

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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January 2, 2011 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Friday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligation:

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

Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am

Children's Liturgy: 3rd Sunday @ 9:00am

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.

Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist –

Upon request after the 4:30pm Mass in the Chapel.

Prior notification is necessary by calling the rectory Monday-Friday. Also call the 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 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.

Per Diocesan Policy:

One (1) Mass Intention limit per Mass except for 10:30am on Sunday, which now has a maximum of four (4) intentions.

The 2012 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	January 3, 2011 Louise Pigliacelli r/b The Pigliacelli Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 4, 2011 Bill Huhn r/b His Wife, Helen
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 5, 2011 Jennie Soprano r/b Fr. Daniel Rocco & Family
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	January 6, 2011 People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 7, 2011 (First Friday Adoration) Mary Jo Stedrak (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 8, 2011 Walter Cerone r/b Connie Janik
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 9, 2011 Mae C. Mossop r/b Michael Vogt & Debbie Share
10:30am	William Yambo r/b Luz Melendez & Family The Moton Family r/b The DiVito Family Vincenza Faiola r/b Sr. Eleanora & Family

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of Mary Jo Stedrak.***

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.

December 18/19, 2010 Attendance/Collection	690 /	\$6,928
December 19/20, 2009 Attendance/Collection	Snow/	\$1,584
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,673
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,737

Offertory Figures for December 25/26 will be posted in the January 9th issue as Jan. 2nd was submitted 12/22/10.

Next Diocesan Special Collection

January 23, 2011: "Mission Membership Sunday"



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, Victor Ambruso, Dolly Angelastro, Evelyn Capocetta, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Vilma Gambino, Thomas Holmes Sr., Rita Insley, Ben Johnson, Donna Krawchuk, Harry Lavall, Sandy Lepo, Joann Lunsford, Vincent Marchese, Harry Mayer, Francis McCann, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, John Meyer, Mark Newell, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pendtleton, Rita Picciano, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Helen Villanueva, John Vindick, Anthony Vocale, Rita Weingard.

If you know that someone on the above sick list is no longer in need of prayers, please contact the rectory office at 662-9338, ext.6 so that we may remove their name. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule for January 8/9

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: D. Surgner, T. Mason, M. Hicks

EM's: A. Knight, T. Veneziani, M. Novoa, The Pandola's

Lectors: TBD

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: S. Caban, B. McHugh, C. Hearn

EM's: S. Marano, R. Leone, M. Miller, R. Davis, R. Mufalli

Lectors: TBD

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Otto, R. Arroliga, H. Atchison

EM's: J. Messina, C. Otto, L. Picknally, L. Solano, P. Cioe

Lectors: TBD

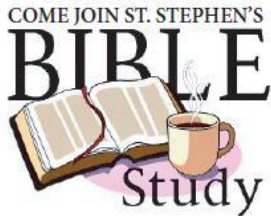
Assisted Listening Devices Available!



Our sound system now supports individual assisted listening devices. These devices are available to individuals who have trouble hearing during Mass. An earpiece is connected to a small, easy to operate, portable receiver, which allows for greater clarity of the spoken word. The devices can be used wherever you sit during Mass, you have control over your own volume level and you are welcome to use your personal earphone/plug with the device (1/8" plug), or you may purchase a set from us for \$2. Think of days-gone-by transistor radios and how easy they were to operate – one wheel controls both power and volume! Please see an usher at least 15 minutes before Mass to reserve one of the four (4) units we have available in the Sacristy.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

1/3-Mon-School Reopens, 9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study
1/4-Tue-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Book Club
1/5-Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Bible Study
1/6-Thur-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir
1/7-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
1/8-Saturday-9am Men's Prayer Group, 3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
1/9-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



Weekly:
Every Monday @ 1pm

Monthly:
Every First Wednesday @ 7pm
(Next: Jan. 5)

Stonegate Conference Room

All ladies in the parish, and friends are welcome. Please contact Eileen Heide at heides@comcast.net or call (856) 662-8046 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Art & Environment Ministry

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass may contact Maria Haas at 665-8393. Anyone who would like to make a donation for a tree to honor a deceased love one or would like to join the A & E Ministry may call Maria at the number above.

