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JANUARY 20, 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 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) + Felix Laurent, Req by St. Joseph Choir

11:00 am (St. Joseph)

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

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

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

MONDAY – January 21

8:30 am (St. Stephen) All Souls

TUESDAY – January 22

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

WEDNESDAY – January 23

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

THURSDAY – January 24

8:30 am (St. Joseph) All Souls

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

FRIDAY – January 25

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

SATURDAY

January 26

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

Vigil of The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY

January 27 - The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am (St. Stephen) + Mary Flynn, Theresa Larson & Catherine St. Jean, Req
by Karen & David Gouin

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Gerard Gaudet, 4th Anniv. Req by the Family
+ Fr. Richard Roger, 1st Anniv.,

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + Anthony Murtari & Eleanor Mancini, Req by Joann
Johnson & Family
+ John & Helen Horgan, Req by Mary O'Loughlin

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

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

**THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Entrance Hymn:

“Glory and Praise to Our God” #546

Readings & Psalms

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Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts:

“Love Goes On” #477

Communion Hymn:

“In Memory of You” #349

Recessional Hymn

**“Praise God, From Whom All
Blessings Flow” #539**

9:30 AM MASS

Entrance Hymn:

“At the Name of Jesus” #465

Readings & Psalm #933

Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

“Sing a New Song” #592

Communion Hymn:

“The Supper of the Lord” #774

Recessional Hymn

**“From All That Dwell Below the
Skies” #569**

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FOOD PANTRY. THERE WILL BE
NO MORE MONTHLY
COLLECTION OF FOOD.**

THE BLESSING OF SAINT BLAISE ON THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 2-3rd.

Saint Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the 4th century. He was martyred during the persecution of Christians by the Roman emperor Lucinius. According to various accounts, Blaise was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the 8th century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with diseases of the throat because he was reputed to have saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Saint Blaise's feast day is February 3rd.

It has become a tradition in the Church to bestow a special blessing on his feast day to all who seek it. It is a prayer imploring God's help in our struggles against illness and infirmity, especially diseases of the throat. Christ and his apostles attended to the sick in their midst. The life of Saint Blaise, as both physician and bishop, is a reminder that the Christian community is called to attend to both the physical and spiritual health of its members. We all play a part in this ministry.

Since the throat is essential to our voice and our speaking, the blessing can also be seen as asking God's help to remove everything that impedes or hinders our "speaking" and giving "voice" to our Christian faith. Saint Blaise was fearless in professing his Christian faith. We too can be courageous in sharing our Christian faith with others.

While imprisoned for his faith, a compassionate woman brought tapers to light his prison cell. Hence it is a custom to use two tapers tied with a red ribbon in bestowing the blessing. The red ribbon signifies the blood that was shed by this martyr for the sake of his Christian faith. **The Blessing of Saint Blaise will be bestowed at the conclusion of all Masses the weekend of February 2-3rd.**

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.

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.

2018 OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS TO PARISHIONERS OF SAINT STEPHEN & HOLY FAMILY

Statements of financial contributions made by parishioners to Saint Stephen & Holy Family during 2018 may now be obtained through the parish office. We will be happy to provide a contributions statement for you. Simply call the parish office and speak with Theresa O'Brien, our office administrator at 508.754.6722 or 508.755.3165. The statement will reflect identifiable contributions made through offertory envelopes or direct deposit during 2018.

These annual statements are important for a number of reasons:

The financial support of our parishioners ought to be acknowledged. Our finances are sustained through the generous stewardship of our parishioners. We are profoundly grateful to all who call Saint Stephen's and Holy Family their parish and responsibly do their part to sustain it. Thank you for your goodness to our parish communities.

Your weekly contributions and donations to Saint Stephen and Holy Family Parishes are tax deductible. However, IRS regulations mandate organizations indicate contributions on their own letterhead. The financial statement mailed to you complies with IRS guidelines for the purpose of tax deductions.

It is important that our accounting of your contributions be accurate and correct. Everyone contributing to the parish ought to be able to rest assured that their gift is accurately accounted for in a timely manner. If there is a discrepancy between what you believe you contributed in a verifiable way (envelopes, direct deposit) and what we have recorded, we want to know about it and seek to rectify the discrepancy.

Some parishioners prefer to simply place an anonymous cash gift in the offertory basket. We certainly respect their decision to do so and appreciate their generosity to our parish. However, such gifts obviously cannot be acknowledged nor can statements be provided for tax purposes. For the sake of accuracy, transparency and accountability we invite everyone, not already doing so, to consider using the offertory envelopes or the direct deposit method. To all who share in the financial stewardship of our parish, thank you for all that you do! Every gift, whether large or small, assist us in mission as a parish community.

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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.**

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: 01/13/19 \$3,939.95

Holy Family Parish: 1/13/19 \$4,576.10

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th

Together with the Saint Stephen School community, Saint Stephen Parish will observe a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, January 25 from 9:00 am (following the 8:30 am Mass) until 10:00 am at Saint Stephen Church.

This Holy Hour invites us to contemplate the presence of Christ in our midst. And, as we begin a new year, it is an opportunity for us to be joined in prayer for our parish, our school and for our families. Everyone is welcome.

Spiritual Wisdom for the Week

"Peace—It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart."

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