

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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## October 18, 2009 – 29<sup>th</sup> 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 19, 2009 – (Presider: Fr. Vince)**  
9:00am                Sr. Francisann Rapa, SSND r/b Friend, Lucille
- TUESDAY**           **October 20, 2009 (Presider: Deacon Ernie)**  
9:00am                Communion Service
- WEDNESDAY**      **October 21, 2009 (Presider: Deacon Ernie)**  
9:00am                Communion Service
- THURSDAY**        **October 22, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)**  
9:00am + Novena    Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
- FRIDAY**             **Oct. 23, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)**  
9:00am                John Alloway r/b James & Melinda Gaffney
- SATURDAY**        **October 24, 2009**  
9:00am                Thomas Barlow (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
r/b Daughters Mirian Gricco & Bette Niegorski  
**(Presider: Fr. Vince)**
- 4:30pm                Anthony & Philomena Gini r/b Family  
Jennie Lentini  
r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido and Catherine Broome  
**(Presider: Fr. Vince)**
- SUNDAY**            **October 25, 2009**  
9:00am                Angelina Pennestri r/b M/M Charles Ridgeway  
Peter Schiavone r/b Sal Marano & Don Stewart  
**(Presider: Fr. Vince)**
- 10:30am              Bill Buffington r/b Florence O'Connor  
Lena Picciotti r/b Elaine Picciotti & Family  
**(Presider: Fr. Vince)**

***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.

<b>Oct. 10/11, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>545/</b>	<b>\$4,943</b>
<b>Oct. 11/12, 2008 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>533/</b>	<b>\$5,55</b>
<b>October 11<sup>th</sup> Mission Co-op Collection</b>		<b>\$1,504</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$6,154</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D_Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,477</b>

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

**Our Giant Yard Sale Photo Gallery is now available at  
[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com)**



*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 24/25**  
*(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**  
**Altar Servers:** E. Mattera, K. Hulsey, T. Mason  
**EM's:** The Pandola's, The Klecko's, T. Angstman  
**Lectors:** J. Messina, P. Krohn

**Sunday, 9:00am**  
**Altar Servers:** H. Atchison, P. Luthman, R. Buchholz  
**EM's:** S. Marano, L. Rosario, R. Leone, R. Davis, S. Mufalli  
**Lectors:** The Zieglers

**Sunday, 10:30am**  
**Altar Servers:** The Fagans, D. Saranchak  
**EM's:** L. Solano, C. Otto, L. D'Alessandro, M. Novoa  
**Lectors:** The McBrides

Next Diocesan Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:  
**October 18, 2009: "World Mission Sunday"**  
**November 22, 2009: "Human Development"**

***ST. STEPHEN'S PTA  
2009 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL***

St. Stephen's PTA is hosting their annual Christmas Festival on **Friday, November 20 from 6 pm -10 pm and Saturday, November 21 from 10 am - 7 pm.**

Bring the entire family! There's something for everyone! Crafts, Chinese Auction, Incredible Homemade Food and our wonderful Bake Table!

Santa will be making the festival complete by stopping by to take pictures with the children!

Come start the holiday season with the St. Stephen's family!  
**CRAFTERS/VENDORS ARE WANTED**  
Contact Jayne Holmes (856) 663-6938

## This Week @ St. Stephen's

10/19-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA  
 10/20-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 10/21-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD  
 10/22-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir  
 10/23-Friday-9am Mass, **School Blood Drive 9am-3pm**  
 10/24-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass, **YAM Movie Night**  
 10/25-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.**

This weekend presentation flowers to the Blessed Mother were donated by parishioners **Liz and Tom McHugh** to celebrate the baptism of their nephew **Christian Moles**.

### 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 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.

## BY NAME I HAVE CALLED YOU

Saint Stephen Parish will begin a new program entitled, **"By Name I Have Called You."** In the narthex of the church you will see our Remembrance Tree which contains Memory Angels bearing the name of those in our parish family who have died in the past year. A remembrance book will remain next to the tree with these names. Each year, the angels will be added from November to the following November.

On **Sunday, November 1, 2009**, (the Feast of All Saints), there will be a special Remembrance Ceremony for the families of those who have passed into the Glory of the Resurrection. These family members are being contacted to attend and participate in this ceremony at the **10:30 A.M. Liturgy**. Please plan to join us as we remember our loved ones.

### Youth Group Get-Together Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>

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 25<sup>th</sup>** from 6-7:30pm in the rectory basement. For info contact Cindy Pandola at (609) 922-4935.

### 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 worshiping 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

# Spirit Alive at Lourdes Wellness

**Healing Power of Centering Prayer and *Lectio Divina***  
**Thursday Evenings in October 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, 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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students seeking admission to Bishop Eustace must sit for one of our **Entrance Exams on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am**. The exam fee is \$25. We also encourage interested 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students to sit for our **Scholarship Exam on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *Give Life...Give Blood*

**St. Stephen's School Blood Drive**  
**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**9am-3pm in the Gym**

Please bring a photo or signature ID and eat within 4 hours of donating. Each donor will receive a t-shirt.

