

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 19th—Vigil: Christ the King

4:00 PM Rose and Marcellino Tomasi, Sando Figaro, and Luco Meoli, requested by DePino and Coombs Family

Sunday, November 20th—Christ the King

8:30 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family
11:00 AM Deceased Members of St. Stephen Parish

Monday, November 21st—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM June Nathans (Month's Mind)

Tuesday, November 22nd—Cecilia or Cecily † 3rd c.; known from her legendary *Passio*, a poem which exalts Christian virginity; honored in Rome since the 5th c.; mentioned in the Roman Canon; patroness of sacred music because of the song of God in her heart.

9:00 AM Good Health for Sabina Eves

Wednesday, November 23rd—Weekday

9:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas, requested by Elizabeth DiLullo

Thursday, November 24th—Andrew Dũng-Lac and his companions. During the 17th-19th centuries in Vietnam, some 130,000 Christians suffered cruel martyrdom, many by decapitation or strangulation; today 117, most of them killed during the reigns of Emperors Minh-Mang and Tu-Doc are remembered; all canonized June 19, 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25th—Weekday

9:00 AM **NO MASS TODAY**

Saturday, November 26th—Weekday

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving, requested by the Chen Family

Saturday, November 26th—Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM Saint Stephen Parish Family

Sunday, November 27th—First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family
11:00 AM Saint Stephen Parish Family



“When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?” And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

—Matthew 25:38-40

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.
Please call or visit during normal business hours.



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 Actual: \$ 2,521.75
Monthly: \$ 1,353.00
Annual Family Commitment (*this week*): . . . \$ 150.00
Annual Family Commitment (*to date*): \$18,235.00

ST. STEPHEN’S ADVENT BOOK CLUB

Please join us as we read and discuss this inspiring little book, *Christmas Jars*, by Jason Wright, during Advent. It is the story of a young couple who grow into a family and how they discovered the meaning of Christmas—it will warm your heart. We will meet for discussion on Sunday, December 4th (first half of the book) and Sunday, December 11th (second half of the book) between the two Masses, 9:40-10:50 a.m. in the school library. A limited supply of books will be available for purchase at \$7.00 each, after all the Masses on the weekend of November 26th-27th. The book is also available on amazon.com or at Barnes and Noble. Please join us—all are welcome.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20th

Sunday: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46
Monday: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19
Thursday: Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28
Friday: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33
Saturday: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

VOCATIONS

What we’ve done to the least of our brothers and sisters we’ve done to Christ. Choose to serve in every instance; listen for a call to service as a priest, brother, or religious. To answer this call, please call Father Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center, located at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, at 860/761-7456, send him an email at vocations@stseminary.org, or you may also visit the web at www.vocationshartford.org.

ADVENT TABLE

The Liturgy Committee has a table of items in the front vestibule that will help you get ready for Advent. We invite you to check it out. There are:

- Advent candles and wreaths for you home
- Little Blue Books with daily six-minute reflections for the Advent/Christmas season
- Christmas Mass Remembrance cards to insert in the cards you send.
- Catholic UPDATE ADVENT Day-by-Day



St. Joan of Arc is sponsoring a **Bus Trip to the Radio City Christmas Spectacular** on Wednesday, November 30th to see the 2:00 p.m. performance of the Christmas Spectacular. The bus will leave the commuter parking lot (Lot A) in North Haven at 8:00 a.m., and depart from New York at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$95 and includes First Mezzanine seating, bus, and driver's gratuity. You are welcome to have lunch with the group. There will be free time before and after the show. For further information, please call Sue Ide at 203/248-1069.

Notre Dame High School of West Haven will host their **Christmas Fair** on Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Trip to Our Lady of La Salette Shrine in Attleboro, Massachusetts for the Festival of Lights is scheduled for Saturday, November 26th. We will stop at Wrentham Village Premium Outlets and then eat lunch at Wright's Farm Restaurant for an all you can eat meal of salad, pasta, chicken, French fries, ice cream, coffee and tea. The bus will leave Our Lady of Pompeii Church parking lot on Foxon Road/Route 80 in East Haven at 7:00 a.m. and return at approximately 8:00 p.m. Price of \$69 includes transportation, lunch, donation to Shrine and gratuity. For further information, please call Judy at 203/469-7169 or Carol at 203/239

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: _____

AN ADVENT EVENING



St. Stephen Parish Religious Education invites you to **An Advent Evening**, at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, December 3rd in the church hall. Dinner includes: Fried Dough, Salad, Dessert, and Beverage. Live music will be provided by Art Bellucci. We will sign Christmas cards for our troops. Tickets are \$8.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the weekends of November 19th-20th and November 26th-27th. For more information, please call Eleanor Shaw at 208/288-1305.



Tuesday, November 22nd

- Come As You Are, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23rd

- School Dismissal, 12:25 p.m.
- No After School

Thursday, November 24th

- Happy Thanksgiving!
- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 25th

- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- NO SCHOOL

Saturday, November 26th

- Eagle Scout Ceremony 12:30-3:00 p.m. @ hall
- Giving Tree

Sunday, November 27th

- Giving Tree
- No Religious Education



The deadline for the November 27th bulletin was Thursday, November 17th at 10:00 a.m. The deadline for the December 4th bulletin is Tuesday, November 29th at 10:00 a.m. Please send your articles to Marcia at rectory@ststephenparishhamden.com.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers, and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Family life is Beatitude life.