The Catholic Community of Grafton Hill Parishes

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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Holy Family Parish at Saint Joseph Church

20 Hamilton St Worcester, MA
508-754-6722
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www.holyfamilyparishworcester.org—Parish Website

Sunday Masses
9:30 am (English)
11:00 am (Brazilian Portuguese)
1:00pm (French)
7:00 pm (Brazilian Portuguese)

Weekday Masses
8:30 AM Tuesday, Thursday

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Saint Stephen Parish

20 Hamilton St Worcester, MA
508-755-3165
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www.ststephenworcester.org—Parish Website

Sunday Masses
11:00 am (English)
6:00 PM (Spanish)
Saturday Vigil Mass:
4:00 PM (English)

Weekday Masses
8:30 AM Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 3:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - September 4
Vigil of The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) For Peace & Wellbeing for Kathy Coleman, by a Friend

SUNDAY - September 5
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am (St. Joseph) For the People of Holy Family Parish
11:00 am (St. Stephen) + Paul Lukas, by Kathleen Foley
+ Anne-Marie O'Shea, Birthday Remembrance, by the Family

MONDAY – September 6
8:30 am (St. Stephen)

TUESDAY – September 7
8:30 am (St. Joseph) + Gerard & Theresa Duplessis, by Marcel Duplessis

WEDNESDAY – September 8
8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

THURSDAY – September 9
8:30 am (St. Joseph) +

FRIDAY – September 10
8:30 am (St. Stephen) + Conceicao Lopes, by Kathleen Foley

SATURDAY - September 11
Vigil of The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Peter Dorothea Piascik & Shirley Zifcak, by the Family

SUNDAY - September 12
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Margaret & Brownie Gemme, by the Family
9:30 + Armand Bouley, 3rd Annv., by the Family
11:00 am (St. Stephen) + Giannio Luciani, 1st Ann, by his wife & children

Parish Registration
Please Help!!!!

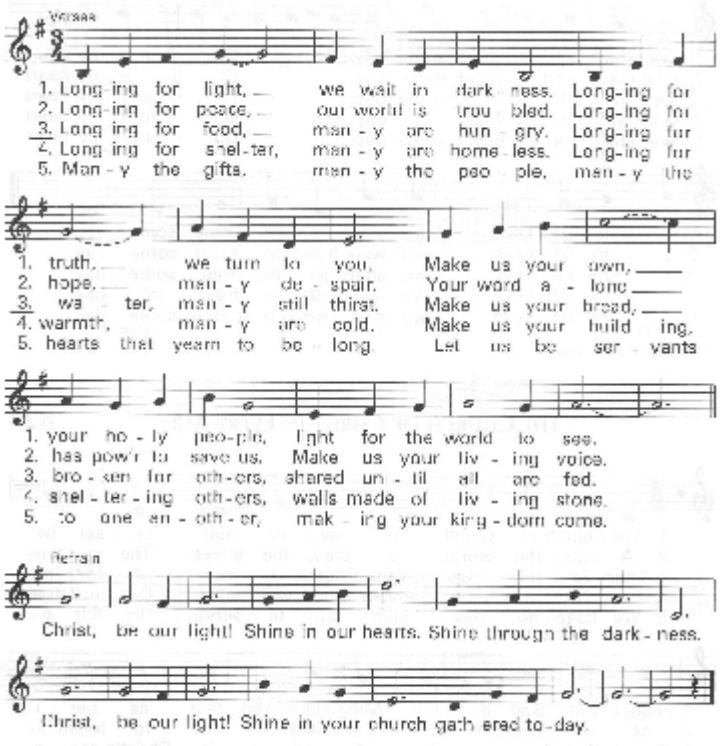
If you or your family does not receive envelopes you may not be properly registered in either parish. If you are not please consider registering today. This is important not only for our census records but also for you and your family to receive the Sacraments of the Church.

You may register on line by going to
www.holyfamilyworcester.org
or to
www.ststephensworcester.org
or
You may call our parish office and register with Theresa at 508-755-3165 or 508-754-6722
Thank you!

