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SUNDAY MASSES

9:30 am (English)
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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 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)

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 paroissiens

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

MONDAY – January 28

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Margaret Donoghue, Req by Nora

TUESDAY – January 29

8:30 am (St. Joseph) For the People of Holy Family Parish

WEDNESDAY – January 30

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Julia Moore, Req by Nora Donoghue

THURSDAY – January 31

8:30 am (St. Joseph) + Marie A. Couture, Req by Jim & Theresa

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

FRIDAY – February 1

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Paul Powers, Req by Nora Donoghue

SATURDAY

February 2

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Mary Love, Req by Nora Donoghue

Vigil of The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Robert Smith, 3rd Anniv., Req by his Family

SUNDAY

February 3 - The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am (St. Stephen) +

9:30 am (St. Joseph) For the People of Holy Family Parish

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 am (St. Stephen) +

1:00 pm (St. Joseph)

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Entrance Hymn:

4:00 “Holy, Holy, Holy” #127

11:00 “In the Day of the Lord” #575

Readings & Psalms

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Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts:

**4:00 “Your Words Are spirit and
Life” #593**

11:00 “We Are Many Parts” #583

Communion Hymn:

“One Bread, One Body” #339

Recessional Hymn

4:00 “Tell the Good News” #388

11:00 “One Lord” #649

9:30 AM MASS

Entrance Hymn:

**“Praise, My Soul, the King of
Heaven” #586**

Readings & Psalm #936

Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

**“Your Words Are spirit and Life”
#644**

Communion Hymn:

“One Bread, One Body” #793

Recessional Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth” #817

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ST. STEPHEN'S NO LONGER HAS A
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, next weekend, the weekend of February 2-3rd.**

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.

Spiritual Wisdom for the Week

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant. If we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

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, assists us in mission as a parish communities. Thank you!

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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, Cindy Bourgault, Marie Lee, Douglas Cooper, Marion Papetti, 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.

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!

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