

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

Reverend Vincent Orum, A.J., Administrator
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Permanent Deacon Raymond Ellis
Sister Bernadette Mary Leahy, S.S.J.

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January 18, 2009 – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm

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.

Only individually registered parishioners of one year or more are eligible to be married here. This includes anyone still living at home with parents who should register individually.

Rectory Office 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 19, 2009 Raymond Lederer r/b Ken & Stacey Dailey
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 20, 2009 Ida Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 21, 2009 Mary Schmid r/b The Starts Family
THURSDAY 9:00am	January 22, 2009 John Sarich, Sr. r/b Dorothea Dodds
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 23, 2009 John F. Peberdy r/b Gerry Kozempel
SATURDAY 9:00am 4:30pm	January 24, 2009 Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Anthony & Philomena Gini r/b Family Roxy DeMarco r/b Mary DeMarco
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 25, 2009 (10:30am Children's Mass) John Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri Fran Erb r/b Ken & Karen Fantozzi
10:30am	Grace Moffett r/b Paula Antonelli and Amanda & Frank Midili Lucretia Paolino r/b Loving Daughters

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
Memory of The Unborn Children.***

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.

Attendance/Collection Jan. 10/11, 2009	619 / \$5,622
Attendance/Collection Jan. 12/13, 2008	566 / \$6,210
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$7,200
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,622

Christmas Giving Tree Thanks

Many thanks to all who helped contribute over \$2,500 for "Pennsauken Neighbors Helping Neighbors", a non-profit organization striving to help those in our community struggling with emergency financial needs.

If you know of someone who may be in need of our support, please have them check *All Around Pennsauken or Channel 19* for details.

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline (856) 581-7980



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 Alessandrone, Dolly Angelastro, Patricia Booth, Marion Borreggine, Vincent Buondonno, Dominic Caruso, Dorothy Coyle, Marge Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Jessie Dixon, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Robert Gottschall, Jean Heller, Thomas Holmes, Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Donna Krawchuk, Nancy Loperfido, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Rita Picciano, Leonard Rebilas, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Mary Jo Stedrak, Mary Terzini, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Anthony Vocale, Jean Wenstrom, Harry Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for January 24/25

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: E. Mattera, M. Hobbs, K. Hulsey

EM's: P. Krohn, T. Angstman, L. Garofalo,

T. Veneziani, S. Eisenhardt

Lectors: The McKenna's

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: S. Morales, E. Corbett, P. Luthman

EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, J. Rosario, L. McHugh, R. Leone

Lectors: The Zieglers

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: Children's Mass TBA.

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, B. Buffington, L. Solano, M. Meloni, M. Miller

Lectors: Children's Mass TBA.

Next Special Diocesan 2nd Collection:
January 25, 2009 – "Membership Sunday"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

On Monday, January 19th we will observe the birthday of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, a National Holiday.

The Rectory & all Diocesan offices will be closed.

The School will conduct Parent/Teacher meetings Jan. 19th, but will be closed January 20th for the Presidential Inauguration.

PRAYER FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Incline your ear, O God, and answer us,
for we are poor, hungry, naked, homeless and sick.
Preserve our lives, for we are devoted to you;
save your servants who trust in you.
Dr. King's work reminds us:
church and state must work together for the common good;
laws must establish justice for all,
but hearts must change for the Beloved Community to flourish.
We will do the work of justice for all;
we will open our hearts to an ever-expanding vision of community.
We will trust the Spirit of God to guide and move us
between the present and the anticipated Realm of Justice.

This Week @ St. Stephen's

1/19-Monday-9am Mass, 7pm Finance Council, 7:15pm RCIA
Rectory is closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.
 1/20-Tuesday-9am Mass, **School Closed** for Inauguration, 7pm Rosary
 1/21-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD, **7pm Pastoral Council**
 1/22-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir
 1/23-Friday-9am Mass
 1/24-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 1/25-Sunday-Masses: 9am, **10:30am Children's Mass,**
Catholic Schools Week Open House & Pancake Breakfast.

Altar Flower Donations

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass, please contact Maria Haas @ 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 Linda @ 661-8045 for January requests.

St. Stephen's Rosary Makers

Meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday @ 7pm at Stonegate.

