestation.”

We contemplate the mystery of our loving God who reveals himself as a tiny child and yet who is the “Light of the World.” Epiphany manifests the truth that God reveals great things in humble circumstances. Grace makes its appearance in simple, even seemingly mundane events.

The “Magi” described in today’s gospel reading were astrologers. They studied the heavens and astral signs. Consistent with their vocation, the gospel narrates that these astrologers observed an unusual astronomical phenomenon and sought out the meaning of the event. The Magi journeyed to Jerusalem in good faith: they searched for a newborn “king” they did not yet know. They were open to where the sign might lead.

Eventually, they discovered a child. They “did him homage,” opened their treasures and offered him their gifts. The story is very much about us as well. It recounts how God reveals himself, our journey of faith, and our response through the offering of our “gifts.”

As we begin 2019, we might reflect upon our life together as a parish family: *How has God been leading us over the past year? Where do we see the light of Christ shining in our parish community? Are there circumstances so simple and ordinary where we might be overlooking God’s activity and presence? Where might God be leading us as a parish? How might we be called to open our “treasures” in 2019? What gifts are we being called to share? Are we open to new discoveries of God’s Grace?*

The journey of the Magi is one we are all called to embrace.

Today, we pray that the light of Christ will shine on us throughout the New Year and enlighten us with new insights into God’s love along life’s pilgrimage during 2019.

FLU SEASON REMINDERS

Mindful that we have entered the flu season, please keep the following common-sense practices in mind:

If you are sick or think that you have the flu, it is best to stay home. If your children are sick with the flu, keep them at home. Please do not send them to religious education classes or to school.

Eucharistic Ministers are asked to thoroughly wash their hands with soap and hot water in the sacristy before and after every Mass.

If the priest or deacon does not invite the congregation to offer the sign of peace, it is not that he has forgotten this part of the Mass. It simply means that cold and flu levels are such that omitting this part of the liturgy is prudent for the time being. Remember, according to the *Roman Missal* the exchange of the Sign of Peace is an *optional* part of every Mass.

If you have a cold or the flu and do come to church, please refrain from receiving Holy Communion from the cup. At the Sign of Peace simply turn to those nearest you and say “Peace be with you.” (The custom of “waving” to people during Mass as if on the street or in a parade is to be discouraged.) If someone does not extend their hand to you, they may suspect they have a cold. Simply greet them with the Christ’s words of peace!

Thank you for helping to keep our parish as healthy as possible.

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.

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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 January 2018: That young people, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world

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.**
Please Pray for the repose of the Soul: Felix Laurent

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

St Stephen Parish: 12/23/18 \$4,235.26

St. Stephen Christmas: \$3,298.96

Holy Family Parish: 12/23/18 \$3,229.65

Holy Family Christmas: \$2,833.00

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES & WINTER WEATHER

Reminder: In the event of school cancelation or delay due to winter weather, the 8:30 am weekday Monday- Friday Mass is canceled. Also, on Saturday mornings whenever there is a snow storm or emergency, the 8:30 am Mass is cancelled. Both Saint Joseph's and Saint Stephen's share the same winter weather policy concerning weekday Mass. When weather is bad, it is important to remain safe at home and let the snow removal crews do their work. On Grafton Hill, we are all well aware of how treacherous the side streets can be when there is a winter storm. Weekend Saturday-Sunday Masses are always celebrated unless an official state of emergency is declared by public authorities. Nonetheless, everyone should use caution and common sense in making a decision to travel to church.

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