

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel Rocco, Pastor
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence
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Mrs. Adeline Gramlich, CRE

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January 24, 2010 – Third 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

Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist –

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

Prior notification is necessary by calling the rectory Monday-Friday. Also 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. 25, you may book a Mass thru 1/25/11.

MONDAY 9:00am	January 25, 2010 Joseph Pepe r/b Theresa Chapman
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 26, 2010 Rita Faiola r/b Sr. Eleanora & Tony Faiola
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 27, 2010
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	January 28, 2010
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 29, 2010
SATURDAY 9:00am 4:30pm	January 30, 2010 Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Edward Farmer r/b Julia Farmer Mass of Thanksgiving & Healing for Melinda & The Cordone Family and The DeLorenzo Family r/b M/M Joseph DeLorenzo
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 31, 2010 Joseph Mazzarella r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta John Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Catherine & Charles Magee r/b Family Fred Hankins r/b Marie & Leni Zinicola

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
Memory of John J. Flacco.***

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.

Jan. 16/17, 2010 Attendance/Collection	667/ \$5,971
Jan. 17/18, 2009 Attendance/Collection	559/ \$5,145
Jan. 16/17 Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$2,505
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,628

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collections:

January 24, 2010: "Propagation of the Faith"
February 17, 2010: "Church in Europe" (Ash Wednesday)



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 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 Insley, 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 30/31
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: K. Hulsey, E. Mattera, K. Sullivan
EM's: The Pandola's, Sr. Eleanora, P. Petronis, T. Mattera
Lectors: The Heiningers

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. DiRico, R. Buchholz, C. Hearn
EM's: S. Marano, T. Modzier, S. Mufalli, The Monaco's
Lectors: M. Miller, M. Corbett

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Otto, The Fagans
EM's: W. Delfin, G. Tutwiler, L. D'Alessandro, The Fagans
Lectors: C. Otto, J. Terzini

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick will be available in the Chapel after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturdays for those who are ill and/or facing surgery. **Prior notification is necessary** by calling the Rectory at 662-9338 ext. 6, Monday thru Friday.

We also ask that you call the rectory if you know of anyone who is sick or homebound. We will then arrange a visit.



This Week @ St. Stephen's

1/25-Monday-9am Mass, 7pm Liturgy Mtg., 7:15pm RCIA, 7:30pm YAM
1/26-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
1/27-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
1/28-Thursday-9am Mass, 6:15 Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir
1/29-Friday- 9am Mass
1/30-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass
1/31-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

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 listed 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

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.**

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 TOMORROW, January 25th.

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.

January 23 and 24, 2010

Stewardship Reflection ***Stewardship Sharing***

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (Nehemiah 8:10a)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. However, He expects us to be good stewards by sharing our blessings with those who are in need.

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**

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.**

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.



News from the Fifth Grade

The fifth graders are learning about our call to love and serve as Jesus did. Our religion curriculum is focused on the sacraments and how Jesus shares His life with us.

During Catholic Schools Week we will be studying famous inventors and attempt to create our own practical inventions. We have been playing math games in class to learn fractions and to prepare for "Math Night", which will also take place during Catholic Schools Week.

In Language Arts each of the students wrote a biography of a famous person. It included a timeline of the most important details of the person's life. The students also wrote a poem about the person. Some of the reports included Wayne Gretsky, Marie Curie and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The students were delighted to find out that Molly Pitcher and Thomas Edison and the Jonas Brothers were all residents of New Jersey.

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### PTA Pancake Breakfast Jan. 31

PTA is having their annual Pancake Breakfast to start off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9am-1pm.

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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 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.

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### Faith Formation for Children with Special Needs

All parents and caregivers of children with special needs are invited to attend a meeting on **Thursday evening, February 4, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Community of Christ Our Light.** The meeting will be held in Resurrection Catholic School, located behind the church. The purpose of this meeting is for parents and caregivers to share their concerns, hopes and dreams regarding the faith formation of their children in the Catholic Church. Representatives from the Religious Education Special Needs Committee from the Diocese of Camden will be present to listen, brainstorm and plan for the future.

For more information or to register for this meeting please contact **Sister Bonnie McMenamin, SSJ** at [bmcmenamin@camdendiocese.org](mailto:bmcmenamin@camdendiocese.org) or 856-583-6111.



St. Stephen's Girl Scout Troop 30951, will be selling Girl Scout cookies at the weekend Masses, **January 23 / 24, and 30 / 31.**

Thank you for your support!

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St. Anthony of Padua School 2824 River Road – Camden, NJ

Dear Parishioners of St. Stephen Parish,

God's blessings in this New Year of 2010!

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for all the kindnesses shown to the students of St. Anthony of Padua School by the many gifts that were sent to them for Christmas 2009. The smiles on their faces as I handed out the gifts the last two days of school before Christmas break spoke volumes. Many of the students would have had much less happy memories of their Christmas had it not been for your kindness.