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. The first meeting each month will be held at the Merchantville Diner on Centre Street. The remaining meetings will be held in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. Hope to see you on February 7th at the Diner. **More Info: Joe Fagan @ 662-5908.**

Class of '91 Alumni Alert!

St. Stephen's Class of '91 is requesting any information you may have regarding the whereabouts of our classmates as we would like to put together a reunion. **Please contact Irene Krasovetz at 609-707-9770 or ikrasovetz@yahoo.com.**



Catholic Schools Week Kickoff

Catholic Schools Week will kickoff next Sunday, Jan. 25th with an **Open House & Pancake Breakfast from 9am-1pm. The 10:30am Children's Mass, usually the 3rd Sunday, will be celebrated January 25th to begin the week's festivities.**

Music Ministry Notes:

from Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Music Director

- We extend our deepest thanks to **Andy and Dwayne Heck** who custom built our beautiful new risers!!
- The **Youth Music Ministry** is in rehearsal every Thursday at 6:15. Please join this dynamic group of young people.
- Our Adult Choir is always on the lookout for new talent.** Come to our regular Thursday rehearsals at 7:15 and join us in song as we praise our God!!!

Free Throw Competition Jan. 24th!

Boys and Girls ages 10 – 14



It is time to refine your basketball skills! The Knights of Columbus will sponsor the annual free throw competition on **Saturday, January 24 at 2:30 pm** at the St. Stephens gym. Any questions call Gary Sapienza at 486-1890.

St Stephen's Young Adult Ministry, ages 21-40

Faith Sharing - A reflection and discussion on the upcoming week's Gospel, Friday, February 13 at 7:00. Location to be announced, call Rose at 856-663-9342 for details.

Take-Out and a Movie - Saturday January 24th and February 28th at 6:30, Location to be announced, call JD at 856-316-2598 for details.

Upcoming feature presentations include

January- "The Scarlet and the Black"

February - "Evan Almighty"

For more information on the St. Stephen's Young Adult Ministry contact us at saintstephens_yam@yahoo.com.

Council Meetings this Week

Finance Council: Monday, January 19, 2009 @ 7pm

Pastoral Council: Wednesday, January 21, 2009 @ 7pm

Both Meetings will be held in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Many Thanks

I would like to express my gratitude to the following parishioners and Art & Environment members for their dedication to St. Stephen's during the Advent and Christmas liturgical season.

Joe & Emily Haas
Eileen & Joe Ziegler
Ceil McGongal
Barbara Meidt
Rich & Donna McKean
Brian Dunn
Ray Costner
Veronica Deighan

Carol & Joe Girardi
Lauren & Sara Ziegler
Mary McCarthy
Marsha Miller
Mary Ann Meloni
Joe Scavuzzo
Alex Garofalo

You have graced us with your time and talent.
Thank You,
Maria Haas
A&E ministry Chairperson

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**Lourdes Wellness Center:**  
**New Spirituality Programs**

**Join us this Winter for Spirit Alive!**  
Experiencing God's Great Love Series  
Thursdays, Jan. 22 & 29 @ 7pm - \$10

**Saturday Evenings for Young Adults: Ages 21-40**

Care for Body, Mind and Spirit: All God's Gifts  
Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 7-8:30pm – Free Will Offering

**Presenter: Sr. Ruthann T. O'Mara, SSJ**  
Please come 5 minutes prior to the time.  
Please register at least one week in advance  
to prevent program cancellations.

**General Info & Registration: (856) 869-3125**  
Lourdes Spirituality Center at The Little Portion  
1049 Haddon Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (steps) Collingswood, NJ  
[www.lourdeswellnesscenter.org](http://www.lourdeswellnesscenter.org)

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Monte Carlo Night

at St. Stephen School, Saturday March 7th
Doors Open at 6:30 - Gaming Starts at 7:15

Donation: \$40 per person
Includes Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soda and
\$40 in Casino Gambling Chips

Gambling Chips will be cashed for prizes
in the form of Chinese Auction Baskets

For Ticket Reservations, please call:
Anna North @ 856-324-0701

To make a prize donation, contribution or to Volunteer in any
capacity (including as a dealer), please call
Tom McHugh @ 856-608-6542

