

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Ages...

Different Histories...

One Faith!

Pastoral Staff

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October 2, 2011 – The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Tribunal Parish Advocate-Deacon Anthony Cioe-227-2145

Rectory Office Hours-Monday thru Friday 9am-4:30pm

(Rectory is closed all Holy Days & National Holidays)

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 weekend 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 church 10 minutes prior to Saturday/Sunday 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".

SATURDAY 4:30pm	October 1, 2011 John T. Leahy r/b Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	October 2, 2011 Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Marlene Matteo r/b The Matteo & Sauer Family Frances Conway r/b Family Ida DiCianni r/b Dominic Pucci & Denise Joseph Nuccio r/b People of the Parish
MONDAY 9:00am	October 3, 2011 Ida Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
TUESDAY 9:00am	October 4, 2011 Marlene Matteo (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Bob, Phyllis & Stephen Johnson (Guaracino)
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	October 5, 2011 Anthony Gugliotta r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	October 6, 2011 Francis A. Barrett
FRIDAY 9:00am	October 7, 2011 (First Friday Adoration) People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY 4:30pm	October 8, 2011 Nick Laurito, Sr. r/b Joe & Lori Cona
SUNDAY 9:00am	October 9, 2011 Agnes Dunn r/b Carol & Mike Hagan & Family
10:30am	Christopher Picciano (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Mom & Dad Irene Cassidy r/b Dan Martin James Martin, IV r/b Jack & Maryann Merritt

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of Anthony Gugliotta.***

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.

September 24/25, 2011 Attendance/Collection	<i>unknown</i>	\$5,149
September 25/26, 2010 Comparison	<i>unknown</i>	\$5,114
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,769
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,370

Diocesan Special Collections:

- October 2, 2011: "Pro-Life"
- October 23, 2011: "World Mission 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 Alessandrini, Victor Ambruso, Joe & Dolly Angelastro, Evelyn Capocetta, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Rita Insley, Frances Kay, Donna Krawchuk, Sandy Lepo, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Vincent Marchese, Harry Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Michael & Family, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Grace Pandola, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pendtleton, Rita Picciano, Frank Pigliacelli, Declan Roberts, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Gloria Vendetti, 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 October 8/9

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, Z. Marlin, M. Hobbs
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, J. Heiningner, L. Heiningner
Lectors: L. Peischl, P. Tryson

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: T. Albert, B. McHugh, K. Starts
EM's: S. Marano, T. Modzier, L. McHugh, M. Miller
Lectors: D. Heck, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: L. Fagan, C. Padua, H. Atchison
EM's: G. Tutwiler, G. Tutwiler, L. Picknally, L. Solano
Lectors: M. Turan, E. Mattera

Harvest Social Sat., October 15th!

Begins with an outdoor Mass @ 4:30pm followed by buffet, wine, beer, comedy show featuring **Grover Silcox**, raffle drawing, parishioner appreciation, music & dancing. **\$20 tickets** are available after all weekend Masses and at the school & rectory during the week.

Don't miss this event of the year!



50/50 Raffle Drawing

at the Social on October 15th.
You need not be present to win.

Buy now - win big!

Returns & additional tickets
at the Rectory.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 10/3--Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study
- 10/4--Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 10/5--Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD
- 10/6--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Children's Choir, 7pm Christology, **7pm Rosary Makers @ Stonegate**, 7:15pm Choir
- 10/7--First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 10/8--Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 10/9--Sunday-RCIA, 9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptismal Training

Monday Afternoon Bible Study

The St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study has returned for the new school year.

Place: Stonegate building
Time: Mondays from 1:00 to 2:30 PM

This will be an exciting year. In addition to discussing our weekly "Woman of the Bible", We will be maintaining a theme based on 5 special words that Jesus spoke in Mark 14: 1-9 "She Did What She Could" It's all about being encouraged in the belief that each of us can, in the simple moments of our everyday life, make a difference. Please feel free to join us!

Any questions, please call Eileen at (856) 662-8046 or email me at heides@comcast.net

Tuesday Night Rosary

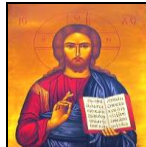
Please join us every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the church in response to Our Lady of Fatima's request to pray the rosary for peace in the world.

