

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>—Vigil: 4<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

4:00 PM Sister Mary Norbert McLoughlin, requested by Family

### Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family

11:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Connor, requested by Family

### Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>—Weekday

9:00 AM St. Augustine, requested by Quintin Family

**Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>—John Bosco**, † 1888 at Turin; founded the Salesians, today numbering more than 16,200 members; dedicated to educating youth; with St. Mary Mazzarello, founded the Salesians Sisters; a pioneer in vocational training; first saint in history to submit to a press interview; 40,000 people filed past his body at his death; first canonized saint in whose honor a national holiday was declared in Italy; patron of editors.

9:00 AM Tom Sizgorich (First Anniversary), requested by Family

### Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>—Weekday

9:00 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family

### Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>—Weekday

9:00 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family

### Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>—Weekday

8:00 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family

### Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>—Vigil: 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

4:00 PM Saint Stephen Parish Family

### Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:00 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family



*In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" —Mark 1:23-25*

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.



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 . . . . . \$2,260.00  
Catholic High Schools: . . . . . \$ 728.00

### VOCATIONS

People were spellbound by the teaching of Jesus. The church needs bold teachers and preachers. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life. Call Father Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, at the Archdiocesan Center, at Saint Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, at 860/761-7456, send him an email at [vocations@stseminary.org](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org), or visit the vocations website at [www.vocationshartford.org](http://www.vocationshartford.org).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28  
Monday: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mark 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6  
Thursday: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 *or* 2:22-32  
Friday: Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29  
Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34  
Next Sunday: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

### 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.

### CHURCH WEBSITE

Upon occasion our church secretary may be ill or undated with projects and temporarily may not have the time to update the church website. At these times, you may read our church bulletin online at [SeekandFind.com](http://SeekandFind.com), a website maintained by Liturgical Publications Inc., the company that publishes our bulletin.



**TACKLE HUNGER  
WITH  
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!**

Our Religious Education students will be collecting donations of money and non-perishable food items after all Masses next weekend, February 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.

Please help us reach our goal of 100% participation as we help our students make a difference in the lives of others.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

Our St. Stephen Father Carl Sherer Chapter of the Knights of Columbus announces the winners of their recent Poster Campaign to promote Anti-Drug and Anti-Alcohol Awareness.

The top six winners of this poster campaign are John Santiago, Grade 8; Jamison Schillo, Grade 6; Anna Pienkos, Grade 6; Brianna Randall, Grade 7; Selena Livramento, Grade 8; and Isabel Barahona, Grade 7. These students all attend Saint Stephen School.

John Santiago and Jamison Schillo—the top two winners—will have their posters sent to the Knights' district headquarters for judging.

The Knights wish to thank Mrs. Maria Testa, principal, and the teachers for their support of this project. We couldn't do it without your help!

**THANK YOU NOTES**

Thank You! The Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dale R. Hoyt, extends his deepest gratitude to all who contributed to last week's Catholic High School Collection. "Your gifts will help us place more secondary students on the path to success by providing them with an excellent education imbued with faith. Your support of the educational mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford is sincerely appreciated."

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*Dear Father and Parishioners,*

It is with gratitude and sincere appreciation that I thank you on behalf of the retired Religious Priests, Sisters and Brothers of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Your donation to the annual appeal will assist retired religious, those who taught in our schools, those who served in our hospitals, and those who gave of their talents in countless programs and ministries.

Funds will be distributed through grants to help with the rising costs of retirement and health care.

Gratefully yours in Christ,  
*Sister Mary Kelly, C.S.J.*  
Director of the Office for Religious



*Bring a candle to Mass next weekend.* At all Celebrations of the Eucharist next weekend, those candles will be blessed in celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

The flame of the blessed candle reminds us that Christ is indeed the light of the world and the light of our lives.

Join us in this special time of rejoicing and take the Lord's light home with you in a special way!



**Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Staff Meeting, 3:15 p.m. at the rectory (postponed from last week)

**Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

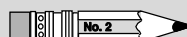
- Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
- Adult Choir, 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Souper Bowl of Caring after Mass

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Religious Education, Grades K-5, 6-8, 9:30 a.m.
- Souper Bowl of Caring after both Masses



**From The Editor**

The deadline for the next bulletin is Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Please send articles to Marcia at [rectory@ststephenparishhamden.com](mailto:rectory@ststephenparishhamden.com), or you may drop them through the rectory mail slot.

**POLISH NIGHT**

We wish to thank all those who worked so diligently to make our Polish Night dinner such a huge success. Between the proceeds of the ticket sales and of the raffle, we raised a total of \$1,143.00 for our parish operating budget.



Considering the inclement weather last Saturday, we are particularly grateful to everyone who supported this special event. It means a lot that, despite the snow and the messy roads, both the volunteers and the diners came out to enjoy the dinner. Thank you to all!