

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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January 17, 2010 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

The 2011 Mass Intentions Book is now available for Masses within 1 year, i.e. if you come into the Rectory on Jan. 22, you may book a Mass thru 1/22/11.

MONDAY January 18, 2010 (School/Rectory Closed)
9:00am Monica DePaul r/b James & Melinda Gaffney

TUESDAY January 19, 2010
9:00am

WEDNESDAY January 20, 2010
9:00am Ida Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta

THURSDAY January 21, 2010
9:00am+Novena Roy Shuey r/b John Paul II Class of 2010

FRIDAY January 22, 2010
9:00am John Sarich, Sr. r/b Dorothea Dodds

SATURDAY January 23, 2010
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
4:30pm Lucretia Paolino
r/b Loving Daughters Marie & Theresa
John J. Heining, Jr. r/b Joe & Diane Klecko

SUNDAY January 24, 2010
9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving for Karin & Liam
r/b The McHugh Family
Mark Patrizi r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta

10:30am Fred Hankins r/b Louise D'Alessandro
Salvatore & Julia DiPaolo r/b Daughter

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Mary & Simon Fougere.

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.

Table with 4 columns: Date, Attendance, Collection, Total. Rows for Jan. 9/10, 2010 and Jan. 10/11, 2009, plus Budgeted and Actual weekly averages.

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:

- List of names for prayer: Rose Ackerman, 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 Maggioncalda, Vincent Marchese, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, John Meyer, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pendleton, 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 23/24
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: R. Garofalo, The Norths
EM's: P. Krohn, T. Angstman, L. Garofalo, T. Veneziani, S. Eisenhardt
Lectors: J. Messina, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: W. McHugh, C. Hearn, K. Starts
EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, J. Rosario, L. McHugh, R. Leone
Lectors: The Zieglers

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Coars
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, C. Otto, L. Solano, M. Meloni, M. Miller
Lectors: TBA.

National Holiday Closing

On Monday, January 18th we will observe the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The School, Rectory & all Diocesan Offices will be closed.



In Loving Memory of Louise Marie Pigliacelli
April 5, 1930 - January 2, 2010

This Week @ St. Stephen's

1/18-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA (School/Rectory Closed for MLK)
 1/19-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 1/20-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
 1/21-Thursday-9am Mass, 6:15 Youth Music,
 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir
 1/22-Friday- 9am Mass
 1/23-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 1/24-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am, Noon Free Throw Contest

Art & Environment Ministry

Many thanks to the parishioners, students and Art & Environment ministry members who helped to dismantle and store the Christmas artifacts. Your dedication is always appreciated.

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.

Anyone who would like to make a donation for a tree to honor a deceased love one, please call Maria Haas @ 665-8393

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### ***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.

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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

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### ***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.

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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.

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### ***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.

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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!

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

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### ***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**

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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.**

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### ***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 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 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.**



**St. Stephen's Girl Scout Troop 30951**, will be selling Girl Scout cookies at the weekend Masses, **January 16 / 17, 23 / 24, and 30 / 31.**  
Thank you for your support!



*When someone becomes seriously ill, it can be difficult to know what type of care is best...or where to turn for help.*

**Vitas Innovative Hospice Care** has been ministering to families since 1978 and our services are available 24/7. Our name comes from the Latin word for lives. Our goal is to do everything we can to improve the quality of life for our patients and their loved ones with our specially trained nurses, social workers, physicians and home health aides.

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For further information: 1-800-93VITAS

[www.VITAS.com](http://www.VITAS.com)

January 16 and 17, 2010

## Stewardship Reflection

### Individual Stewardship

**"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."** (1 Corinthians 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan, helping to do His work here on earth? Remember that if you don't act in stewardship and do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it.

# 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](mailto: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.

## ***St. Stephen Parish Finance Council Meeting Monday, 1/11/10***

Members Present: Fr. Daniel Rocco (Pastor), Kathy Boyer, Bill Mattia, Lonnie Monaco (Trustee), Craig Otto (Trustee), Gary Sapienza and Tony Saranchak (Chairperson)

Father Rocco opened our first meeting of 2010 with a prayer at 7:00 PM.

Since this was the first Finance Council meeting since Father Rocco's appointment as Pastor, Father and each member present introduced themselves. Father Rocco briefed us on some of his experiences as a Pastor at St. Jude. Finance Council members provided some information about their involvement to date with the church and school.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Regular meeting day and time: We agreed to meet once a month on the second Wednesday at 7:30 PM. As a general rule, the Finance Council will not meet during the summer months.
- The Finance Council will review the latest Profit and Loss Statements for both the church and school, as well as any other appropriate financial reports at each regular meeting. Gary Sapienza will ensure that needed reports are obtained and distributed to members prior to meetings.
- A record will be maintained of each Finance Council meeting. Craig Otto will act as recorder.
- Following each Finance Council meeting, a report will be prepared and published in the parish bulletin in order to keep parishioners up to date.
- Father Rocco indicated that we need to take a careful look at both maintenance issues and the contracts currently in force for items such as the alarm system, cable TV, photocopier, etc. Kathy Boyer will begin to review the status of existing contracts. Lonnie Monaco will work with Ray Costner to prioritize maintenance needs.
- Father and other members briefly discussed to status of church and school debts to the Diocese, as well as the funds from the Gilbride estate currently deposited in our revolving fund. Tony Saranchak will review current church and school assets and liabilities and outline options for moving ahead to draw down our combined debts, while maintaining an adequate reserve for needed maintenance to our physical plant.

The next Finance Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2/10/10 at 7:30 PM in the Stonegate meeting room.

Father Rocco closed the meeting at 8:45 PM with a prayer.

Please direct any questions about these notes to Craig Otto at [craig.otto@ssa.gov](mailto:craig.otto@ssa.gov) or 856-663-4955.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Otto  
1/12/10