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue October 5, 2011 from 6:15-7:30pm

Thursday Night Discussion Club

7pm in the Rectory



Fr. Rocco's Christology Course Topics:

- 10/6/11: Introduction of New Testament
- 10/13/11: Who Did Jesus Believe Himself To Be?
- 10/20/11: Christologies of the New Testament Christians

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be Friday, October 7th from 9:30am-7pm.



St. Stephen's 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.

"You answered me when I called to you; with your strength you strengthened me."

Psalms 138:3

Art & Environment Ministry

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

Bereavement Committee

The Bereavement Committee is seeking volunteers to help minister to those who've recently lost loved ones in our community of faith. To join this special ministry, please call Joy Bowman at 662-4803.

Board & Council Meetings

Upcoming Dates (all Wednesdays @ 7pm)	
October 12	Finance Committee
October 19	Pastoral Council
October 26	Liturgy Board

Men's Prayer Group

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

RCIA Ministry

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

- 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 Daniel Rocco 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.

SCRIP NEWS!

Our Scrip program has raised over \$9,000 in profit since it began last June. Thank you to everyone who is participating! From our loyal 25-30 weekly participants we are raising an average of \$75-100/week. Imagine what we could raise if more people participated! If only 25 more people a week purchased just one \$25 gift card each week we would earn an additional \$8,000/year! Please consider purchasing Scrip for your purchases. Some of our newest vendors include:

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| Whole Foods | \$25 (3%) |
| Kohl's | \$25 (4%) |
| Gap/Old Navy | \$25 (14%) |
| Wendy's | \$10 (4%) |

We carry 30 retailers in stock or you may also special order from hundreds of retailers. Please stop by the Scrip table after Mass or you may contact Katy Fagan (662-5935) with any questions you may have.

St. Stephen's School News

October 2-8th, 2011

CAP 1 Session – On Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 7:00 p.m. St. Stephen School will be hosting a Diocesan sponsored CAP 1 session. This is the diocesan training required of all volunteers in the school in addition to being fingerprinted for the school. Registration for this session is required. You may call (856) 583-6165 or email: ddiggons@camdendiocese.org. If you are interested in volunteering in the school (lunch room duty, PreK helpers, dance chaperones, classroom presentations, etc..) please call us at (856) 662-5935.

Benefit for Rob Gerold – Please join the friends of the **Rob Gerold Family**, (a St. Stephen Parish and School family) for a benefit being held on their behalf Sat. Oct. 22nd. Rob has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Melanoma and is currently undergoing intensive treatment over the next few months. There are many ways to help the organizers of this benefit: 1) You may purchase tickets for this event from Christina Rebilas at (856-488-1681) 2) Donations are being accepted for the auction to be held that night. Again, you may call Christina if you have something to donate and 3) please keep Rob and his family in your prayers. Rob and Doreen have 3 boys, two are attending St. Stephen School and their oldest attends Paul VI High School. Details for the benefit may be viewed from the following link: <http://www.ststephenspennsauken.com/school/RobGeroldBenefit10-22-11.pdf> or you may pick up a copy of this flyer from either the school or the Rectory.

PTA News

- Fri. Oct. 7th** PTA sponsors First Friday lunch (separate order form available)
KidsStuff fundraiser ends (either money or book should be returned)
- Tues. Oct. 25th** 5-8 pm St. Stephen "Spirit Night" at Chick Fil-A. Come join us!
- Sat. Nov. 19th** Beef-n-Beer Social (With Disney raffle kick-off)

ALUMNI NEWS

1) Meet a member of your School Board! Allyson Meloni (St. Stephen Class of 1996), graduated from Bishop Eustace Preparatory School in 2000, graduated Magna cum Laude from Dickinson College in 2004 with a dual major in Psychology and Spanish and then received a full academic scholarship to Rutgers-Newark in a combined Masters and PhD program in Psychology. She graduated with her PhD in 2009 and has been teaching at Rutgers-Newark, Rutgers-Camden and Camden County College ever since. In addition to teaching, Ally's volunteer efforts extend not only to the St. Stephen Community (School Board member, Adult Ministry) but to the Pennsauken community as well. In 2011 Ally was elected to the Pennsauken Board of Education.

Thank you Ally for all you do!

2) As a placekicker for the Camden Catholic High School Varsity football team, freshman Kandeh Kamara (St. Stephen Class of 2011) successfully kicked in 4 extra points in CCHS' 55-6 victory over Gloucester Catholic on Saturday, Sept. 10th.

