

**"To Everything There Is A Season..."**  
**"...and a time for every purpose under heaven..."**

**"...a time to be born in the Spirit of Baptism..."**  
 Lindsay Tilki

**"...a time to heal..."**

Stephanie Mihaliak, Lucy Hebert, Richard Lamelin, Lisa Trapp, Anna Hurchala, Anita Durant, Larry Nicewicz, Ken Neumann, George Lirot, Katherine Mordasky, Rose Larochele, Anne Stauffer, Jonathan DaDalt, Roland Labreche, Silvio Sfreddo, Frank Campanelli, Yvonne Lanagan, Andrew Fortuna, Ralph Guerra, Josephine Blodgett, Eveo Canestrari, Rebecca Judd, Mary Lou Colozzi, Michelle Ouellette, Sam Tripoli, Mary Kubacka, Beth Syphers, Sr. Gertrude Amenta, Claire Bachiochi, Laurette Cunningham, Helena Daly, Rose Alves, William French, Barbara Geary, Pam Falletti, Edward Ostrowski, Charles Gardner, Ellie Rogledi, Ian Howe, John Dormer, Paul McDonald, John Panciera, Nina Murphy, Lois Gadzik, Rita Wetzler, Kailyn Howe, Edward Stawicki, Dolores Talamini, Jeffrey Johnson, Dina Francini, Bernice Baldracchi, Bill Turner, Mary Adamek, Brenda Jackson, Danielle Works, Betty Blevins, David Boatwright, Louise Julian, Linda Fontanella, Antoinette Carter, Anna Logoyke, Erma Pallanck, Lenny Boudreau, Joseph Dunn, Christopher Hagenow, Barbara Keirans Welling, Jane Keirans Porterfield, Evelyn Furness, Katherine Leahy, Nicole Smith, Elliott Wetzler, Joan Gorman, Judy Zelz, Sean Soucy, Diane Fusco, Jill Rivers, Rita Moren, John Mordasky, John Lee, Eileen Pratt, Linda Niederwerfer, Jennifer Kasper, Gloria Slate, Gert Linz

**...a time to die...**  
 †Peter Panciera, †Mary Usher

**"...and a time of peace..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**  
 Let us continue to pray for our Service Men and Women

### **God owns it all**

— *we are called to share*  
 Sunday Offering of 12/21 \$6,739.00  
 (Even in the Snow!)  
*Thank you for placing God first!*

**The Sanctuary Candle**  
 In Memory Of  
 Cheryl Perlot by the Family

**The Blessed Mother Candle**  
 In Memory Of  
 Ted Baxter by his Wife and Family

**The Saint Joseph Candle**  
 In Memory Of  
 Intention of Ladies Guild Members

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sunday, January 11, 2009, marks for us again the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week throughout the country. The celebration begins on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

This year I ask all of you to make a personal commitment to assisting me and our Vocation Office in the world of "Building a Culture of Vocation Awareness" throughout our families, schools, parishes, and communities. You, the People of God, have been called by Him to make the Church and more particularly, Christ, present in the work-a-day world, and yet there are those in the family of God who are being called specifically to serve God's family, the Church, through the particularly vocations of either diocesan priesthood or religious life.

Prayer, awareness, and the willingness to support those we can identify together as being called by God to serve in the vocations of priesthood or religious life is particularly important to the continued spiritual health and well being of the Church, both in our country and more particularly in our diocese.

Presently, we have six men studying for the priesthood in our diocese: Deacon Christopher Schuh who, God willing, may be called to ordination this spring; Mr. Christopher Feeney, Mr. Henry Agudelo, Mr. Jonathan Ficara, Mr. Brian Maxwell, and Mr. Ian Bothur. We also have men who are presently in the application process and many others who all are at varying points in their discernment process. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Please also keep me, your unworthy servant, in your prayers that God, through His Holy Spirit, may continue to direct me as I seek to guide his holy people.

May Christ, the Eternal High Priest, through the intercession of Saints Patrick and Ann and Saint John Viaoney, bless you and open the hearts of those He is calling to share in these particular vocations

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
 +Michael R. Cote  
 Bishop of Norwich

### **Music for this weekend**

Entrance - We Three Kings Missal 105  
 Offertory - The First Noel Missal 104  
 Communion - What Child Is This Missal 107  
 Recessional - Go Tell It On The Mountain Missal 100

This bulletin needed to be into the bulletin company on 12/23, sometime soon we'll be on a regular schedule for printing.

