

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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October 11, 2009 – 28th Sunday in 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 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.

- MONDAY** **October 12, 2009 – (Presider: Fr. Vince)**
9:00am Thomas DiBenedetto r/b Terry Veneziani & Family
- TUESDAY** **October 13, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)**
9:00am
- WEDNESDAY** **October 14, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)**
9:00am Patrick T. Corbett r/b Wife, Dorothy
- THURSDAY** **October 15, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)**
9:00am + Novena James & Mary Loughlin r/b Daughter
- FRIDAY** **Oct. 16, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)**
9:00am Bridgett Corbett r/b Dorothy Corbett
- SATURDAY** **October 17, 2009**
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
(Presider: Fr. Vince)
- 4:30pm Thomas DiBenedetto r/b BOA Merchantville Staff
Mary Grasso r/b Elsie Menaquale
(Presider: Fr. Vince)
- SUNDAY** **October 18, 2009**
9:00am Angela Nobile r/b Bob & Angie Pino
Bill Buffington r/b The Petronis Family
(Presider: Fr. Vince)
- 10:30am Adeline Canalichio r/b Jim & Lois McConnell
John F. Peberdy r/b Gerry Kozempel
(Presider: Fr. Tom)

***The Sanctuary Candle this week
is in Memory of Chris Picciano.***

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.

Oct. 3/4, 2009 Attendance/Collection	621/	\$6,777
Oct. 4/5, 2008 Attendance/Collection	491/	\$6,136
October 4th Respect Life Collection		\$ 785
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D_Weekly Average:		\$5,516

Columbus Day, October 12th

*Monday, October 12th is Columbus Day, a National Holiday.
The Rectory and all Diocesan offices will be closed.*

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 Alessandroni, Dolly Angelastro, Patricia Booth, Marion Borreggine, Vincent Buondonno, Dominic Caruso, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, John Heininger, Jr., Thomas Holmes, Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Patricia James, Donna Krawchuk, Robert Leone, Nancy Loperfido, Vincent Marchese, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, John Meyer, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Rita Picciano, Frank & Louise Pigliacelli, 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 October 17/18

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: R. Garofalo, E. Stemetzki, K. Sullivan
EM's: The Heiningers, P. Petronis, Sr. Eleanora, S. Eisenhardt
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, P. Krohn

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: W. McHugh, K. Starts, K. North
EM's: S. Marano, N. Schmidt, L. McHugh, The Sapienza's
Lectors: M. Miller, J. Bowman

Sunday, 10:30am – Children's Liturgy

Altar Servers: Children's Liturgy - TBA
EM's: T. Mattered, T. Link, L. Solano, T. Scavuzzo, M. Meloni
Lectors: Children's Liturgy - TBA

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collections:
October 11, 2009: "Star Herald"
October 18, 2009: "World Mission Sunday"



In Loving Memory of
Emilio Anthony "Tony" Terzini
September 12, 1922 – September 28, 2009

This Week @ St. Stephen's

10/12-Monday-9am Mass, **Rectory Closed**, 7:15pm YAM, NO RCIA
 10/13-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 10/14-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
 10/15-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music,
7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir
 10/16-Friday-9am Mass
 10/17-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
9:30am Altar Servers Meeting, 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 10/18-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**, please contact Maria Haas at 665-8393. **All are welcome to join the A&E ministry by calling 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

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 October 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.**

Donations for Loved Ones

We are now accepting donations in memory of loved ones to purchase trees that will replace the 2 dead trees recently removed from the Convent as well as others on our church property. An envelope marked "Tree Donation" may be placed in the Offertory basket or mailed to the rectory. Thank you.

St. Stephen's Young Adult Ministry, ages 21-40, will begin it's **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:

- October 12 - Scripture sharing (Mark 10:35-45)
- October 24 - Movie Night - "About Schmidt"
(**Not held** at the rectory, location TBD)
- October 26 - Fr. Tom Kiely will speak on St. Therese, The Little Flower
- November 9 - Scripture sharing (Mark 13:24-32)
- November 21 - One day pilgrimage to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA
- November 23 - Sr. Ruthann O'Mara will speak on St. Cecilia
- November 28 - Movie Night - "Damien, the Leper Priest"
(**Not held** at the rectory, location TBD)

Please contact Rose at 856.663.9342 for more information.

Youth Group Get-Together Oct. 25th

St. Stephen's Youth, grades 8-12: If you are looking for Community Service hours or just want to get together with friends, new or old, come join us **Sunday October 25th** from 6-7:30pm in the rectory basement. For info contact Cindy Pandola at (609) 922-4935.

Altar Servers Meeting Oct. 17th

There will be an important Altar Servers meeting immediately after the 9am Mass on **Saturday, October 17th** in the church. This meeting was originally scheduled for Oct. 10, but changed due to the Yard Sale.

CCD News

We are still in need of ONE TEACHER, substitutes and teacher's aides. Please call Adeline Gramlich at 662-9338 if you are interested in joining our CCD Team!

