

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel Rocco, Pastor
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence
Permanent Deacon Ernest Picknally
Sister Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal
Mrs. Adeline Gramlich, CRE

Parish Contact Information

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January 10, 2010 – The Baptism of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm (**Confessions 3:45pm-4:15pm**)

Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am

Children's Liturgy: 3rd Sunday @ 10:30am

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm – 7:00pm Vigil

Miraculous Medal Novena – Every Thursday after 9am Mass.

Eucharistic Exposition – First Friday from 9:30am-7pm.

Baptism – Call the Rectory for arrangements.

Required Preparation is 1 class, 2nd Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3rd Sunday of month @ Noon.

Reconciliation – Saturday from 3:45pm-4:15pm

Seasonal Services are announced in bulletin.

Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist

Call Rectory if someone is sick or housebound.

Marriage – arrangements must be made with a priest 1 year in advance. Only individually registered parishioners of one year or more are eligible to be married here and includes anyone still living at home with parents who should register individually.

Rectory Hours - Monday thru Friday 9am-4:30pm

Our Mission Statement

Saint Stephen Parish is a Catholic Faith Community called by God through Baptism. Our mission is to live the Gospel by loving and serving all our brothers and sisters.

Parish Membership – Moving INTO the parish all are asked to register as soon as possible.
Moving WITHIN or OUT – kindly notify rectory of changes.

Please consider remembering St. Stephen's in your Will or Estate Planning. There are financial benefits to do so while still alive and, in death, the spiritual reward of helping to continue the Church's mission of preaching Jesus Christ.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic is invited to become part of the RCIA. This process begins with a journey of faith that culminates in full communion with the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This process is open to those who are not baptized, to those who have been baptized in other Christian denominations, or to baptized Catholics who have never received catechetical instruction or received Confirmation and First Communion. Further information is available by calling the Rectory.

Our Parish Family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life.



Family or Friends having a Mass celebrated for a loved one are encouraged to participate by bringing the gifts of bread and wine to the Priest at Mass. Please be in the church 10 minutes prior to Mass and identify yourselves to one of the Ushers. Please note that where there is no intention listed, the Mass is offered for the Universal Church.

MONDAY 9:00am	January 11, 2010 Marie Barnabei r/b Sam Recchia
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 12, 2010
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 13, 2010
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	January 14, 2010 Roy Shuey r/b Lois Schuhl
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 15, 2010
SATURDAY 9:00am 4:30pm	January 16, 2010 Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Marion Borreggine r/b The Faculty & Students of St. Stephen School John J. Heininger, Jr. r/b William Sullivan
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 17, 2010 Mary Ellen Gerst r/b Jennifer Gerst Barbara Fallon r/b Family
10:30am	Patricia A. Booth r/b Helen Koch Dominic Caruso r/b Therese Donlan

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
Memory of Barbara Fallon***

If you would like to contribute to the burning of a Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one, you may call the Rectory. Cost is \$10.

Christmas, 2009 Collection		\$14,231
Christmas, 2008 Collection		\$18,453
Dec. 26/27, 2009 Attendance/Collection	Unknown/	\$4,726
Dec. 27/28, 2008 Attendance/Collection	506/	\$4,943
Jan. 2 / 3, 2010 Attendance/Collection	517/	\$5,749
Jan. 3 / 4, 2009 Attendance/Collection	528/	\$6,134
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,612

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collection:
January 24, 2010: "Propagation of the Faith"

NEXT YOUTH MEETING:
Sunday, January 17th @ 6:30pm in the Rectory



Please call the Rectory to let us know if your family member is in the hospital or homebound so that we may bring them Communion. This week remember to pray for:

Rose Alessandroni, Dolly Angelastro, Vincent Buondonno, Evelyn Capocetta, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Thomas Holmes Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Inasley, Patricia James, Donna Krawchuk, Robert Leone, Nancy Loperfido, Katherine Maggioncald, Vincent Marchese, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, John Meyer, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pendtleton, Rita Picciano, Jean Rooney, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Mary Jo Stedrak, Julian Terzini, Mary Terzini, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Susan Verzilli, Anthony Vocale, John Von Alex, Jean Wenstrom.

Ministry Schedule for January 16/17
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: A. Knight, The Pandola's, The Klecko's

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, P. Krohn

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, S. Mufalli, N. Schmidt, R. Leone

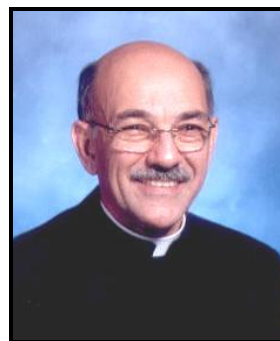
Lectors: J. Bowman, D. Heck

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: The Fagans, M. Novoa, T. Mattera, L. Rosario

Lectors: Children's Mass, TBA.



