

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u> July 11th & 12th	
Offertory	\$2538.95
Building Fund	\$ 75.00
Insurance	\$ 365.00
TOTAL	\$2978.95
<i>Thank you to our parishioners</i>	

E-TRANSFERS
 If you wish to e-transfer your donations, please use the following email address: **stephensparish@gmail.com**. For tax receipt purposes, please include your envelope number (if applicable) or mailing address. Tax receipts are issued in the new year.

ESTATE PLANNING & MEMORIAM REQUEST
 We encourage Parishioners in their Estate and Funeral Planning to consider donations to their Parish or the Shepherd’s Fund Foundation in memory of a loved one. St. Stephen’s In Memoriam cards are available at the back of the church, the Parish Office, or Russell’s Funeral Home upon request.

FRAGRANT-FREE PLACE OF WORSHIP
PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR PARISH IS A FRAGRANT FREE PLACE OF WORSHIP AS WE HAVE MANY PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ASTHMATIC AND/OR HAVE SEVERE ALLERGIES. THANK YOU.

MASS INTENTIONS
Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 pm
 Late John Smith req. by Cecilia Smith
 Late George White req. by Brenda Marche
Wednesday, July 22nd at 7:00 pm
 Late Teresa Brennan req. by Trudy & Ralph
 Late Violet Whalen req. by Maurice & Cecilia Hynes

Thursday, July 23rd at 9:30 am
 Late Damien Drake req. by Mom & Dad
 Late Thelma Murphy req. by St. Anne’s Guild
Friday, July 24th at 9:30 am

Late Frank & Theresa Crocker req. by Madeline White
 Late James Doyle, Michael Doyle & Leonard Doyle req. by Donor
 Special Intentions req. by Liz Felix

<u>DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: July 19th to 25th</u>	
Sunday, July 19th	
1st Reading:	Wisdom 12.13, 16-19
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 86.5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (R.5)
2nd Reading:	Romans 8.26-27
Gospel:	Matthew 13.24-43
	OR: Matthew 13.24-33
Monday, July 20th	
1st Reading:	Micah 6.1-4, 6-8
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 50.5-6. 8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23 (R.23b)
Gospel:	Matthew 12.38-42
Tuesday, July 21st	
1st Reading:	Micah 7.14-15, 18-20
Responsorial Psalm::	Ps 85.1-3, 4-5, 6-7 (R.7a)
Gospel :	Matthew 12.46, 48-50++
Wednesday, July 22nd	
1st Reading:	Song of Songs 3.1-4a
	OR: 2 Corinthians 5.14-17
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (R.1b)
Gospel:	John 20.1, 11-18
Thursday, July 23rd	
1st Reading:	Jeremiah 2.1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 36.5-6, 7-8, 9-10 (R.9a)
Gospel:	Matthew 11.13.10-17
Friday, July 24th	
1st Reading:	Jeremiah 3.14-17
Responsorial Canticle:	Jeremiah 31.10, 11-12ab, 13 (R. 10d)
Gospel:	Matthew 13.18-23
Saturday, July 25th	
1st Reading:	2 Corinthians 4.7-15
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 126.1-2ab, 2bc-3, 4-5, 6 (R.5)
Gospel:	Matthew 20.20-28

STEWARDSHIP

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.” *MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38*
 As children of God, we are all “good seeds”. We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

HUMOUR Happy Birthday!!
 A few days before her birthday, Kathy’s husband, Charles, noticed her looking in the mirror. He asked, “ What would you like for your birthday?” “ I wish I was eight (8) again,” Kathy replied.
 On the morning of Kathy’s birthday, Charles rose early and made Kathy a nice bowl of Coco Pops, and then took her to *Adventure World* theme park. He put her on every ride in the park; the *Death Slide*, the *Wall of Fear*, the *Screaming Roller Coaster*, etc.
 Five (5) hours later they left the theme park. Kathy’s stomach felt upside down and her head was aching.
 Charles then took her to McDonald’s for a Happy Meal, extra fries and a chocolate milk shake. Then off to the movie theatre they went to watch *Beauty and the Beast* while munching on popcorn, soda pop and Kathy’s favorite candy, M & M’s.

