

February 10

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Fifth Sunday of the Year

“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch . . .”

When Peter saw [the catch], he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.”

Luke 5: 1-11

Rediscovering my daughter through Instagram

Loving a 15-year-old daughter can be heart-wrenching. The little girl you spent a decade and a half nurturing and feeding and picking up after and dropping off and helping with homework and braiding hair and supervising play dates and fighting battles and holding hands to cross the street suddenly shuts you out of her life. She’s busy with school and clubs and projects, and when she has free time she would rather be out with friends. You hear snippets of her life ringing from her upstairs room, conversations and laughter, favorite songs occasionally played in the car from her iPhone. You feel you are losing her.

Paulina was as remote as a 15-year-old could be from her mother. Not only did she worry for Paulina as most parents do, but Paulina’s mom missed being part of her life. Then one day, Paulina’s mom ran into Maddie, a friend of her older son who was away at college. After chatting about school, Maddie asked, “How’s Paulina?”

“Good, I think,” she said, mentioning that Paulina was taking a photography class taught by professionals. “She loves photography. Hates her math teacher.”

Then Maddie, eyes wide, asked, “Have you seen her Instagram feed?”

Mom started to panic. All she could think of were other parents she had spoken to whose daughters’ feeds were filled with revealing photos. Oh God, she thought. Here it comes.

“No,” I said. “Why?”

“It’s amazing,” Maddie said. “She’s a great photographer. She has over a thousand followers.”

Paulina’s mom was stunned. A thousand followers?! That night, she worked up the nerve to ask Paulina if she could follow her on Instagram. Miraculously, her daughter said yes, shrugging as she walked up the stairs to her room. Mom grabbed her phone, and suddenly, there it was: Paulina’s life. In black-and-white and full color. Beautifully framed photos of her friends, of their Brooklyn neighborhood. Paulina had a wonderful eye for finding the unique in the simple, the wondrous in the everyday.

Paulina’s mother writes: “[Through her photography] I was able to be with Paulina out in the world again, to see what she sees, to virtually stand beside her and witness the people and places she moves through, in nearly real time. Not in a parent-policing role, but in a wonderful-world sort of way.

“ . . . there was the photo she posted of herself as a little girl among autumn leaves, wearing a checkered skirt, pink leotard and green high-tops.

“Wish I was still a little kid, the caption read.

“So I wasn’t the only one,” her mom says.

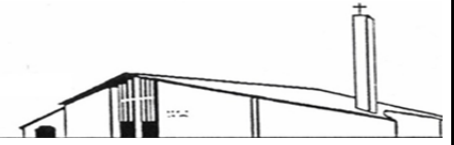
**Love compels us to venture out on the “seas” of the new and different, to leave the safe harbor of our own perspective to cast our nets into the “deep water” of another’s world. Paulina’s mom carefully and sensitively ventures out into that “deep water” of social media and re-connects with her daughter. Jesus challenges us to put aside our own fears and anxieties to dare to lower our nets into the “deep water” of patience and understanding, the treacherous sea of reconciliation and selfless generosity. It often demands risking our own security and comfort and putting aside our discouragement and exhaustion; it can require us to keep “fishing” despite the criticism and doubts of the many who have returned to shore. Confident of God’s grace and wisdom, we can set out in our own small boats and cast our fishing nets — despite the long night already passed — to bring in the “catch” of God’s forgiveness and peace.**

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**St. Anne’s Guild** - President Millicent Penton

**MARRIAGES.** Six months notice is required; a year’s notice is recommended.

## ST. STEPHEN’S PARISH SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening - 6:00 P.M.

Sunday Morning -10:30 A.M.

### ROSARY

Saturdays from 1:30 am until 2:30 pm.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:00 P.M.; anytime by request

## MARIA REGINA PARISH SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 4:30 P.M

Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

### REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 A.M.

Thursday Adoration 10 A.M. - 12 NOON

1st Friday - Acadian Village - 2:00 P.M.

3rd Friday - Silverwood Manor - 2:30 P.M.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION.** Last Thursday of ever month from Sept - May *Please call to register*

**MASS FOR THE SICK.** Every First Friday of the month

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.** The 3rd Sunday of the month beginning at

2:00 P.M. and ending with Benediction at 4:00 P.M

### PRAYER MEETINGS:

St. Stephen’s Prayer Group — Wednesday at 7:45 P.M. in the Parish Meeting Room.

Word & Spirit Prayer Group — Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. in St. Anne’s Hall.

**OFFICE HOURS:** MONDAY - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 am - 4:30 pm,

FRIDAY - 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM **CLOSED DAILY 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS Feb 2-3**

Sunday Collection	\$ 2404.60
Capital Repairs	\$ 567.70
Initial Offering	\$ 17.00
New Years	\$ 5.00
Shepherds Fund	\$ 50.00

**DUES:** Gratefully received from Marie Alexander, Antoinette Aucoin, Theresa Dollimont, Theresa Duffeny, Youenna Gaudon, Reginald Hynes and Pius & Sarah Tourout. Thank you for your continued support.