Music for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146

Communion Hymn: Christ Be Our Light



Daily Mass Notice

Daily Mass Schedule

Beginning on September 6, Mass will return to Monday Morning at 8:30 at St. Stephen

Monday—8:30 am St. Stephen Church
Tuesday—8:30 am St. Joseph Church
Wednesday—8:30 am St. Stephen Church
Thursday—8:30 am St. Joseph Church
Friday—8:30 am St. Stephen Church

St. Stephen and Holy Family Parishes
Religious Education News

Now open for 2021-2022 Online Religious Education Registration For grades Kindergarten - 11th

ststephenworcester.org
holyfamilyparishworcester.org

As the new catechetical year nears, we are gearing up to welcome our students in classes that are starting on **September 12th** for 6th-11th grade through Confirmation Class , 2021. Our main goal for this year is to invite the CCD students and their parents to gather around the Lord's Table on Sundays and build up a "Eucharistic Community". Breakfast will be served at 8:45 Am. Classes will begin at 9:00 AM

Please help spread the word to all high school students you know. Youth Ministry Fun Sept 11th 4:00pm Mass then Fun and Pizza Ministry Fun Sept 11 4:00pm Mass then Fun and Pizza

There will be a parent Meeting on Sept 19th at 9:00am in the downstairs of St. St, Stephens

Catechetical Sunday

Sunday September 11, 2021

11:00 AM Mass	St. Stephens: Beginning of New Year of Religious Education and Blessing of Catechists *English*
11:00 AM Mass	Holy Family: Beginning of New Year of Religious Education and Blessing of Catechists *Portuguese*

Annual Partners in Charity Appeal Update

Partners in Charity has begun for both Holy Family and St. Stephen Parishes. The appeal is being run a bit differently than past years due to Co-Vid and the beginning of the Legacy of Hope Campaign in Early March.

The goal for Partners in Charity for Holy Family parish is **$21,000.00.** *Holy Family has raised* **12,530.00 with 8,470.00** *to go to meet our goal.*

The goal for Partners in Charity for St. Stephen parish is **$30,000.00.** *St. Stephen has raised* **30,000 .00 and has met its goal. Congratulations and Thank you!!!!**

I ask you to please consider your gift to this most important appeal for the life of the diocese and for our Parish ministries. Any gift to the appeal, whether large or small, is greatly appreciated.

*Thank you Monsignor Johnso*n

The ***Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*** supports 29 vital programs which assist the charitable, educational and ministerial mission of our diocese will soon be upon us. Your gift to the appeal will provide assistance to the poor, the sick, the young, the aged, the disabled, families in crisis, new immigrants, retired priests, seminarians studying for the priesthood and many more. The appeal is an opportunity to provide for others who look to us for hope. It is a way through which the Catholic Community of Worcester assists those most in need. Thank you! . **Visit the Partners in Charity web-**

Shut—ins

Do you know of anyone who is shut in, unable to attend Mass and would like a visit from one of the priests, and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion?

Do you know of anyone who is in the hospital or in a nursing home who would like a visit and the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion?

Due to the privacy laws we don't always know if someone is infirm and in the hospital nor can we find out by calling. The same is true of nursing homes. We rely on the information of others most times.

If you know of anyone Fr. Thiago and I would appreciate knowing so that we can visit them and bring them the Sacraments. Please so let us know. Thank you. Msgr. Johnson

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If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious, or lay person working for the Church and you would like to talk with someone. Please contact the
Victim Services Coordinator at
The Diocesan Office for Healing and Prevention at
508-929-4363 (a direct line).
A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available and your inquiry will be addressed.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

In the charity of your prayers, you are kindly asked to remember the sick, especially: **Janet Lebeau, Jules Andre Alcide, Cyrus Hiatt, Denise Thibeault, Carey Santiago, David Peloquin, Paul & Suzanne White, Therese Adams, John Bouckaert, Cindy Bourgault, Marie Lee, Joseph Vancelette, Tina Quinn, Lorraine & Roger Fortin, Doug Cooper, John Brennan, Erin O'Brien, John Reidle and Lisa Bishop.**

Please pray for: Persecuted Christians and religious minorities living in the Middle East. For those individuals and families impacted by addictions.

Weekly Meetings/Gatherings

Rosary: 3:30 PM recited before the 4:00 Mass Saturdays

***NEW* St. Stephen Church Tower Update!**

As you know the work has been completed on the tower as well as the repairs to the chimneys of the Church building.

As of July we have recived our first amount of rent from the Worcester Public Schools for the school building.

After setting aside an amount for our portion of the insurance and to cover our responnsibility for any captial repairs, we were able to use the remainder for the loan from the Diocese for the tower.

As of August 26, 2021, the Bell tower project is all paid.

We will now turn our attention to the two other loans that are outstanding to the diocese for payment.

***NEW* Holy Family Parish Loan Update!**

As you know we have paid our loan for the repair of the front of the Church Building 19,000.00 and now we are paying an existing loan for our share of the rectory renovation which was **46,695.52.** We have made four months of payments and taking into

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