

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

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

## Parish Contact Information

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## January 9, 2011 – The Baptism 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 10, 2011</b> Michael W. Finnegan r/b The Starts Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 11, 2011</b> Herb Schute r/b His Wife
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 12, 2011</b> Mary Jo Stedrak r/b Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>January 13, 2011</b> People of the Parish - Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 14, 2011</b> Harry Houwen r/b Lucille Buffington
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>January 15, 2011</b> Jean Rooney r/b The Scavuzzo Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 16, 2011</b> Dixie L. Laughlin r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Juanita Coar r/b The Mattera Family Nicholas Colafrancesco r/b His Wife John J. & John R. Bielinski r/b Wife & Mother M/M Santino Frank r/b Daughters

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
In Memory of Florence Dean.***

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.

<b>Christmas 2010 Collection</b>		<b>\$18,831</b>
<b>Christmas 2009 Collection</b>		<b>\$14,231</b>
<b>Dec. 26, 2010 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>334 /</b>	<b>\$4,373</b>
<b>Dec. 26/27, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>unknown/</b>	<b>\$4,726</b>
<b>January 1 / 2, 2011 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>564/</b>	<b>\$7,197</b>
<b>January 2 / 3, 2010</b>	<b>517/</b>	<b>\$5,749</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$5,673</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,741</b>

***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, 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 15/16***  
*(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** K. North, H. Pierson, K. Sullivan  
**EM's:** P. Petronis, T. Veneziani, T. Scavuzzo, M. Bufanio  
**Lectors:** D. Steinmetz, R. Taylor

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** S. Caban, O. Graff, C. Hearn  
**EM's:** S. Marano, The Rosario's, N. Schmidt, T. Modzier  
**Lectors:** J. Messina, M. Corbett

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** The Fagans, C. Aleszczyk  
**EM's:** The Fagans, W. Delfin, T. Link, M. Meloni  
**Lectors:** C. Otto, M. Miller

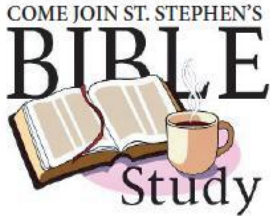
***Assisted Listening Devices Available!***



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**

1/10-Mon-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, Spiritual Life Board  
1/11-Tue-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Book Club  
1/12-Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, **7pm Finance Council**  
1/13-Thur-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Ensemble, 7:15pm Choir  
1/14-Friday-9am Mass  
1/15-Saturday-9am Men's Prayer Group, 3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass  
1/16-Sunday-9am School Mass, 10:30am Mass



**Weekly:**  
Every Monday @ 1pm

**Monthly:**  
Every First Wednesday @ 7pm  
(Next: Feb. 2)

**Stonegate Conference Room**

All ladies in the parish, and friends are welcome. Please contact Eileen Heide at [heides@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call Joe Fagan at 662-5908.

**Dear Parishioners of St. Stephen,**

Thank you for your thoughtful and generous donations to our Food Pantry during the past year. Many **local** families have benefited from your efforts. Your weekly drop-offs recently have been truly helpful in allowing us to offer food to more people. May God Bless You all for your kindness. Keep the donations coming...

Sincerely,

**The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry of  
Mary, Queen of All Saints Parish**

**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

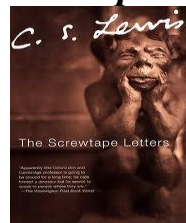
**Suggested Donation:** \$20.00

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 9-15, 2011

WELCOME BACK CIARROCCA FAMILY! We are very excited to welcome back a returning St. Stephen's family. Evelin and Michael Ciarrocca have recently moved back to the area along with their children Margherita (Grade 4), Michael (Grade 2) and Michelle (Kindergarten). Please join us in saying "Welcome Back"!

**BASKETBALL GAMES** 

Girl's JV: Wed. 1/12 6:30 pm Mt. Carmel – Away  
Girl's Varsity: (immediately following JV games)  
Boy's JV: Wed. 1/12 6:30 pm Good Shepherd - Away  
Thurs. 1/13 6:30 pm St. Peter's – HOME  
Boy's Varsity: (immediately following JV games)  
(please note: schedules are subject to change)

**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](mailto:advancement@ststephenspennsauken.com) for more information or to schedule a tour.