Congratulations Kandeh and Good Luck this season!

If you have any alumni information to share please contact Katy Fagan in our Advancement Office at 662-5935 or email: advancement@ststephenspennsauken.com

Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, 9/14/11

In Attendance: Father Daniel Rocco, Deacon Anthony Cioe, Paula Antonelli, Kathy Boyer, Keith Knight, Lonnie Monaco, and Craig Otto

Fr. Rocco opened the meeting at 7:05 PM by reading material drawn from the late Pope John Paul II's teaching on the theology of the body. A brief discussion period followed.

Financial Statements: Fr. Rocco distributed copies of the end of August balance sheet and profit and loss aging summary, the August general ledger, and the profit and loss statements for the fiscal year to date (July 2011 through August 2011). The parish is current with all of its obligations, including school subsidy, assessment and insurance payments to the Diocese.

Buildings and Grounds:

- *School:* A contractor repaired the school roof during the summer. Insurance paid for replacement of gutters.
- *Convent:* We have scheduled work to begin on convent roof in the near future.
- *Church:* We ordered new pew cushions. We will use funds donated for weddings and funerals to pay for the cushions.

School: Paula Antonelli reported on school finances. The School Finance Committee is reviewing the finances of the latch key program, investigating the cost of fuel and boiler maintenance, and carefully reviewing school financial statements.

Miscellaneous:

- Fr. Rocco asked for recommendations for a replacement of Tony Saranchak as a member of the Finance Council.
- The Finance Committee plans to publish a financial statement for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2011 in the parish bulletin. A member of the Finance Council will present a brief report on finances during Masses on 10/8/11 and 10/9/11.

Fr. Rocco concluded the meeting with prayer at 8:45 PM.

The next Finance Council meeting will take place on Wed., 10/12/11 at 7 PM in the rectory basement meeting room.

Respectfully submitted, Craig Otto (9/19/11)

Please return to rectory before the Oct. 15th Social!!!

Recognition of Parishioners Form

As a Parish we endeavor to recognize those parishioners who best reflect the Vision of St. Stephen's. We are seeking nominations from all parishioners of individuals who have contributed over and above those principles of time, talent and treasure. We will honor them at our Parish Social and install a nameplate along with the many other parishioners who have been recognized on our board in the vestibule.

Name _____

Reason - How this person fulfills the Vision:

Session 3 of our weekly series:

Theology of the Body Lived in the Communion of Persons

Session 3:
October 2, 2011



Theme of the Week:
What does it mean to be
a body in God's image?

An explanation of the weekly theme:

Just what is a Body? The body is visible and concrete proof of our existence in the physical world. The human body is special in God's creation.

We have this truth in the words of a sign: *then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.* We are self-revealing signs to ourselves and each other of God's presence. *Man, whole and entire, is willed by God.*

God has created our bodies in **his own image**. This is a "from the beginning" statement: *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

The body becomes a "sacramental" sign; *one that makes visible the invisible mystery of God.* The body is *the pre-eminent and primordial "sign"* of the ultimate reality. And so, **the body is the sign of God!** Imagine the dignity this demands for our bodies! Our bodies are the physical incarnation of the Gospel message.

Pope John Paul II writes: *Man appears in the visible world as the highest expression of the divine gift because he bears within him the interior dimension of the gift.* As our bodies are stamped in the divine image, we can see that each human body is a sacramental thing, a unique being, a one-time-only occurrence. The body is unique to the point of being *unrepeatable!*

As we regard our human bodies as unique and holy signs, what might we think about Jesus, who is the Word made flesh?

Through the fact that the Word of God became flesh, the body entered theology...through the main door!

The Story of the Week:

There is a great "Peanuts" comic strip that can help us to understand the fullness of what God is offering.

One day a new girl arrives at school. Charlie Brown walks up to her and says, "Hi, my name is Charlie Brown, what's your name?" "My parents call me Snowflake", she answers. "Snowflake?" says Charlie Brown, "why do they call you Snowflake?" She replies, "Because I'm one of a kind."

General Question: How do you see yourself? Do you see yourself as a unique creature of God and do you always reflect God's image?

Family Question: What must we do as a family to keep from separating ourselves from our relationship with God and losing the image and His gift of love?

Children's Question: What gifts did God give you to make you like Snowflake? Why are you unique and special?

Come, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.