Attention all 6th graders who will be 7th Graders this Sept:

Our program of studies for Confirmation will be starting this Fall. This is a 2-year program. Confirmation will be held in the 8th Grade.

St. Stephen's RCIA Ministry

Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been away from the church...and have now returned, but want to know more?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism; Confirmation; and Eucharist?

Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you in your journey! Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions, perhaps you should extend an invitation to them!

Please contact Father Vincent Orum at (856) 662-9338 or Loretta Steinmetz, RCIA Team Leader at (856) 227-4627 for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

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.**

World Mission Sunday, Oct. 18th

United with the Catholics of the world at the Table of the Lord, we recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries. Our prayers and Eucharistic celebration next Sunday are directed in a special way toward our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are waiting to hear the joyous "Good News" of Jesus. Our offerings, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, will support the work and witness of those who selflessly give up all for the sake of our Lord and His Gospel—the local priests, Religious, and lay catechists who daily provide loving service to the poor and suffering of the Developing World.

Spirit Alive at Lourdes Wellness

Healing Power of Centering Prayer and *Lectio Divina*

Thursday Evenings in October 15, 22, and 29

7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Centering Prayer fosters inner stillness and *Lectio Divina* is a way of praying with scripture that saturates you in God's Word. We will practice 20 minutes of Centering Prayer and 20 minutes of *Lectio Divina*. These sessions will foster a sense of inner peace and healing and help to keep your prayer practice alive! This spiritual practice will have a positive effect in your everyday life! **Donation:** \$10.00 wkly

Register Today: Call Celeste at 856-869-3125

DAYTIME PROGRAMS

Group Spiritual Direction

Tuesdays, 11/3/09; 12/1/09; 1/5/10; 2/2/10; 3/2/10; 4/6/10; 5/4/10. 10:30 - 11:30 am

Participants will be invited to grow spiritually through the reading and praying of scriptures throughout the year using the Joyce Rupp text, *Fresh Bread*. The author focuses on common elements and finds the "touch of God" - a rainbow, a friend, a fallen leaf. Find the touch of God in common events in your life!

Thomas Merton: "Becoming Who You Already Are"

Tuesdays, 10/13/09; 11/10/09; 12/8/09; 1/12/10; 2/9/10; 3/9/10; 4/13/10; 5/11/10

This series "Bridges to Contemplative Living" fosters a life that is more contemplative and peace-filled. Thomas Merton is widely known as a leading spiritual guide for the ordinary person. Prayer experience, readings from Merton and other spiritual masters, and questions for small-group dialogue provide a rich format for spiritual growth. The topic: "Becoming Who You Already Are".

NEW!!!! RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Saturdays: 11/7; 12/12; 1/2; 2/6; 3/6; 4/3; 5/1/10

Time: 9:30 am - 11 am

If you need or desire a retreat but cannot take the time away, give yourself the gift of this "Retreat in Everyday Life". You will be invited to pray each day with Scripture using the format of the Spiritual Exercises. We will meet monthly for sharing and input on the next month's prayer.

Donation for Programs: \$10.00 per session

Location: The Little Portion, 1049 Haddon Avenue, Collingswood, NJ

Register Today: call Celeste at 856-869-3125

Bishop Eustace Prep News

Open House: Sunday, October 18, 2009 from 11am-2pm

Come experience our commitment to academic excellence, spiritual development & personal growth while touring our beautiful 32-acre campus.

All 8th Grade students seeking admission to Bishop Eustace must sit for one of our **Entrance Exams on Saturday November 7th and Saturday November 21st at 9:00am**. The exam fee is \$25. We also encourage interested 8th Grade students to sit for our **Scholarship Exam on Saturday October 24th at 8:00am**. The exam fee is \$25. The thirteen highest scorers will receive an academic scholarship. Financial aid is also available. For more information, call the Advancement Office at (856) 662-2160, ext. 252.

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewardship Responsibility"

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

These words of Jesus are so harsh that sometimes we are tempted to ignore our Stewardship responsibility, thinking that He really could not have meant them. Yet when our lives revolve around too many material possessions it is difficult to find the necessary time for God, for salvation and for God's beloved poor.

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### ***Diocesan Biblical Institute***

The Diocese of Camden's Biblical Institute will begin four new Bible Study Groups in October, 2009. 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 meet each week at the following parishes:

**St. Agnes, Blackwood, Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 p.m., starting 10/14/09**

**St. Augustine, Ocean City, Mondays, 9:00-11:00 a.m., starting 10/12/09**

**Assumption, Galloway, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., starting 10/15/09**

**Our Lady of Peace (formerly St. Mary), Williamstown, Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., starting 10/13/09**

To register, please contact Diane Scafidi at (856) 583-6129.

If you would like more detailed course information, please contact

**Dr. Frank Blee, Office of Evangelization,**

**Adult Faith Formation, Senior Ministries, at (856) 583-6105.**

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Merion Mercy Academy News

Sunday, October 11, 2009 from 1-4pm.