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: Belongs to You

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

Contact Betty @ 662-6928 for January requests.

"Be joyful in hope. Patient in difficulty. Faithful in prayer."
-Romans 12:12

Ministry of Greeting & Hospitality

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

Bereavement Committee News

The Bereavement Committee is seeking volunteers to help minister to those who've recently lost loved ones. If you would like to join this special ministry, please call Joy Bowman at (856) 662-4803.

Men of St. Stephen's - New Time 9am!

Please join us for our Men's Scripture/Prayer Group. We now meet every Saturday morning at **9am** for one-half hour in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.

Men's Malvern Retreat – Save the Date!

March 11-13, 2011, further info at www.malvernretreat.com
or call Joe Fagan at 662-5908.

First Friday Adoration Jan. 7th



This Friday, January 7th is the First Friday of the Month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9am Mass and conclude at 7pm.

Young Adult Retreat Evening:

Open the Door to a New Year of Blessings

"A new year stands on my doorstep with fragile caution I move to open the door for its entrance." The beginning of a new year sparks hope of bountiful blessings, the joy of a new beginning and the freshness of unclaimed surprises. Yet, something in us can also be aware of the challenges that lie before us and the unclaimed energy that is needed for growth. Where do we go for the nourishment that is needed to once more open the door of the New Year? What happens in me as I look to the year past and its blessings and burdens? In this retreat evening, we'll gather in prayer and companionship with one another and with the Lord who "stands with outstretched hand and gently asks, can we walk this year together?"

Presenter: Sr. Ruthann T. O'Mara, SSJ

Date: Saturday, January 15, 2011

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

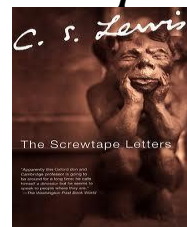
Place: The Little Portion at Lourdes Wellness Center, 1049 Haddon Ave. Collingswood, NJ 08109

Suggested Donation: \$20.00

Light Refreshments will be served.

Please call to register ahead for the Retreat Evening:
1-888- LOURDES

St. Stephen's C.S. Lewis Book Club!



We are reading and discussing the works of this cornerstone Christian author and theologian. No previous experience necessary! Join us every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Rectory for a discussion of **The Screwtape Letters**.

All are welcome! Any questions, call: Tricia Gardner at 546-5201.

St. Stephen's Scrip News

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Scrip Program! Each week more people are realizing just how easy it is to:

"Buy Scrip before you buy!"

We are in need of volunteers to sell Scrip for the 4:30 and 10:30 Masses. If you already attend these Masses, please consider helping out! Please contact Colleen McCann if you are interested in volunteering (856-662-0138).



Welcome to our family...

Week of January 3-7, 2010
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Student Council has been very busy with service projects this year! Under Mrs. Petronis' direction and with the generosity of our students and their families they have completed the following projects:

- 1) SOUTH JERSEY FOOD BANK – over 600 lbs. of food was collected and distributed to the SJ Food Bank at Thanksgiving.
- 2) ALMOST HOME ANIMAL SHELTER - Donations of pet food, cleaning supplies and pet care supplies were donated to this animal shelter in Pennsauken.
- 3) FAITH COMES BY HEARING – For Veteran's Day \$200 in donations were made to the "Military Biblestick" program. Biblesticks are compact digital audio players distributed to the troops allowing them to "hear" the New Testament. If you are interested in this program you can visit their website: www.faithcomesbyhearing.com
- 4) NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS – Bright pink "piggy" banks are in every classroom filling up more and more every day to help our Pennsauken neighbors.

BASKETBALL GAMES 

Girl's JV (followed by Varsity):

Tues. 1/4 6:15 pm St. Mary – HOME
Thurs. 1/6 6:00 pm Resurrection - Away

Boy's JV: Mon. 1/3 6:30 pm Resurrection - Away
Tues. 1/4 6:30 pm Assumption – Away
Thurs. 1/6 6:30 pm John Paul II - Home

Boy's Varsity: Mon. 1/3 7:45 pm Resurrection@Queen of Heaven
Tues. 1/4 7:45 pm Assumption – Away
Thurs. 1/6 7:45 pm John Paul II – Home

GO BULLDOGS!