Legacy Scholarship Fund – The St. Stephen School Legacy Scholarship Fund will benefit current St. Stephen students for the 2011-2012 school year. For information on how to donate please visit our website ([www.ststephenspennsauken.com/legacy](http://www.ststephenspennsauken.com/legacy)) or contact our Advancement Director at 662-5935.

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# Our Heartfelt Thanks...

To the following who prepared the church for the Christmas and Advent Liturgical Seasons:

**St. Stephen's Youth Group**  
**St. Stephen School's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**  
**Saturday Morning Men's Prayer Group**  
**Sr. Bernadette, Joe, Joey, Ray, Barbara, Carol, Ceil, Terry, Cindy, Mary Ann, 2 young ladies from Camden Catholic** and last but not least, a special thank you to our Art & Environment Chairperson, **Mrs. Maria Haas** for their hours of dedication in beautifying our church.

## Service Hours Available!

A & E is seeking any students needing service hours on **Sunday Jan. 9th after the 10:30 am Mass to breakdown and store the Christmas decorations.** Please remember to bring your paperwork for documentation. All parishioners are invited to help and are welcomed to the poinsettias that will be in the back of the church all week for all to take.

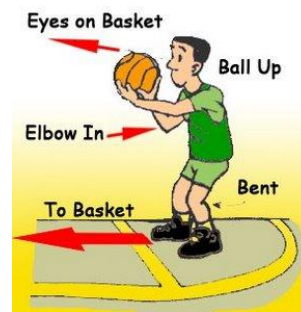
Thank You,  
A & E ministry.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30pm

St. Cecilia's School Hall

49<sup>th</sup> 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)

## *Parish Pastoral Council Minutes - December 16, 2010*

**Members Present:** Fr. Rocco, Joey Scavuzzo, Chris Hearn, Joe Haas, Deacon Anthony Cioe, Jack Mattera (School Board), Katy Fagan, Craig Otto (Finance Council) and Terry Modzier.

**Ex Officio members Present:** Sr. Bernadette Leahy SSJ

- Opening prayer by Fr. Rocco
- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
- Minutes from November 17, 2010 read and approved by Council members.
- **Old Business:**

Financial Report- Routine report reviewed by Craig Otto, Finance Council, from meeting of 12/9/10. Report was published in the church bulletin December 19, 2010.

PTA Project - As reported by Jack Mattera (School Board), the PTA remains interested in initiating a "Brick" project as a fundraiser, and is continuing to gather information. Further details will be forthcoming from the PTA, and forwarded to Fr. Rocco.

- **New Business:**

Recognizing and Honoring Parish Member Volunteers - Criteria discussed and outlined. A nomination form is being constructed and will be available in the near future. Some of the criteria are: parishioner, specific details and descriptions of service / contributions that the nominee has performed / contributed to the parish. Discussion on a specific Plaque and placement of such continues.

Spring Social - The Second Annual Spring Social will be held in May, 2011, exact date TBA.

St. Stephen Parish Organizational Chart - remains in the process of reorganization. Brief description of "Chain of Command" is as follows: Ministries report to the Boards, which report to the Councils, which report to the Pastor. Proper categorization and placement of all parish ministries is vital and provides for the smooth operation of each ministry. As previously noted, once the chart is completed, and approved by Fr. Rocco, it will be published in the bulletin.

Stonegate II - As reported in the Finance Council minutes, the project is on indefinite "hold".

Parish Pastoral Council - The Diocese has distributed guidelines and each member is reviewing such. These guidelines will be discussed at consecutive Council meetings.

Holiday giving Tree - This annual project was a Huge success! This type of success can only be achieved when many, many generous people contribute. Thank You to everyone involved.

- Meeting adjourned @ 9:00 pm.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Rocco
- Next PPC meeting: **Wednesday January 19, 2011** in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Modzier