

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4th–Vigil: 5th Ordinary Sunday

4:00 PM Saint Stephen Parish Family

Sunday, February 5th–5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Ellen and James Bontempo, requested by Quintin Family

11:00 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family

Monday, February 6th–Paul Miki, Jesuit scholastic, and his 25 companions, were crucified by order of the ruler Hideyoshi, February 5, 1597 at Nagasaki; among them the Mexican Felipe de Jesús, first martyr from the Americas to be beatified; protomartyrs of the Far East.

9:00 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family

Tuesday, February 7th–Weekday

9:00 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family

Wednesday, February 8th– Weekday

9:00 AM Joe Arpine, requested by Frankie Maciejak

Friday, February 10th–Scholastica, † c. 543 at Monte Cassino; twin sister of St. Benedict; “She could do more because she loved more” (Gregory the Great, *The Dialogues*); eventually interred in the same grave as her brother; invoked against storms; patroness of Benedictine nunneries.

9:00 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family

Saturday, February 11th– Weekday

8:00 AM Anton Chen, requested by Family

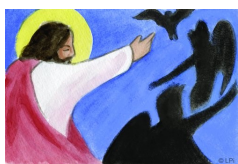
Saturday, February 11th–Vigil: 6th Ordinary Sunday

4:00 PM Steven Popolizio, requested by Rose Marie and Annette

Sunday, February 12th–6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family

11:00 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family



When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. —Mark 1:32-34

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today’s gospel Jesus went to the “house of Andrew and Simon” to relax but discovered that “Simon’s mother-in-law was very ill”. Like Jesus, we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who “told Jesus about it at once”.



Welcome to all who are celebrating the Eucharist with us today. We hope you are inspired to join us in worshipping the Lord every week. If you have any observations or suggestions in regard to the parish, please use the Suggestion Box in the vestibule. Please contact us here at the rectory if we may be of any service to you. God bless!

COLLECTION

Weekly Budget: \$3,800 \$2,618.00
 January Online Giving: \$1,230.00

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Wednesday, February 2nd and observed on Sunday, February 5th in parishes. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5th

- Sunday: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39
- Monday: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1; Mark 1:40-45

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00–4:00 p.m.
 We are closed from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. for lunch.

VOCATIONS

Healing, reconciling, and proclaiming good news: the tasks of Jesus, the tasks of the Church. Does God call you to be a healer, reconciler, proclaimer of good news? If the answer is “yes”, call Father Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, at the Archdiocesan Center, at Saint Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, at 860/761-7456, send an email to vocations@stseminary.org, or visit the vocations website at www.vocationshartford.org.

PALM

Palm from last Palm Sunday should be burned or buried. If you would like the church to handle this for you, please leave your old palm in the basket provided at the front or side vestibule before Ash Wednesday.



Annual Corned Beef Dinner will be served Sunday, February 12th, at the Knights of St. Patrick Grand Hall, 1533 State Street, New Haven. There will be open seating from 1-5:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold *only* at the door: \$12 adults, \$5 for children under 12 (hot dogs and chips also available). Shopping table for Irish goods presented by *Celtica* of New Haven. Proceeds to benefit the 2012 St. Patrick's Day Parade. For more information, please call Jim McGovern at 203/288-3876 or Patricia Nester at 203/239-9956.

Keeping the Faith, Keeping the Commitment: An Evening for Married Couples will be held Thursday, February 9th, 6-8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center. Deacon Eric and Cathryn explore what makes our marriages work—not what the experts might say, but what we find works and the roles we each play. Program includes dinner and a special prayer service and blessing for married couples. Call 860/677-8519 to learn more.

Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America will be presented by Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, on Tuesday, February 28th, 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This program will include a showing of the *Women and Spirit* film with a discussion facilitated by Sister Ann Rodgers, CP. Lunch will be served. For information, call 860/677-8519, or visit www.ourladyofcalvary.com.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Friend,

I write to you today, after a very busy Christmas season to express my gratitude to you for your recent donation to the St. Ann Soup Kitchen, your loving response was a highlight of experiencing the true meaning of our Savior's birth.

Your generous donation to the Soup Kitchen is very much appreciated and your commitment to the poor of our area is a beacon of hope and a demonstration of the love you have for all of God's people. . . . May the New Year bring you a return of God's blessings for all you have done and the example you provide to so many others. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Robert A. Morgewicz II
Parish Administration

**PLANNING MEETING FOR IRISH NIGHT**

Irish Night is March 10th. Would you like to help or make a donation? Please come to the planning meeting following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on February 12th, in the church hall. For more information, please call Norb and Joanne McLoughlin at 203/288-7848.

**Monday, February 6th**

- Liturgy Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8th

- Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
- Adult Choir, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 9th

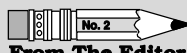
- Knights of Columbus, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 11th

- FOOD DRIVE
- Valentine's Baked Ziti Dinner, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, 5:15 p.m. in the church hall

Sunday, February 12th

- FOOD DRIVE
- Religious Education, All Grades, 9:30 a.m.
- Irish Night Planning Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- SOCIAL
- Social Ministry, 10:00 a.m.



From The Editor

The deadline for the next bulletin is Tuesday, February 7th at 10:00 a.m. Please send articles to Marcia at rectory@ststephenparishhamden.com, or you may drop them through the rectory mail slot.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'It is interesting how "open-minded" people can become about murder once they figure out that they cannot be the one who is murdered. In fact, the single biggest factor in the battle over legalized abortion is that the people who defend it are already born. You can be assured that if they could all be transported back to the womb, their views on "choice" and "free will" would be considerably and immediately different.' (Pro-Life Ministry, Archdiocese of Hartford)

Father Frank Pavone, National Director of the Priests for Life, provides insight into the national government healthcare mandate and its lack of provision for people of faith. To learn more, visit www.priestsforlife.org/columns/index.aspx.