Formal presentation at 2:30pm.

The Scholarship and Entrance Exam will be given on Saturday, October 31st from 9am-12:30pm (make-up test Nov. 7).

Registration is required by October 23rd.

Further information: (610) 664-6655

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### ***Paul VI High School News***

Paul VI High School will hold placement testing for the class of 2014 on **November 14th and November 21st**. Every incoming student must take the placement test.

To register for one of these days, please contact Mr. Tom Nicoletti in the Guidance department, [tnicoletti@pvihs.org](mailto:tnicoletti@pvihs.org). The cost for testing will be \$20, checks can be made payable to Paul VI High School. For any further questions on placement testing please contact our Guidance office at (856) 858-4900 Ext.20.

*From the Desk of Reverend Vincent Orum, A.J.*

## **MISSION SUNDAY REAWAKENS IN US OUR BAPTISMAL CALL!**

Next Sunday is designated as World Mission Sunday and pastors are requested to encourage their communities to assist by way of prayer and more specifically by way of treasure or gift offering the mission of the church in spreading the Gospel message. Vatican Council II in the Document called *“Decree on the Missionary Activity of the Church”* known in Latin as **Ad Gentes** article No.1 observes that, **“the church has been divinely sent to all nations that she might be “the universal sacrament of salvation”** The church does that by way of making known the Gospel message to the whole world and the call to spread the Gospel is the **‘innermost requirements of her own catholicity’** and a response to the command and **‘mandate of the founder’**.

It’s therefore fitting that the Vatican Council II Fathers would describe the church as essentially **“missionary by her very nature.”**

If we are to remain true to our baptismal promises by the very fact of our baptism, we are essentially missionaries by nature as well. The call and the demand are on us to assume the sole responsibility and mandate to fulfill this role of assisting or spreading the Gospel message as the document observes in Chapter II article No1.

**“For wherever they live, all Christians are bound to show forth, by example of their lives and by witness of their speech, that new man which they put on at baptism, and the power of the Holy Spirit by whom they were strengthened at confirmation.”**

World Mission Sunday is one of the many ways in which we express by the example of our lives and witness of speech our solidarity with the universal church in support of the mission of Christ who by his very example, **‘went about all the towns and villages, curing every kind of disease and infirmity as a sign that the Kingdom of God had come (cf.Mt.9:35 ff; Acts 10:38).’**Ad Gentes No.12. In their own words the Council fathers echo that, **“the church through her children is one with men of every condition, but especially the poor and the afflicted”** in living the very example of Jesus--the greatest act of charity that comes from God’s love for us and his will for us to do the same.

I find no better way of expressing this other than the very passionate voices of the Council fathers urging us that,

**“Let the faithful take part in the strivings of those peoples who are waging war on famine, ignorance, and disease and thereby struggling to better their way of life and to secure peace in the world.”** Ad Gentes No.12.

So, as we think about what we can or cannot do on this World Mission Sunday, let us remember the words of mother Theresa of Calcutta--the champion for the course of the poor in our modern times,

**“We sometimes feel that what we do is just a drop in the Ocean, but the Ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”**

## **Yard Sale Thank You!**

The Finance Council wants to give a very big thank you to **Dan Steinmetz, Keith Knight, the Owners of Buy-Rite, Gene Shepherd and the members of the Highland Fire Company and the many other parishioners** who gave many hours to make the Yard Sale a big success. As you may know, we are always trying to keep expenses down...to increase the offertory collections, since they have been down...and we still rely a lot on fundraisers. The Yard Sale is our biggest fundraiser of the year and helps the parish and the school. We are asking other parishioners for ideas and for their help in creating other fundraisers. **Once again, thanks to all the many parishioners who helped.**

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**11th Annual White Mass
& St. Luke’s Awards**

On Sunday, **October 18, 2009** Bishop Joseph A. Galante will be celebrating the White Mass for Healthcare workers and their families at the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, 1600 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103 at 1pm.

The Saint Luke Awards for outstanding service in Catholic health care within the Diocese of Camden are presented during the Mass. This year’s honorees are Dr. Robert J. Labaczewski, D.O., St. Pius X Parish in Cherry Hill, Dr. Vincent T. McDermott, Jr., M.D., Margaret J. McDermott, R.N. of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Haddon Heights and Sr. Lucia Maroor, H.S.M., LNHA, Administrator at Bishop McCarthy Residence in Vineland. The keynote speaker at the reception following the Mass will be Reverend Joseph Kukura, President of Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey on the topic of health care reform. If you would like to attend the White Mass, please RSVP to 856-342-4125 or email Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org

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**Invitation to Fun!**

Meet new friends through activities you enjoy. Come out to read, cook and craft while helping people with disabilities learn how to do these things. **St. John of God Community Services** is looking for TUTORs to help in Adult Education classes on Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm from **October 13<sup>th</sup> thru November 17<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great way to add some joy to your life. To get involved call Ms. Jarvis at (856) 848-4700, x 1131.