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JANUARY 13, 2019

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SUNDAY MASSES

9:30 am (English)
11:00 am (Brazilian Portuguese)
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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 3:00 PM



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

January 12

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

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)

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

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

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

MONDAY – January 14

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Gerard Duplessis, Req by Marcel

TUESDAY – January 15

8:30 am (St. Joseph) For a greater respect for human life

WEDNESDAY – January 16

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Claire Sanning, Req by the Family

THURSDAY – January 17

8:30 am (St. Joseph) + Felix Laurent, Req by the Parish

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

FRIDAY – January 18

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Paul Bellows, Req by Sue & Bill Bamerick

SATURDAY

January 19

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + For those living with addictions

Vigil of The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Mary Abraham, Req by Lucille & Harry Worley

SUNDAY

January 20 - The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + For the repose of the soul of Felix Laurent, Req by St.
Joseph Choir

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 am (St. Stephen) For the People of St. Stephen's Parish

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

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

**THE BAPTISM OF THE
LORD**

4:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Entrance Hymn:

**“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”
#89**

Readings & Psalms
page 46

Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts:

**“When Jesus Comes To Be
Baptized” #93**

Communion Hymn:

“Christ, Be Our Light” #596

Recessional Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth” #377

9:30 AM MASS

Entrance Hymn:

**“When Jesus Comes To Be
Baptized” #337**

Readings & Psalm **#881**

Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

**“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”
#333**

Communion Hymn:

“Christ, Be Our Light” #824

Recessional Hymn

**“When John Baptized by Jordan's
River” #338**

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!
ST. STEPHEN'S NO LONGER HAS A
FOOD PANTRY. THERE WILL BE
NO MORE MONTHLY
COLLECTION OF FOOD.**

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

When the Season of Advent began we heard the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down!" Today on the final day of the Christmas season, we celebrate the fulfillment of that prayer. Jesus goes into the Jordan River to be baptized by John. The skies open. God's Spirit descends in the likeness of a dove. The voice of God is heard: "This is my beloved."

In Hebrew, the name of Jesus is translated "*Joshua*." The name means "Savior." A thousand years before the time of Jesus, in the days of the Exodus, after Moses had died, a man named Joshua became the leader of the Hebrew people. Joshua led the people through the Jordan River and into the Promised Land. For Christians, our Savior Jesus is the new "*Joshua*." Jesus leads us into the Jordan of Baptism. We pass through this water into a new life. Jesus has come to do God's will. He is consecrated in the Spirit. From the banks of the Jordan Jesus will begin his ministry. These proclamations about Jesus summon us to a deeper awareness of our own baptismal call. Through baptism we become apprentices and students of Jesus Christ. We too are called to be open to the Holy Spirit, mindful of our relationship with God, our Father. It is recognizing that we are truly God's children that we begin to appreciate our identity and the meaning of our lives. As God's "beloved" we are invited to participate in the ongoing work and mission of Jesus in the world.

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. Checks should be made out to *Holy Family Parish*. May God bless you for helping us to help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

Knights of Columbus Council 13575

The Knights of Columbus will be present at the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, January 19th to introduce the Council to the St. Stephen Parish Community. Council members will be on hand to meet parishioners and answer any questions about the Council and the role it plays in the community, as well as the charities it supports and partakes.

Founded in 2004, Council # 13575 is dedicated to fulfilling the principles of our Catholic Faith, set forth by the founder of the Knights of Columbus, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGiveny. Members actively assist in the following capacities: *Partners in Charity Campaign, support for the Nazareth Home for Boys, Problem Pregnancy and Visitation House programs, serving meals at the Mustard Seed and at Dismas House, yearly food drives, support of diocesan seminarians studying for the priesthood, mutual support in spiritual growth, assistance to our diocesan priests and deacons.*

Please introduce yourselves after Mass on Jan 19th to one of the Knights. To learn more about the work of the Knights or about membership, feel free to contact Richard Trubiano, Grand Knight at 774.253.8594, Domenic Mercurio, Chancellor at 508.479.1171 or email the Council at mtcarmelkofc@gmail.com.

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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 2019: 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: Eileen O'Connor

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: 12/30/18 \$3,584.45, 1/6/19 \$3,853.40

Holy Family Parish: 12/30/18 \$5,724.00, 1/6/19 \$4,810.21

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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