**SCENT-FREE :** Please be aware that some people have allergic reactions to perfumes and other scents. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!

**CHILDREN'S 2019 SUNDAY MISSALS:**

Are now available at the office cost is \$10.00

**2019 SUNDAY MISSALS:** Are now available at the back of the Church or at the office cost is \$5.00.

**CANCELLATION OF DAILY MASS:**

With the winter here it is the practise throughout the diocese and in all parishes, including the cathedral parish, **daily Mass will be cancelled on days when schools are closed.** If school is closed for the morning and morning Mass too is cancelled. If schools are closed for the afternoon, any evening masses scheduled are also cancelled.

**STEWARDSHIP COFFEE TIME:**

Will take place on the following Sunday after Mass in the downstairs meeting room of the Church. Please join us for a tea or coffee, a sandwich or a cookie as we gather together in Fellowship!  
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**ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH:** 2018 Income Tax receipts are now available at St. Stephen's Parish office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE***February 2019*

Yr 2 **February 11th and 12th** at 6:00pm

Yr 3 **February 25th** at 6:00 pm

Yr 4 **February 14th** at 6:00 pm

Yr 5 & 6 **February 28th** at 6:00 pm

Pre- Confirmation Schedule Yr 7

**February 10th**, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:00

Confirmation Schedule Yr 8

**February 13th**, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:00

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Have you considered assisting at your Parish before? Currently, we need **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to help distribute the Eucharist, **Altar Servers** to assist at Mass, **Bereavement Team members** and **Sacristans** to help get things ready before Mass. All of these are excellent ways of serving the Lord, and your community. Please talk to a priest or contact the Parish office if you would be interested.

**MARIAN PRAYER SERVICE:** Each year the Knights of Columbus sponsors this prayer service throughout the Columbian World. This year's prayer is for persecuted Christians throughout the world. The service consists of the Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries this year) interspersed with readings from homilies of our last three popes and concluding with Litany of Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council will offer this special service in the presence of the icon for this year's theme, on Sunday, February 24th, at 6:00 p.m. here in St. Stephen's Parish. All are encouraged to join us.

**CATHOLIC MISSION IN CANADA:** There are Catholic Mission Calendars available at the office for \$7:00 each.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 11 -FEB 15****MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 7:00 P.M.**

For the late John Doyle

For the late Thomas Fleming

For the late Joanne Felix

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 9:30 A.M.**

For the late Damien Drake

For the Intentions of Brittany & Mercedes

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 7:00 P.M.**

For the late Bill Stein

For the late Dorothy Doyle

For the late Steven Kuskie

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14 9:30 A.M.**

For the late Ida Tumm

For the late Jennifer Hamlyn

For the Intentions of Archbishop Peter Hundt

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15, 9:30 A.M**

For the late Robert Marche

For the Souls of Purgatory

For the intentions of Jack & Mary Budden

**SHARING THE REFUGEES' JOURNEY:** Anyone interested in learning more about the situation faced by the 68 million people in the world forced out of their homes is invited to a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Development and Peace, the meeting is part of the response to the call by Pope Francis to "share the journey" and express our concern for those families torn from their homes and forced to seek a new place to live. A guest speaker will highlight what Church members and organizations can do to make life better for migrants and refugees. The meeting will be held in the downstairs Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome!

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** I would like to personally acknowledge with gratitude the Knights of Columbus for their generous gift of \$10,000 to the parish. Your generosity will help sustain and grow the many ministries that make St. Stephen's such a vibrant parish community. May God continue to bless in your stewardship.

**ASKED TO BE ANNOUNCED:**

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:** Meetings take place at St. Anne's Hall the first Wed of each month, at 7:30 p.m. For more info. call Joan at 643-3425 or Joyce at 643-3021.

**CHASE THE ACE:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 3742 Knights of Columbus Chase the Ace will each Sunday of the month, with ticket sales starting at 1:00 pm. The jackpot will be starting at \$1,500.00 and stay there until we reach that amount in sales.

**STEPHENVILLE FOOD BANK:** For the Month of February Tin Soups are what they are looking for but any donations of food is greatly appreciated.

**BSG STATUS OF WOMEN COUNCIL:**

Will be holding a "International Women's Day 2019". Keynote speaker Susan Fowlow on Friday, March 8 at 12:00p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Stephenville. Tickets are \$20.00 regular price and \$12.00 for students, seniors and un/underemployed.

**THE VIMY LAPEL PIN \$5 each!**

"The Vimy lapel pin was introduced in February 2009... the pin has been described as April's Poppy." Vimy foundations "goal is for everyone to wear this pin on Vimy Ridge Day in remembrance of that outstanding victory on April 9, 1917, and in recognition of that events contribution the Canadian identity." Funds raised through sales of these pins go directly to the Vimy Foundation to continue their worthwhile work supporting World War One memories in Canada, France and Belgium. Any interested in purchasing a pin please contact 643-6065.