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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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 3:00 PM



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

February 9

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Julia Moore,

Vigil of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Susie Anusauskas Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY

February 10 - The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Armand Bouley, Req by the Family

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 – February 11

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

TUESDAY – February 12

8:30 am (St. Joseph)

WEDNESDAY – February 13

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

THURSDAY – February 14

8:30 am (St. Joseph) +

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

FRIDAY – February 15

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

SATURDAY

February 16

8:30 am (St. Stephen)

Vigil of The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + John & Delia Crawford, Req by the Family
+ Chelsea McShera, Req by the Family

SUNDAY

February 17 - The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am (St. Stephen) + Alfred & Helen Vigeant, Loreen Manzano, Req by the Family

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Flex Laurent, Req by Holy Family Choir

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + Jack O'Loughlin, Req by Mary O'Loughlin
+ Mary Marion O'Connor, Req by Eileen Lush

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

6:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

7:00 pm (St. Joseph) Brazilian

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Entrance Hymn:

“O God, Beyond All Praising” #535

Readings & Psalms

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Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts:

“The Summons” #383

Communion Hymn:

“Take and Eat” #360

Recessional Hymn

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

#124

9:30 AM MASS

Entrance Hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” #448

Readings & Psalm **#942**

Hymn at the Preparation of the
Gifts:

“Journeysong” #731

Communion Hymn:

“Here I Am, Lord” #818

Recessional Hymn

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” #740

Spiritual Wisdom for the Week

“If we don’t teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.”

“Discipleship = learning to be the hands, voice and heart of Christ in the world of today.”

OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS ARE ON RETREAT- PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM!

The High School students of this year's confirmation class are on retreat this weekend at Assumption College. The retreat is being led by the campus ministry team. The Confirmation Mass is scheduled for June 2 at Saint Paul's Cathedral. Please keep these young people in your prayers that they be open to the Holy Spirit and strive to follow Jesus throughout the journey of their lives. Our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are: *Abby Erickson, Brock Richmond, Frankie Capalbo, Alyssa O'Connor, Arianna Mandella, Mary Haddad, Gabby Bousquet, Paige Desiata, Ernie Lamarche, Adrianna Fraioli, Alicia Vassar, Dan Corso, Nora Brennan, Antonio Valera, Kelly Masemba, Trinity Degon and Kayla Desiata.*

THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SAINT STEPHEN PARISH

A Parish Council serves as an advisory body to the pastor of a parish on matters pertaining to the life and mission of the Parish.

It has been said that a parish council serves as the "eyes and ears" of a parish. Council members listen to the hopes, challenges and concerns of parishioners. Through respectful dialogue and prayerful reflection, a Parish Council seeks to assist the pastor in discerning future priorities and a vision for a direction toward which a parish should move. Those serving on Parish Councils are asked to go beyond discussing problems and to offer realistic solutions and strategies. The Parish Council is not a Finance Board and usually does not concern itself with parish finances, except in events of urgency. Rather, it focuses on the life and future direction of the community. A parish council asks: *"Where should we be focusing our energy and resources as a parish?"*

Current appointed members of the Council of Saint Stephen Parish are: **Bill and Sue Bamerick, Nora Donoghue, Barbara Foley, Kathleen Foley, Neil Isakson, Bob Lapinsky, Vivian Peluso, Jim Rice, Frank Tripodi, Lucille Worley, Deacon Israel Fernandez and Deacon Paul Reuter.** The Saint Stephen Parish Council has been working on organizational by-laws so that it may function appropriately. At a future date, to be determined, there will be an election of new members. If you are a registered, active parishioner of Saint Stephen's, and you would like to serve as a parish council member and believe that you have something to offer the Council in fulfilling its mission, please call the parish office. Thank you.

19th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual gathering scheduled to be held at Assumption College in Worcester on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic presentations from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin Dunn, Francesco Cesareo, Trent Horn, Father Warren Savage, Mile Aquilina and Eric Mahl. Bishops and priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. To obtain a Conference brochure, for further information or registration, please call Sara Smilie at 508.929.4345. Tickets for adults are \$ 45 until March 25, afterwards \$ 60. Student tickets are always \$ 30.

Holy Communion for Sick & Homebound Parishioners

Whenever a parishioner is unable to attend Mass due to illness or infirmity, the priests and deacons are eager to bring the Holy Eucharist to that person. We presently have a list of parishioners who are visited on regular basis. However, we are mindful that there are parishioners who are not being visited, but who may wish to be visited. If you would like to have Holy Communion brought to your home or know of a parishioner who is not being visited but who wishes to have Holy Communion brought to them, please contact the parish office at 508.754.6722 or at 508.755.3165. You may also contact Father John Hamm at frjohnhamm@gmail.com.

Monday, February 11 is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and since 1992 has been observed as the World Day of the Sick. The observance was instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II, shortly after he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. He believed that prayer was a great solace and source of strength for those who were struggling with illness. Please keep the sick of our parish communities in your prayers.

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Stephen's weekly goal is \$5,064.00

St Stephen Parish: 2/3/19 \$4,109.17

Holy Family weekly goal is \$6,900.00

Holy Family Parish: 2/3/19 \$5,077.32

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.

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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 February 2019: For the victims of human trafficking: May we extend care to the victims of trafficking, of forced prostitution and of violence.

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. Repose of the soul of : Anne Stanavich and Raymond Iannotti**

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

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