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Knights of Columbus Council #1395** will be sponsoring a youth free throw basketball contest in the hall on Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The snow date will be on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

### St. Edward School Raffle

Thank you so very much for your generous support of our school raffle and events. The winners of our "Beat the Economy Raffle" are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize-Carmen Eaton - \$1000.00 Gift Certificate from Williams Fuel Oil

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize-Yvone Lanagan - \$500.00 Gift Certificate from Mobile Exxon

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize-Ray Bachiochi - \$200.00 Gift Certificate from Stop and Shop

4<sup>th</sup> Prize-Deborah Hillebrecht - Wii Sport Gaming Console

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**FIRST PAYMENT DUE & FIRST DRAWING**  
January 5, 2009

*I would like to join the "20 Week Club"*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**WE NEED YOU**  
(\$1.00 a week for 20 weeks - if you prefer,  
you can pay more or in full.)  
c/o St. Edward Special Fund

### Retrouvaille of Connecticut

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but you want to try again-then the Retrouvaille program can help you. The next Retrouvaille weekend in Connecticut will take place January 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> 2009. Although Retrouvaille is Catholic in origin, couples from all or no faith traditions are welcome to attend. Also, there are no group discussions or coerced sharing times. For more information, please call our confidential number 1-800-470-2230 or email us at [3001@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3001@retrouvaille.org). Please be assured that all names are kept in the strictest confidence.

### Save the Date!!!

Save Saturday, January 31, 2009 for the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Wine & Cheese and Art Auction**. Plans are currently underway for this great event that helps support St. Edward School and offer a wonderful evening of great food, wonderful company, and the culmination of Catholic Schools Week. Look for a flyer in the bulletin that will share the details. The price will remain the same at \$25.00 each ticket; a real value in this time. This event is a Parish wide event and we look forward to seeing you there!

**Three Wise Women would have...**  
**Asked Directions,**  
**Arrived on time,**  
**Helped deliver the baby,**  
**Cleaned the stable,**  
**Made a casserole,**  
**Brought practical gifts and there would be**  
**Peace on Earth.**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**-The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held in the Board Room of Stafford Library at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2009. If you need transportation or know of someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact Karen Goodwin at 684-3384 or Ashley Kowalyshyn at 487-9449.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MEETINGS, EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS**

- Saturday January 3  
 4:00PM †MARLENE HURCHALA by Ella
- The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 4  
 7:30AM INTENTION OF LIVING AND DECEASED PARISHIONERS  
 9:00AM †MARTY GALOTTO by George, Elaine, and Susan Melnick  
 11:15AM †JOHN MEDICO, SR., by Linda Works
- Monday, January 5  
 7:30AM †RICHARD PERDUE by James Johnston
- Tuesday, January 6  
 7:30AM †MARTY AND JOHN STASCHAK by John and Lucille Villano
- Wednesday, January 7  
 7:30 AM †WILLIAM AND LYDIA DEFOE by the Killoran Family
- Thursday, January 8  
 7:30 A. M. †JAMES MCDERMOTT by Tom and Linda Callahan
- Friday, January 9  
 7:30 A.M. †FLOYD BAXTER by Tom and Linda Callahan
- Sat., January 10  
 4:00PM †BILLY OSTROWSKI by his Mother and Family
- Sunday January 11  
 7:30AM †JOSEPHINE M INTROVIGNE (ANNIV) by David, Sharon, Amy, and Erin  
 9:00AM †DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FRASSINELLI FAMILY by the Family  
 11:15AM INTENTION OF LIVING AND DECEASED PARISHIONERS

- Sunday, January 4  
 Coffee & Donuts will be served in hall after 9:00 AM Mass  
 1:00 PM (Snow Date) K of C Basketball Free Throw Contest (Hall)  
 6:00 PM Women's Basketball (Hall)  
 6:30 PM Community of the Sacred Heart (Cross & Crown)  
 6:30 PM Children's Choir (Church)
- Monday, January 5  
 3:00 PM Girls Basketball (Hall)  
 6:00 PM Adult Volleyball (Hall)
- Tuesday, January 6  
 6:00 PM K of C Meeting (Hall)  
 6:30 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- Wednesday January 7  
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Hall)
- Thursday January 8  
 1:00 PM Bible Study (Cross & Crown)  
 5:30 PM Boys Basketball (Hall)  
 7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Hall)
- Friday, January 9  
 6:30PM Boys & Girls Basketball (Hall)
- Sunday, January 11  
 Coffee & Donuts will be served in hall after 9:00 AM Mass  
 9:00-10:00 AM &  
 10:00-11:00 AM Religious Education Class (for Grades K, 5-8 only) (School)  
 6:30 PM Confirmation Class (School)  
 6:00 PM Women's Basketball (Hall)  
 6:30 PM Community of the Sacred Heart (Cross & Crown)  
 6:30 PM Children's Choir (Church)

**Dear Parishioners of St. Edward parish:**  
 Birthright of Windham would like to thank St. Edward Parish for their generosity in their responses with gifts for our new babies. Thank you for welcoming the infant Jesus in the true spirit of Christmas. On behalf of Birthright and the women we serve, thank you for your continuous support. You have brought joy and hope to others.

**Christmas Flowers and Donations**

Once again, many thanks for your continued financial stewardship toward your parish. We have a wonderful place to worship and your contributions help us to maintain our high standards.



***A Note from Anne:***

The outpouring has been truly overwhelming! We will continue to deliver the items to the Windham Birthright in Willimantic. The needs run throughout the year. Your response has truly been one of love. God does indeed provide, through your wonderful response. If you have any questions, please contact me at 684-1447. In His peace and love, Anne Stauffer