

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>—Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord**

4:00 PM Saint Stephen Parish Family

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>—The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:30 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family

11:00 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>—The Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 AM Marion J. Smith, requested by Patricia and Eileen Wall

**Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>—Weekday**

9:00 AM James Burke Diamond, requested by Frankie Maciejak

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>—Weekday**

9:00 AM Good Health for Mary Smyth, requested by Susan and Jim McManus

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>—Weekday**

9:00 AM William Christopher Barrett, requested by Gerry Keniry

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>—Weekday**

8:00 AM Anton Chen, requested by Family

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>—Vigil: 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sunday**

4:00 PM James Ganley (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), requested by Carole Passarelli

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

11:00 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family



*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the*

*Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." —Matthew 2:1-2*

**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.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.



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 .....	\$2,535.75
Weekly (December 25 <sup>th</sup> ) .....	\$3,106.25
Christmas: .....	\$3,414.75
Solemnity of Mary: .....	\$1,091.00

**VOCATIONS**

The Magi brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do you have to give? Is God calling you to be a priest, brother or sister? If He is, please call Father Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, at the Archdiocesan Center, located at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, at 860/761-7456, email him at [vocations@stseminary.org](mailto:vocations@stseminary.org), or visit the web at [www.vocationshartford.org](http://www.vocationshartford.org).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
- Monday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11
- Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 or 1 Samuel 1:1-8 and 1:9-20; Mark 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

**PURL 'n PRAY**

Our Purl 'n Pray group collected seventeen bags of personal items for the residents of Garden View—that's one bag for each of the seventeen residents. The bags included hats, mittens, gloves, socks, shampoo, combs, brushes, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and other personal items. The residents are very grateful for these generous gifts.



Notre Dame High School of West Haven has named the following students to their **Honor Roll** for the first trimester: Aren Alberico, Zachary Dillon, Paul Dombrowski, Jr., Taylor Poulton, and Addison Shaw. These young men are members of St. Stephen Parish.

Congratulations to all of you!

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

Saint Stephen School, located at 418 Ridge Road in Hamden, will be hosting an *Open House*, on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 9-11:00 a.m. and 3-5:00 p.m.

The Open House is for prospective students for Pre-Kindergarten (*4-year-olds*) through Grade 7 for the 2012-2013 academic year. Saint Stephen School currently offers a full-day Pre-Kindergarten program for 4-year-olds, a full-day Kindergarten, and an After School program.

For more information, please call the school at 203/288-6439 or visit [www.saintstephenschool.net](http://www.saintstephenschool.net).



**The Courage to Hope**, a women's retreat, will be held the weekend of January 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Retreat Center, located at 303 Tunxis Road in West Hartford. This retreat is a great opportunity to be with other women and rediscover the presence of God in your life. Retreat begins on Friday with a buffet dinner from 6-8:00 p.m. and ends Sunday around noon. Retreat offering is \$250. For more information, call 860/521-0440.

**The Connecticut Vocation Council** is sponsoring **Discernment Evenings with Prayer for Peace** for Catholic women and men considering vowed life or priesthood. These evenings will take place at 15 Lincoln Street in New Haven. They will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7:30-9:00 p.m. To register, please contact Sister Pat at 203/777-7324.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please register with the parish by calling the rectory or completing this form and returning it in the offertory basket:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_



**EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING PACKETS**

The Liturgy Committee invites you to take a blessing packet as you leave Mass today. To bless your home, say the enclosed prayer of blessing and write in chalk above your door the numerals of the new year and the initials of the Magi's legendary names (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar): 20 + C + M + B 12. These letters also abbreviate the prayer **Christus Mansionem benedicat**, "May Christ bless this house". The three crosses stand for "saint".

**POLISH NIGHT**

Our Polish Night dinner will be held Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m. in the church hall. Our traditional Polish dinner features kielbasa, pierogies, golabki, Sweet and sour cabbage, beverages and dessert. **Please note:** *Hot Dogs and Tater Tots* will be available for anyone (*of any age*) who does not care for Polish food. Tickets are \$13.00 for adults/Family of 4: \$30 (*must include at least 2 children*)/\$5.00 for children 6-13/Under 6 Free. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses January 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and January 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will **not** be sold at the door! For more information, call JoAnn Motyl at 203/234-0262



**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

- No Liturgy Meeting tonight
- School Board, 7:00 p.m.
- Finance Council, 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Social Ministry, 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Adult Choir, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

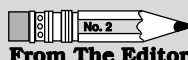
- School Open House, 9-11:00 a.m.
- School Open House 3-5:00 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Change for Change

**Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

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- No Religious Ed



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