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

(A weekly continuing series)

PART ONE - THE PROFESSION OF FAITH SECTION 2-The Profession of the Christian Faith

III. GOD, "HE WHO IS", IS TRUTH AND LOVE

God is Truth

215 "The sum of your word is truth; and every one of your righteous ordinances endures forever."³⁰ "And now, O LORD God, you are God, and your words are true";³¹ this is why God's promises always come true.³² God is Truth itself, whose words cannot deceive. This is why one can abandon oneself in full trust to the truth and faithfulness of his word in all things. The beginning of sin and of man's fall was due to a lie of the tempter who induced doubt of God's word, kindness and faithfulness.

216 God's truth is his wisdom, which commands the whole created order and governs the world.³³ God, who alone made heaven and earth, can alone impart true knowledge of every created thing in relation to himself.³⁴

217 God is also truthful when he reveals himself - the teaching that comes from God is "true instruction".³⁵ When he sends his Son into the world it will be "to bear witness to the truth".³⁶ "We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, to know him who is true."³⁷

God is Love

218 In the course of its history, Israel was able to discover that God had only one reason to reveal himself to them, a single motive for choosing them from among all peoples as his special possession: his sheer gratuitous love.³⁸ And thanks to the prophets Israel understood that it was again out of love that God never stopped saving them and pardoning their unfaithfulness and sins.³⁹

219 God's love for Israel is compared to a father's love for his son. His love for his people is stronger than a mother's for her children. God loves his people more than a bridegroom his beloved; his love will be victorious over even the worst infidelities and will extend to his most precious gift: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."⁴⁰

220 God's love is "everlasting".⁴¹ "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you."⁴² Through Jeremiah, God declares to his people, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."⁴³

221 But St. John goes even further when he affirms that "God is love".⁴⁴ God's very being is love. By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret.⁴⁵ God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.

DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM

One notable person with outstanding character, virtues and commitment at our liturgical celebrations is **Deacon Ernie Picknally**. Many of us at Saint Stephen are inspired by his love for the church and his service as a Deacon in answer to his Baptismal call. Deacon Ernie made a choice and a decision at some point to give God something extra from his call as a married man. Have you ever thought of serving as a deacon at some point? Remember that God needs a man like you, Deacon Ernie and I for His service. Please read below if you are interested. *–Father Vince*

Catholic Men:

Do You Have the Gifts to Serve Christ as a Deacon?

Do you participate actively in leading church ministries?

Do you see in yourself the gifts needed for helping others?

Are you drawn to pray and listen to the Word of God?

If you can answer these questions with a confident “yes”, perhaps you should learn more about the deacon’s ministry in the Catholic Church. Consider attending one of the following information meetings.

February 11 and March 12, 7-9pm
St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center
1840 Peter Cheeseman Rd, Blackwood, NJ 08012
<http://www.camdendiocese.org/stpiusx>

February 26 and March 26, 7-9pm
St. Katharine Drexel Parish
6075 West Jersey Ave., Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234

Please call Stephanie in the Diaconate Office at (856) 583-2858 or Michel in the Hispanic Ministry Office at (856) 583-6138 to let us know if you (and your wife) are planning to attend.

*Sponsored by the Office of the Diaconate,
Diocese of Camden*

*We are grateful for the support of the
House of Charity Bishop’s Annual Appeal*

Diaconate Formation Program Admission Guidelines

**Men seeking to participate in the
Diaconate Formation Program
of the Diocese of Camden should be:**

- In good standing in the Church, having been a member for not less than five years and in the Diocese of Camden not less than three years.
- An active member of his current parish for a minimum of two years, with a history of pastoral and service ministry leadership.
- A citizen of the United States of America, or holding a valid "Green Card."
- In stable employment and financial self-sufficiency.
- Without a criminal record.
- In possession of a minimum of a high school diploma and capable of college level studies.
- Between the ages of thirty and fifty-nine.
- Capable of committing a minimum of fourteen Saturdays in the fall and in the spring and one evening a month. Men should allow ten hours per week for study.

ALSO NOTE:

- Married men should be married in the Church, have been married at least five years and, with their wives, living examples of the sacrament.
- Single men must make a commitment to celibacy.