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### **SUNDAY MASSES**

7:30 & 11:00 am (English)  
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Saturday Vigil Mass:  
4:00 PM (English)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturdays at 3:00 PM



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MASS INTENTIONS

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)

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

MONDAY – February 18

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Souls in purgatory

TUESDAY – February 19

8:30 am ( St. Joseph) + Souls in purgatory

WEDNESDAY – February 20

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

THURSDAY – February 21

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

7:00 pm (St. Stephen) Spanish

FRIDAY – February 22

8:30 am (St. Stephen) For the greater respect for human life

SATURDAY

February 23

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

Vigil of The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Richard Buxton, Req by Margaret Buxton  
+ Anne Stanavich, Req by Lou Trpodi

SUNDAY

February 24 - The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am (St. Stephen) + Marie Venincasa 21st Anniv. Req by the Family

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

11:00 am (St. Joseph) Brazilian

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

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 PM & 11:00 AM

Entrance Hymn:

**4:00 “This Day God Gives Me” #635**

**11:00 “Glory and Praise to Our  
God” #546**

Readings & Psalms  
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Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts:  
**4:00 “Blest Are They” #629**

**11:00 “I Know That My Redeemer  
Lives” #678**

Communion Hymn:

**4:00 “You Are My Inheritance” #734**

**11:00 “Blest Are They” #629**

Recessional Hymn

**“The Lord Is My Light” #680**

9:30 AM MASS

Entrance Hymn:

**“A Mighty Fortress” #674**

Readings & Psalm **#945**

Hymn at the Preparation of the  
Gifts:

**“I Know That My  
Redeemer Lives” #556**

Communion Hymn:

**“Blest Are They”**

**Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed  
are you, holy are you; Rejoice and be  
glad! Your is the Kingdom of God.**

Recessional Hymn

**“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” #740**

*Spiritual Wisdom for the Week*

**“Blessed is he who has learned to  
laugh at himself for he shall never  
cease to be entertained” John Boswell**

**“Blessed are they who see beautiful  
things in humble places where other  
people see nothing” Camille Pissarro**

**Looking Ahead: Ash Wednesday – The Beginning of Lent**

Wednesday, March 6th is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the holy season of Lent. Our liturgical schedule will be as follows:

**8:30 am** at Saint Stephen's- Mass & Imposition of Ashes

**10:30 am** at Saint Stephen's –Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes

**4:00 pm** at Saint Stephen's – Mass & Imposition of Ashes

**7:00 pm** at Saint Joseph's –Mass & Imposition of Ashes

**8:30 pm** at Saint Joseph's- Mass & Imposition of Ashes (Brazilian Portuguese)

The ashes imposed on our foreheads evoke our fragility and mortality: *Mindful of the shortness and unpredictability of human life, what must I change in order to live more fully, faithfully and abundantly as Christ calls me to live?*

Ash Wednesday is a day of prayer and fasting for the entire church. Join with for one of our liturgies as we begin our Lenten pilgrimage, united with Christians, throughout the world.

**Visitation House Bottle Drive**

The Annual Saint Stephen Parish Bottle Drive to benefit **Visitation House** in Worcester will soon be underway. Bottles (to be filled with loose change) will be available in the front vestibule of Saint Stephen Church on the weekend of March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Visitation House** is a home for women facing crisis pregnancies. Visitation House offers a caring home to nurture both mothers and their growing babies. At Visitation House, women from all walks of life, who have nowhere to go, are welcomed. Visitation House offers private rooms, nutritious food, a caring staff and classes for expectant and new mothers. For more information about the wonderful work being done at Visitation House, go to [www.visitationhouse.org](http://www.visitationhouse.org). Please consider taking a bottle home. And, please pray for every effort to uphold the dignity of every human life.

**PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

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

**St Stephen Parish: 2/10/19 \$4,023.73**

**Holy Family weekly goal is \$6,900.00**

**Holy Family Parish: 2/10/19 \$4,869.10**

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.

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Diocesan Men's Conference on April 6th**

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](http://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. *Pastor's note: If any man of the parish wishes to attend the Catholic Men's Conference but is unable to afford the cost, please speak to Father Labaire or to one of the deacons.*

**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](mailto: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.

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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.**

### **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.

### **Saint Stephen Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council of Saint Stephen Parish will be meeting on **Monday, February 25 at 6:30 pm** in the Parish Office building. The Parish Council serves as an advisory body to the pastor on matters pertaining to the life and mission of the parish. The current appointed members are: Bill and Sue Bamerick, Nora Donoghue, Barbara Foley, Kathleen Foley, Neil Isakson, Bob Lapinsky, Vivian Peluso, Jim Rice, Lou Tripodi, Lucille Worley, Deacon Israel Fernandez and Deacon Paul Reuter. A sub-committee of the Council has been working on organizational by-laws for the Council. Also, the Council is planning a parish-wide election of members later in the spring.

### **Holy Family Parish Sunday Coffee Hour**

Everyone from both Holy Family and Saint Stephen's Parish is most cordially invited to join us for *Coffee and...* which is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of every month in the lower hall of the Monsignor Ducharme Parish Center (behind St. Joseph Church). The Coffee hour is an opportunity for parishioners to come to know one another and to enjoy some refreshments. Our *Coffee and...* will be held **this Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**. We also wish to thank all those who play a part in this valued ministry of hospitality.

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