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JANUARY 30, 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)



SAINT STEPHEN PARISH
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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—Confession

Saturdays at 3:00 PM—St. Stephen Church

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY - January 29

Vigil of The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY - January 30

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am (St. Stephen) + John & Helen Horgan, by Mary
Rita Horgan O'Loughlin

MONDAY – February 1

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

TUESDAY – February 2

8:30 am (St. Joseph) +

WEDNESDAY – February 3

8:30 am (St. Stephen)

THURSDAY – February 4

8:30 am (St. Joseph)

FRIDAY – February 5

8:30 am (St. Stephen) +

SATURDAY - February 5

Vigil of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (St. Stephen) + Robert Smith & Dr. Robert Maher,
by the Family

SUNDAY - February 6

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 am (St. Stephen) For the People of St. Stephen Parish



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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the Nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Entrance Hymn #715 God is Love

Readings and Psalm are found at #939

Hymn at the Preparation of the Gifts

#678 God, You Search Me.

Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

Hymn for the Communion Procession

#776 Ubi Caritas

Recessional Hymn #817 The Spirit Sends Us

Forth

Sanctuary Lamps

As you know the Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly next to the tabernacle indicating the presence of our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. It has been the tradition that the Sanctuary lamp is burnt in memory of deceased loved one. If you would like to have the Sanctuary lamp burnt in memory of your loved one for 7 days we would ask a donation of \$10.00. The name of the deceased and those who request will be printed in the weekly bulletin. If you are interested please call the parish office and speak to Theresa.

Liturgical Ministries

As you know the pandemic with Co-vid virus has compromised so much of what normally happens in our society. The Church is no exception. As a result of the pandemic our ministries which after having been shut down have been limited and out of an abundance of caution people have stepped back. This was important and necessary. As you may notice the same people minister week after week at the same Masses. Sometimes doubling or even tripling up when there is a need. Now is the time for us to revitalize our ministries. **WE NEED YOU!**

We are looking for:

Lectors

Servers and

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Ministries are a visible element of our vitality and viability as a parish. If you are willing to serve in one of these capacities I would ask that you fill out the forms provided here in the bulletin and return them to us either at the parish office or in the collection basket as soon as possible. Training will be provided and we will complement and build up the Body of Christ.

Thank you. Msgr. Johnson

St. Stephen and Holy Family
Parishes

Religious Education News

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

**ststephenworchester.org
holyfamilyparishworchester.org**

I would like to remind you of a few
upcoming Classes

***Dates that are on the calendar to be
aware of***

**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 providing breakfast for our students at least once a month. The motto is to provide food for the Mind, Body and Soul.

Our Religious Education Program has many expenses. In order to provide an outstanding program I have provided a list of items that we pay for every year. If you would like to sponsor any of these items you may place the gift cards or money clearly labeled with the item that you would like to sponsor in the collection basket.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. My information can be found in the bulletin

Money breakdown Per Person

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Workbook | Each Student | \$30.00 |
| Retreat Confirmation/ | First Communion | \$25.00 |
| Bible | Confirmation | \$15.00 |
| Robe rental | Confirmation | \$15.00 |
| Breakfast | Each Student | \$5.00 |
| Gift Bag | Confirmation/ First Communion | \$3.00 |
| Rosary | Confirmation/ First Communion | \$3.00 |

2021 OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS TO PARISHIONERS OF SAINT STEPHEN & HOLY FAMILY

Statements of financial contributions made by parishioners 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 reflect 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 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, assist us in mission as a parish community.

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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: **Marie Isakson, 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 16, 2022

St. Stephen Parish — \$2,132.33

Holy Family Parish — \$3,824.15

***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 **33,967.00** remaining.

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

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

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