Finally they went home where Kathy collapsed on the bed. Charles leaned over and asked, “Well dear, what was it like being eight (8) again?”
 Kathy replied, “I MEANT MY DRESS SIZE!!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS
 • **The month of July** is Grandparent’s and Grandchildren's month in St. Stephen’s Parish. St. Anne guided her daughter, Mary, and Grandson, Jesus. Grandparent’s are encouraged to invite their Grandchildren to join them in attending weekly Mass.
 • **The Port au Port Indian Band** is hosting the *Feast of St. Anne* Mass at Maria Regina Parish on Sunday, July 26th at 9:00 am. A breakfast will follow at the Maria Regina Parish Hall. All are welcome and we would be honored if you could join us as we celebrate our Mi’kmaq Patron Saint.

Pope Leo’s Prayer Intention for the month of July, 2026: *For the respect for human life.*
 Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



Weeds Among the Wheat

“.....the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take his faith from him, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve him.

The weed cannot change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

....be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us; they are actually helping us to be better Christians if we bear with patience the injuries they inflict on us.

....we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, or their sins, we must still look on them as our brothers and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven.

We can do this by good example, and by fervent prayer for their conversion. This is not easy for human nature, but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to subdue our natural weakness and aversion, if we try to act with charity and true brotherly interest toward our erring fellowmen.

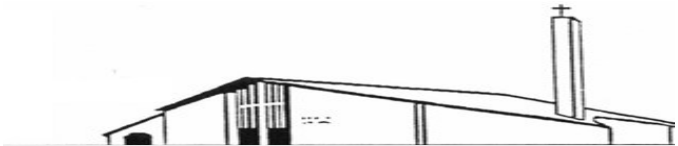
By acting thus, we will not only be helping a weak brother on the rugged road to heaven, we will also be making doubly sure of our own arrival there, for God will never be outdone in generosity.”

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2026-07-19>



“The Kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everyone was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat.Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned but gather the wheat into my barn.”
Matthew 13.24-30

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July 19th, 2026	The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Bishop of Corner Brook & Labrador.....	Most Rev. Bart van Roijen
Pastor.....	Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuvithadathil CST
Associate Pastor.....	Fr. George Attuchalil CST
Parish Council Chair.....	Warren Quinton
Finance Chair.....	Rosa Dollard
Administrative Assistant.....	Kim Ryan
St. Anne’s Guild President.....	Hilda Short
Religious Education Coordinator.....	Michelle Hawco
Liturgy Coordinator.....	Bernice Maddock
Responsible Ministry Coordinator.....	Debbie Wilton
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight.....	Conrad Benoit
4th degree Assembly Faithful Navigator.....	Clyde Russell
District Master 4th degree.....	Bob Miller

MASS TIMES

**St. Stephen’s Parish:*
Saturday Evenings at 6:00 pm
Sunday Mornings at 10:30 am
Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Thursday and Friday at 9:30 am
**Maria Regina, Port au Port East:*
Saturday at 4:30 pm & Sunday at 9:00 am
Thursday at 3:30 pm
**Our Lady of Fatima, Piccadilly:*
1st, 2nd, & 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30 am
**St. Columcille, St. Fintans:*
1st & 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

The Priest is available 30 minutes before Mass

HEALING MASS

The 1st Friday of the month.
< Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation: 9:30am to 12noon>

WELCOME: If you are new to the area, welcome to St. Stephen’s Parish. If you would like to register as a new parishioner please reach out to the main office.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30am to 4:30pm
Wednesday: 8:30am to 12noon
Friday: 8:30am to 4:00pm
**Closed daily from 12noon to 1:00pm*

MARRIAGES

Six months required; One year recommended.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please call the Parish Office to register.

ST.STEPHEN’S PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday at 1:30pm

ROSARY GROUP

Saturday at 11:00am

SAINT ANNE’S GUILD

Rosary: Summer Break. Will resume in September.