My prayer for each of you is that of the famous prayer which states, "It is in giving that we receive". Because of all your unselfish giving and sharing, I pray that our God blesses each of your lives with goodness, health and happiness and whatever else each of you may need.

May God bless you!

Sincerely,
Ms. Anna Mae Muryas
Principal of St. Anthony of Padua School

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## ***SAINT STEPHEN PARISH LITURGY MEETING*** ***JANUARY 12, 2010 ~ 7:00 P.M. - RECTORY MEETING ROOM***

An introductory meeting was held between our new pastor, Fr. Dan Rocco, and the liturgy committee. Father began the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

ATTENDANCE: Fr. Rocco, Sr. Bernadette, Mary Ann Meloni, Pam Palazzo, Terry Scavuzzo, Nancy Werner-Kaiser, John Messina, Joey Scavuzzo, Mary Ann Bufanio, Adeline Gramlich, Dennis Rooney, Maria Haas, MarySue Link

Father began by explaining that the Liturgy Committee should be the soul of a parish, and it should facilitate a prayerful environment, along with the priest. This configuration provides harmony and celebration. He also is a firm believer in volunteerism by committed parishioners. Father eliminates the aspect of "time" at Mass and celebrates with the people. He preaches in front of the altar, so we will have to adjust placement within the sanctuary, thus removing any misuse of sacred space. The ambo will only be used for Scripture readings and proclamations, not announcements. Also, Father will do the announcements, not the lectors.

From here on, this committee will meet one time each month from September to May/June. The discussions and minutes of each meeting will be published the following week in the bulletin. Parishioners may then direct any questions or concerns to the committee, and they will be addressed at the following meeting. Critiques and evaluations will be done following each celebration/event. The school, finance committee, and pastoral council will also publish their meeting notes.

Father asked about the reception of Communion under both species, and Mary Ann explained that the committee had suggested we follow the guidelines set forth in *The Star Herald*, but it never happened. Father said the congregation should make adult choices about reception. Father noted that any special Masses must be for the betterment of the community. There may be multiple Mass intentions, but, they must follow Diocesan policy. Therefore, adjustments may be made to the current practice at St. Stephen's.

All Eucharistic/Extraordinary Ministers must also minister to the sick. Hospice patients may receive as often as they wish, and different people should visit each time. After the Saturday 4:30 Mass, there will be an Anointing of the Sick for anyone with seriousness/chronic illnesses, and Eucharistic Ministers and Parishioners are invited to join them.

Father explained that Children's Masses could only be celebrated if 60-80% of the congregation are children. Children also cannot read unless they are confirmed and are youth lectors. Mrs. Higgins would like to change the current Children's Mass to the 9:00, rather than 10:30 because of teacher commitments. There will be no Children's Liturgy on January 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Martin Luther King holiday. Instead, there will be a Catholic Schools Week opening liturgy on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00. Father suggested that we us lectors/EMs who are parents, and the children can stand next to the parent reader. Children will carry the bread and wine in the Offertory procession, and possibly a bible. Father said any "theme gifts" should be carried in prior to the entrance procession.

Father believes that altar servers should be kept busy and assigned "work," so we will be using bells during the Mass. Father will work with John on this. The servers will now be sitting in the front left pew (when facing the altar) and will kneel on the sanctuary steps. At funerals, the family will sit on the left (facing the altar) to make it easier to reach the ambo. However, all eulogies will be read from the cantor's position in the choir, and they will be delivered *before the Mass begins*.

Father suggested that we plan a Pentecost Vigil. The Ash Wednesday masses will be held at 9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., with a service at noon for the school children and others.

Father okayed the scheduling of Gina Smith, who will do a dramatic presentation of The Woman at the Well, on the third Sunday of Lent, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Mary Ann Bufanio has seen her performances and recommends her. Her honorarium is \$350. Mary Sue will contact her.

Fr. Chuck Collozzi, from CCHS, wants to have a Youth Liturgy each month at 7:30pm on Sundays. This request needs further evaluation, and the possibility of using rotating churches could be added. At this time, Fr. Rocco will be celebrating all three weekend Masses.

Father would like to offer a CD with the New Testament for the 40days of Lent to the parishioners, and the Liturgy Committee can present them with small prayer crosses. (We will not do candles this year for the Presentation Feast.) Father also feels that we need to invest in a new Book of Gospels, since the current one is in ill repair. Deacon Al, who is retired and living in Merchantville, will assist with some Masses.

The committee will continue to arrange the meeting agenda and prayers, and the next regular meeting will take place on **Monday, January 25, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. in the Stonegate Meeting Room**. Father gave his email address to the committee members.

All other business having been completed, the meeting adjourned with a prayer led by Father, at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
MarySue Link