Our new Pastor, Father Daniel Rocco,
who begins his term here on January 11th,
will be meeting with the following ministries
in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room:

Finance Council on Monday, January 11 @ 7pm

Liturgy Committee on Tuesday, January 12 @ 7pm

Pastoral Council on Wednesday, January 13 @ 7pm

This Week @ St. Stephen's

1/11-Monday-9am Mass, **7pm Finance Council**, 7:15pm RCIA, 7:30 YAM
 1/12-Tuesday-9am Mass, **7pm Liturgy Committee**, 7pm Rosary
 1/13-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD, **7pm Pastoral Council**
 1/14-Thursday-9am Mass, 6:15 Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir
 1/15-Friday- 9am Mass
 1/16-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 1/17-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

Art & Environment Ministry

A **Special Thank You** to all the Art & Environment ministry members, parishioners and students that helped to enhance our church environment during the Advent and Christmas liturgical seasons.

Extra special thank you to all the parishioners who have graciously commented on our work as a ministry of St. Stephen's Parish. Your kind words means so much.

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an **Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass**, please contact Maria Haas at 665-8393. **All are welcome to join the A&E ministry by calling Maria at the number above.**

Art & Environment has purchased two small and two large Christmas trees to be planted on the St. Stephen's campus after the holiday season. **Anyone who would like to make a donation for a tree to honor a deceased love one, please call Maria Haas @ 856-665-8393**

Tuesday Night Rosary

Please join us every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the church in response to Our Lady of Fatima's request to pray the rosary for peace in the world.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line

The Prayer Line belongs to you.

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place.

Contact Lois @ 665-1221 for January requests.

"Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours." -Mark 11:24

Men of St. Stephen's

Please join us for our **Men's Scripture/Prayer Group**. We meet every Saturday morning at 8am for one-half hour in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. **Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.**

New Women's Bible Study

St. Stephen's is beginning a new Women's Bible Study Group. If you are interested, please call Eileen Heides at 662-8046 or Email Eileen at heides@comcast.net. A meeting will be scheduled to decide which day and time of the week will be most convenient for this new women's study group to meet.

Ministry of Greeting & Hospitality

Anyone interested in joining the Ministry of Greeters, those who welcome parishioners and visitors to Mass every Sunday, are asked to call Mary Ann Meloni at 488-6143.

YOUNG ADULT JANUARY PROGRAMS - JOIN US!

Mark your calendars for the January Young Adult Programs at Lourdes Wellness Center!

Hope you can join us and "move against the winter doldrums" through Dream work and an Evening Retreat!

Both programs will be Scripture based experiences.

Come and bring a friend!

**Monday, January 11: Dream Workshop:
Finding the Face of God in Dreams**

Time: 7 PM

Donation: Free Will Offering

Saturday, January 23:

**Road of Life: Setting Out Once More
Evening Retreat for the New Year!**

Time: 7 PM to 9 PM

Donation: Free Will Offering

Location: Little Portion, Collingswood, NJ

Call to register and for directions:

856-869-3125

Thank You, Father Vince!

After two years of service at St. Stephen, Father Vince is being transferred to a new assignment. Parishioners wanting to thank Father for his spiritual leadership of our parish may want to consider making a donation to a cause that is near and dear to his heart: the construction and furnishing of a new church in his village in Uganda. Anyone wishing to do so may send a donation to: **St. Stephen Church c/o Father Vincent Orum**

All contributions are tax-deductible.

Thank you and God bless you.

Craig Otto, Parish Trustee

Attention All

First Communion Parents

There will be a mandatory meeting on **Monday, January 11th at 7pm in the School Cafeteria**. If you have not already received a letter, please contact Mrs. Adeline Gramlich at 662-9338, ext. 7. Thank you.

St. Stephen's Rosary Makers

You are cordially invited to join **The Rosary Makers** in their quest to make and distribute rosaries to missions throughout the world. The group meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month in Stonegate's meeting room. If you have been a member in the past, this would be a great time to rejoin.

All new members are welcome! This could be some time for yourself, and the chance to meet new people while helping to show your devotion to Mary, our Mother, and the Mother of our Savior. **Please consider giving two hours a month for such a wonderful cause.**

Young Adult Ministry

St. Stephen's Young Adult Ministry, ages 21-40, will begin its **Faith and Tradition Series** on Monday nights in the rectory meeting room. Please arrive at 7:15. Presentation is from 7:30-8:30. Join us for either a reflection on the upcoming week's Gospel or a presentation on a saint of the church.

Upcoming schedule

- January 11 - Scripture sharing (John 2:1-11)
- January 23 - Movie Night - "Defiance" (**Not held** at the rectory, location TBD)
- January 25 - Presentation to be determined.
- February 8 - Scripture sharing (Luke 6:17, 20-26)
- February 22 - "Saints of the Sacred Heart" presented by Sr. Ruthann O'Mara
- February 27 - Movie Night - "Song of Bernadette" (**Not held** at the rectory, location TBD)

Please contact Rose at 856.663.9342 for more information.

School of Liturgy Training

Applications are available in the Sacristy & Rectory for anyone interested in serving as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister. The next training sessions will be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall at 2001 Springdale Road in Cherry Hill on:

Thursdays: February 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 7:30-9:30pm.
Registration is due by January 25th.

Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Contest

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 10 – 14

Date: Sunday, January 24

Time: High Noon

Location: St. Stephen's Gym



Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus – 3512

Contact: Gary Sapienza @ 856-486-1890

Collectibles For Sale

Several collectible items were salvaged from the recent Yard Sale donations. **These include a group of Longaberger baskets, P. Buckley Moss brooches, Dynasty, Brinn's, and Heritage Collectible dolls, and 2 single lens reflex cameras and accessories.** They were set-aside in the hopes of selling them on eBay, but were not, due to the poor economy.

If anyone is interested in purchasing them or knows of a person or business that would be willing to buy them at a reasonable price, please contact Lonnie or Mary Sharon at (856) 662-6049.

All proceeds benefit St Stephen's.

Young Adult Retreat

ALL young adults, ages 18 – 39, married or single, are welcome to a diocese-wide retreat February 5, 6 and 7, at St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center, Blackwood. Discover the gifts God has given you and discern how to use them to build the Church and serve others. Experience a sense of community and Jesus' invitation to take part in the ongoing life of the Church. Do not miss this opportunity for an uplifting and fulfilling experience! We promise you this could be the greatest gift you give yourself! The cost per person in a double-occupancy room is \$80. If you are interested in attending this retreat or have any questions at all, please contact:

Diocese of Camden – Young Adult Ministries at (856) 583-2878 or andres.arango@camdendiocese.org. We look forward to seeing you on retreat!

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL CARE COOPER UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CAMDEN, NJ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Father Al Harshaw, Staff Chaplain at Cooper Hospital, is recruiting Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to patients at Cooper University Hospital in Camden. If any Eucharistic Minister would be interested in this special kind of ministry, please call Fr. Harshaw at (609) 707-0101 or the Pastoral Care Department at (856) 342-2197. **A letter from your Pastor is required certifying your Eucharistic Minister certification, recommendation and endorsement.**

Diocesan Biblical Institute

The Diocese of Camden's Biblical Institute will begin new Bible Study Groups in January and February of 2010. The Biblical Institute offers an in-depth and unique opportunity to explore the beauty and wonder of Sacred Scripture. By increasing our knowledge and experience of God's Word, we are drawn into a deeper relationship with our loving God. Learning is facilitated through a "hands on" process, which integrates Bible study, personal reflection, and application to daily life.

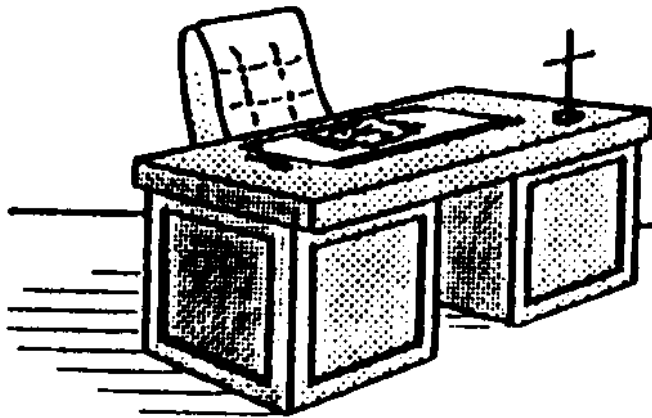
The new classes will start at the following parishes:

St. Thomas More, Cherry Hill
Starting Monday, January 18, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Maris Stella, Avalon
Starting Wednesday, February 3, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

To register, please contact Diane Scafidi,
Diocese of Camden, at (856) 583-6129.

For more information, please contact Dr. Frank Blee,
Office of Adult Faith Formation,
Diocese of Camden, at (856) 583-6105.



*From the Desk of
Father Vincent Orum, AJ*

Farewell Message

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord's Baptism this Sunday--a remarkable time and a defining moment in the life and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ--when the Spirit of God filled Jesus and led him to the desert to prepare for his public ministry after a voice from heaven was heard, "This is my beloved Son in whom I was well pleased, Listen to him", we are all reminded of our call to discipleship, mission and ministry we received at our Baptism.

For me, this call led me into accepting the vocation to a ministerial priesthood in order to serve God and the church! What a blessing that the spirit of the Lord led me in my sixteen years of priesthood to the United States of America in the Camden Diocese where I have now spent seven years, out of which two years I have been ministering to you at Saint Stephen's. It has been for me a very rewarding and Grace-filled years as I preached the Word of God among you and ministered the Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Marriage, Penance, anointing of the sick and shared my faith with you! In all these, I want to express my gratitude to God and each one of you for enabling me to be part of the design in God's Divine plan of Salvation. I will live to take with me the love and enthusiasm you have for God that made me wake up every morning to bring the Lord closer to you in the Eucharistic table and the good time we shared either verbally, or on phone, or at your houses!

When I set foot among you, I expressed my desire of being a spiritual leader as we journeyed together in faith! I hope and pray that my life lived among you was a compass in each other's quest for God.

I wish to welcome Fr. Dan Rocco to the mantle of leadership and wish him God's blessings in his new assignment among you! May Saint Stephen, our patron saint, intercede for you to God our Father through Jesus and the maternal love of our Blessed Mother Mary--all for the Greater Glory of God!