PTA NEWS - Upcoming events:

Wed., January 12, 2011 "Chick-Fil-A" Night 5-8pm
Sat., March 12, 2011 "Night at the Races"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Our fundraising goal this year is \$30,000 that goes to the operating budget of the school. Any questions please call Anna North @ 685-9037.

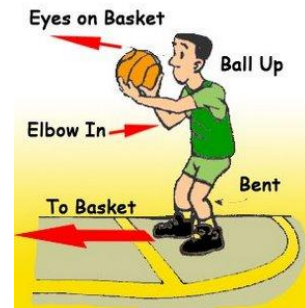
Registration for the 2011-2012 school year is underway. Please call Katy Fagan, Advancement Director (662-5935) or email: advancement@ststephenspennsauken.com for more information or to schedule a tour. Visit us @ www.ststephenspennsauken.com

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest!
BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 10 - 14**

Date: Sunday, January 23

Time: High Noon

Location: St. Stephen's Gym



Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus – 3512
Contact: Gary Sapienza @ 856 486 1890



Mary, Queen of All Saints

Deluxe Pasta Dinner!

Saturday, January 22nd from 5:30pm-7:30pm

St. Cecilia's School Hall

49th Street & Camden Avenue

Pennsauken, NJ

Dinner includes glass of wine, pasta, meatballs, sausage, salad, dessert & beverage.

Entertainment by "Take Out Available".

\$12 per person (\$5 for children under 12)

For tickets call (856) 662-2721 (MQAS rectory)



AUDITIONS!

Pennsauken Alliance for the Performing Arts announces auditions for our production of

Jesus Christ Superstar

Tuesday January 4th & Thursday January 6th

From 7-10pm and Saturday January 8th from 9-11am.

Howard Phifer Middle School Auditorium

8201 Park Ave., Pennsauken, NJ

Ages 17 thru Adult

Those wishing to audition should have a song from the show prepared which best showcases their vocal range. A CD/tape player will be provided. Pre-recorded accompaniment without vocals is preferred. For additional information call PAPA at (856) 317-9052 or log on to www.papashows.org.



New Year's Resolutions and Your Catholic Faith

With the New Year comes new hope for a new beginning. A new beginning is a perfect time to decide to strengthen your Catholic faith life.

The New Year is here and it's that time of year when many people make New Year's resolutions, oftentimes only to break them soon thereafter.

Do you make New Year's resolutions?
Do you keep them?

I seem to be one of those who make them and break them... and then feel bad for not keeping them. So I haven't made any real resolutions in the past few years. I've decided that it might be better to make a few (realistic) New Year's goals.

Why not tie your faith to some of your New Year's resolutions/goals? Below are some ideas to implement doing just that.

Prayer – Add more prayer to your daily life. There are many ways to pray. Traditional prayers like the Rosary, talking to our Lord, admiring his wonderful creations, quieting yourself in the presence of God through centering prayer are only a few ways to enrich your life with daily prayer. Get a daily prayer book or daily Catholic devotions book... and read it. Living Faith is an excellent resource.

Faith Formation – No matter how old you are (children and adults alike), there are religious education programs designed to deepen your faith knowledge and formation. Find out what your parish offers and join a program or Bible Study group.

Be Active and Get Involved – Going to Mass on Sunday is only part of being a Catholic Christian. There are so many ministries within the Catholic Church and all of them need volunteers to keep them running.

What ministries are offered within your parish?
What interests you?
Do you see a need within your parish that's not being met?

Talk to your pastor, you might just be able to initiate bringing a new ministry into your parish community.

Attend Mass – Of course we should always try to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, but daily Mass is celebrated in most parishes. Try to attend Mass as often as your schedule will allow. What better way to start the day than with our Lord?

Take Your Christianity with You – Don't leave it in the church pew when you leave Mass. Strive to live as Jesus commands us to do so. By enriching your Catholic faith through going to Mass, attending faith formation programs, spending time with our Lord in daily prayer and being involved in your parish community, you will have more knowledge and tools to accomplish this goal.

*Wishing you and your family a very blessed and wonderful New Year.
- Melissa Knoblett-Aman*