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JANUARY 16, 2022

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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—Chapel
7:30 PM Friday, (Brazilian Portuguese)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

7:30 PM Thursday (Chapel)



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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 - January 15

Vigil of The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Mary Abraham, by Lucielle & Harry Worley

SUNDAY - January 16

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am (St. Joseph) + Paul Largess, by Donna & Steve Fontaine
+ Fr. Richard Roger, 4th Anniversary

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + Roberta & John Connolly, Alexander Connolly & James Connolly, by the Family
+ Jim Rice, Months Mind Mass, by his wife

MONDAY – January 17

8:30 am (St. Stephen) + For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY – January 18

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

WEDNESDAY – January 19

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

THURSDAY – January 20

8:30 am (St. Joseph) + For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY – January 21

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

SATURDAY - January 22

Vigil of The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY - January 23

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am (St. Joseph) For the People of Holy Family Parish
11:00 am (St. Stephen) +



Music in the Parishes

Music is an integral part of the celebration of the Mass in the Roman Rite. Our participation in the Liturgy includes our participation in the singing of liturgical music. During the restrictions of co-vid we had been singing the Entrance Antiphon and Communion Antiphon. This is actually the most proper way for Roman Catholics to begin both the Mass and the procession to Holy Communion. The singing of the psalms in the Sacred Liturgy predates the singing of hymns historically. As of the First Sunday of Advent we will return to the singing of these two antiphons at all Sunday Masses to be followed by the singing of a hymn.

Music for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!.

Entrance Hymn #333 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Readings and Psalm are found at # 802

Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts

#333 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Hymn for the Communion Procession

#793 One Bread One Body

Recessional Hymn #569 From All That Dwell

Below the Skies

HELP US HELP OTHERS THROUGH THE NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR MINISTRY!

The Holy Family parish **Neighbor Helping Neighbor Ministry** assists people who are experiencing difficulty (financial hardship, illness, in need of food, those burdened by overwhelming medical bills, etc). Our assistance to these individuals and families is always verified by means of a parish representative and done confidentially.

Please consider helping us to assist those most in need. If you wish to make a donation to the **Neighbor Helping Neighbor Ministry**, simply enclose your gift in a sealed envelope marked "Neighbor Helping Neighbor," and drop it in the offertory basket or mail to Holy Family Parish, 20 Hamilton Street, Worcester, MA 01604. Checks should be made out to *Holy Family Parish*. May God bless you for helping us to help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Weekday Masses & Winter Weather

Reminder: In the event of school cancelation or delay due to winter weather, the 8:30 am weekday, Monday-Friday Mass is cancelled. St. Josephs and St. Stephens both share the same policy concerning weekday Mass. When weather is bad, it is important to remain safe at home and let the snow removal crews do their work.

St. Stephen and Holy Family
Parishes

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

ststephenworcester.org
holymfamilyparishworcester.org

I would like to remind you of a few
upcoming Classes

Dates that are on the calendar to be aware
of

**Jan 16th Kindergarten - 5th
Class - 8:30am-
12:00pm Breakfast Holy Family
Msgr Ducharme Center**

**Jan 23th 6th-Confirmation
Class 8:30am-12:00pm**

**Jan 30th Kindergarten - 5th
Class 8:30am-12:00pm**

Religious Education Classes have started
for the year 2021-2022. In order to provide
an exceptional program we will be provid-
ing breakfast for our students at least once
a month. The motto is to provide food for
the Mind, Body and Soul.

**2021 OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS STATE-
MENTS TO PARISHIONERS OF SAINT
STEPHEN & HOLY FAMILY**

Statements of financial contributions made by parish-
ioners to Saint Stephen & Holy Family during 2021
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 re-
flect identifiable contributions made through offertory
envelopes or direct deposit during 2021.

These annual statements are important for a number of
reasons:

**The financial support of our parishioners ought
to be acknowledged.** Our finances are sus-
tained 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 con-
tributions be accurate and correct.** Everyone
contributing to the parish ought to be able to
rest assured that their gift is accurately ac-
counted for in a timely manner. If there is a dis-
crepancy between what you believe you con-
tributed in a verifiable way (envelopes, direct
deposit) and what we have recorded, we want
to know about it and seek to rectify the discrep-
ancy.

Some parishioners prefer to simply place an anonym-
ous cash gift in the offertory basket. We certainly
respect their decision to do so and appreciate their gen-
erosity to our parish. However, such gifts obviously
cannot be acknowledged nor can statements be pro-
vided for tax purposes. For the sake of accuracy, trans-
parency and accountability we invite everyone, not
already doing so, to consider using the offertory enve-
lopes 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, as-
sist us in mission as a parish community.

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**

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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

Parish Stewardship

Week of January 2, 2022
St. Stephen Parish — \$2,597.25
Holy Family Parish — \$2,626.37

***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 **45,695.52.** We have made five months of payments and taking into consideration interest owed, our loan stands now at **34,967.00** remaining.

Annual Mass for Life with Bishop McManus - January 20

You are invited to the annual Mass for Life with Bishop McManus on the eve of the March for Life on **Thursday, January 20** at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester, as we pray for a restoration of the legal protection of all human life and a renewed culture of life in our world. All are welcome.

Note: While the ongoing pandemic prevents a diocesan bus trip this year, the March for Life will still take place on Friday, Jan. 21 in Washington, DC. The March for Life and the National Prayer Vigil for Life will be broadcast live on EWTN. Consult your local listings or visit www.ewtn.com for more information.

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