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*Stewardship Reflection*

## *Stewards Model Jesus*

**"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."** (Mark 10:45)

Jesus came on this earth to serve. Anyone who wishes to be his Steward and to follow Him must be willing to give time, talent and treasure to serve God's people, just as Jesus gave His very life for us. True disciples are true Stewards, giving service and sacrifice, just as Jesus taught us to do.

## *St. Joseph's Prep Open House Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>*

St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia invites students and parents from the Delaware Valley to an Open House on Sunday, November 1, 2009 from 11am - 2pm.

Interested 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys should sit for the Scholarship/Entrance Exam on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Students must be pre-registered. Academic scholarships and financial aid grants will be awarded to eligible students.

Applications for the Pre-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Enrichment Program will be available at the Open House. This program is open to boys and girls entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**For additional information call (215) 978-1954.**

## *Paul VI High School News*

Paul VI High School will hold placement testing for the class of 2014 on **November 14<sup>th</sup> and November 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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.

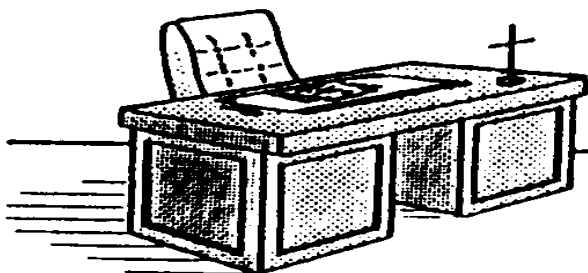
## *Camden Catholic's 2010 Hall of Fame*

**Nominations** are being accepted until **November 15, 2009** for alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have made outstanding accomplishments in their communities and their lives since their association with CCHS. Categories of recognition are in academics, athletics and the arts. Nomination forms are available at [www.CamdenCatholicAlumni.org](http://www.CamdenCatholicAlumni.org) or at the main office of the school.

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St. Cecilia's Church will host

## *"Smokey Joe's Caf "*

**Sat. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm & Sun. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm**  
Camden Catholic High School - Cuthbert Blvd., Cherry Hill  
Cost: \$20 per person - Tickets & Info: (856) 662-9451



*From the Desk of  
Deacon Ernest Picknally*

## *The Rosary*

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. On the seventh of this month, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This Feast Day was established by Pope St. Pius V in the 1572 on the first anniversary of the defeat of a Turkish fleet by a much smaller Christian fleet in the Battle of Lepanto. The Muslim forces had been trying to conquer Europe and this was a decisive victory for the Christian west. Pope St. Pius V had called on Christians to pray the rosary to ask the Blessed Mother's intercession on their behalf and credit for the victory was attributed to her. It is said that the Pope had been meeting with his cardinals when he suddenly stood up, went to the window, came back, turned to his cardinals and said "Let us thank God for the great victory He has given our fleet. Two weeks later a messenger arrived with news of the victory. Several more times during the next several centuries, the Church and Western Christian civilization were threatened and by praying the Rosary, the enemies of the Church were defeated.

One might ask why we have another feast day and a whole month to honor Mary. There have already been several feast days in the liturgical calendar for the year dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Yet who is more worthy among humans to be honored than our Blessed Mother, the most perfect of all human beings after Jesus our Lord. From all eternity, God chose her to be the Mother of our Savior and, through Him, she became the Mother of us all.

The exact origin of the Rosary is uncertain. In modern times, it consists essentially of 50 "Hail Mary's" or "Aves" divided into five decades each of which starts with the Lord's Prayer. Each day of the week has a different set of five "mysteries" recounting the life primarily of Jesus but with several of the mysteries recounting Mary's journey through her life and eternal presence in Heaven with God. Each "Hail Mary" repeats the greeting of the Angel Gabriel when he came to Mary and told her that she had been chosen as the Mother of our Savior. Though she was astonished and fearful, Mary accepted God's Will for her. And so we honor her, because without her obedient acceptance of God's Will, our Savior would not have been born to the world. We honor her also as the Mother of us all since Jesus, while dying on the Cross, gave her to all of us as our Mother. Although she has long since received her reward and lives with the Blessed Trinity, Mary continues in her motherly care for us by her intercession with our Lord for all our true needs if only we ask her.

Just as in the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, we live in a time of extreme danger. Perhaps even greater danger confronts us since the enemy is not only outside armed forces of various kinds who seek to destroy our country and our Christian civilization but also those forces of secularism and atheism in our own country who would remove any mention of God from public life, who are trying to redefine the most basic of God's plan for humans, marriage between one man and one woman, and who fight any attempts to prevent the taking of innocent human life in all its stages. We see so many couples living together outside of marriage, a great number of unwed mothers and single parent families, a higher and higher divorce rate, immoral presentations on TV and in the movies, and many more instances of moral and spiritual decay in our world. Mass attendance is very low percentage-wise and there would appear to be many instances of a loss of any belief. It is perhaps past time for all of us in the Church to join together in praying the rosary more fervently and more often and so call on our Blessed Mother to come to our aid as the people did before the Battle of Lepanto and those other battles which were won with her help, and perhaps the crises in our country and from outside forces can be overcome. Mary Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us!