

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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October 26, 2008 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm

Sunday – 9:00am & 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 of month @ 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.

Only individually registered parishioners of one year or more are eligible to be married here. This 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. Please note that where there is no intention listed, the Mass is offered for the Universal Church.

- MONDAY October 27, 2008 9:00am Angela Fleck r/b Daughter Kathy
TUESDAY October 28, 2008 9:00am
WEDNESDAY October 29, 2008 9:00am Fran Sullivan r/b The Sullivan Family
THURSDAY October 30, 2008 (Novena to follow) 9:00am
FRIDAY October 31, 2008 9:00am Regina Leone r/b Sam, Nancy & Catherine
SATURDAY November 1, 2008 (All Saints Day) 9:00am 4:30pm Good Intentions of the People of the Parish John O'Connor r/b M/M Frank Rosolia Ethel (Sis) Laurito r/b Nicholas Laurito & Family
SUNDAY November 2, 2008 (All Souls Day) 9:00am Margaret Malito r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta Barbara Fallon r/b Family
10:30am Jim Cummings, Sr. r/b Margaret Cummings Mateo Oler r/b The McBride Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Margaret Lane.

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.

Attendance/Collection Oct. 18/19, 2008 520 / \$5,035
Attendance/Collection Oct. 20/21, 2007 693 / \$6,572
Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$7,200
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average: \$5,776

Thank you for your generous donation of \$906 for the "Mission Sunday" collection October 18/19

Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish is providing Electronic Giving, or eGiving, as a simple, secure and convenient method for making contributions. The eGiving option is being used by churches throughout the country and works similar to online bill paying. You may logon to www.StStephensPennsauken.com to set up your account.

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:

- Dolly Angelastro, Patricia Booth, Marion Borreggine, Vincent Buondonno, Dominic Caruso, Dorothy Coyle, Marge Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Jessie Dixon, Patricia Domer, Jennie Farmer, John Fitzpatrick, Joe Flacco, Robert Gottschall, Thomas Holmes, Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Donna Krawchuk, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, Jennifer Osborn, Chris Picciano, Rita Picciano, Leonard Rebilas, Rosemarie Rosolia, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Joe Siano, Mary Jo Stedrak, Thomas Sullivan, Sr. Sr. Ann Thomas, SSJ, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Anthony Vocale, Jean Wenstrom.

Ministry Schedule for November 1/2

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: R. Garofalo, M. Hobbs, K. Hulsey
EM's: Sr. Eleanora, T. Modzier, S. Eisenhardt, A. Knight, L. Garofalo
Lectors: P. Krohn, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: S. Morales, M. DiRico, E. Corbett
EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, A. DiGiacomo, R. Leone, N. Schmidt
Lectors: M. McHugh, L. Modzier

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: L. Fagan, P. Luthman, C. Otto
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, L. D'Alessandro, A. Mulholland, The Fagans
Lectors: The Links

Attention Lectors: Your 2009 Lector Workbooks are now available for pickup in the Sacristy.

All Saints Day on Saturday, November 1, 2008 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Next Special 2nd Collection: November 23rd - "Human Development"

November 2nd bulletin deadline: October 27th @ Noon

CCD Program Needs

Our CCD Program is still in need of Teachers, Subs and Aides. If you feel a calling to this wonderful Ministry, please call Adeline Gramlich, CRE at (856) 662-9338.

This Week @ St. Stephen's

10/27-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA
 10/28-Tuesday-9am Mass, **Applebee's Fundraiser**, 7pm Rosary
 10/29-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
 10/30-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7:15pm Choir
 10/31-Friday-9am Mass
 11/1-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
9:30am Altar Servers Mtg., 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 11/2-Sunday-Masses @ 9am & 10:30am

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 Mary Sharon @ 662-6049 for October requests.

St. Stephen's Rosary Makers

We now meet every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7pm at Stonegate.

Our next meeting will be held on November 6th.

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. The first meeting each month will be held at the Merchantville Diner on Centre Street. The remaining meetings will be held in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. Hope to see you on Nov. 1st at the Diner. More Info: Joe Fagan @ 662-5908.

St. Stephen's BookMates!

The BookMates interfaith literacy program is well underway at St. Stephen School and we need your help! If you are available to read for one hour each week during the school day with young St. Stephen students or would like more information about the program, please contact Julie Silver, BookMates Program Coordinator, at (856) 751-9500, ext. 143. BookMates is a social justice project of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern New Jersey and the Catholic Jewish Commission.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ADULT TEAM LEADERS

There is a need for the formation of an adult youth ministry team at St. Stephen Parish. The adult team would be responsible for the parish youth ministry program for grades six through high school for the next two years. Any parishioner who would like to be on this team, please call Jim at the rectory before October 31.

Altar Flower Donations

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass, please contact Maria Haas @ 665-8393. This Weekend's Altar Flowers are in loving memory of **Angela Fleck** requested by her daughter.

ART & ENVIRONMENT FUNDRAISER:

St. Stephen's Art & Environment is planning a new Nativity scene for the Christmas Liturgical season. In order for us to achieve our goal we are asking for your support on Oct. 28th, with our Dining to Donate -Applebee's fundraiser. Applebee's will donate 10% of your bill to St. Stephen's A&E Ministry. This is an ALL DAY event. If your schedule has you too busy to dine in, by all means check the website to order Carside to Go.

WHEN: Oct. 28th, 2008

WHERE: Cherry Hill Applebee's, 108 Haddonfield Rd.

TIME: Lunch, Dinner or Carside to Go

(www.applebees.com) to check out the daily menu.

TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER:

You must patronize the Applebee's at 108 Haddonfield Rd. in Cherry Hill and you must present the flyer that will be distributed in the bulletin the weekend of Oct24th, school folders, entrance of Stonegate and in the back of the church. We would appreciate you taking extra flyers and encourage support from your family, friends and co-workers.

Thank you for all your support on this awesome project.

ST. STEPHEN'S PTA

2008 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

St. Stephen's PTA is hosting their annual Christmas Festival on Saturday, November 22nd from 2:00pm until 8:00pm and on Sunday, November 23rd from 9:00am until 2:00pm.

Bring the family there's something for everyone. Crafts, Chinese Auction, Incredible Homemade Food and our Wonderful Bake Table. To make our Christmas Festival complete Santa Claus will also be on hand for pictures with everyone. So come and start the holiday season with the St. Stephen's family.

CRAFTERS/VENDORS ARE WANTED

If you are interested please contact Betsy Mason at 856-910-0205 or email elizmason@comcast.net

St Stephen's Young Adult Ministry

St Stephen's YAM, ages 21-40, will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

* The 2nd Friday will be a reflection and discussion on the upcoming weeks Gospel.

The meeting starts at 7:00 in the Stonegate Conference Room.

* On the 4th Friday, YAM will be hosting a movie night followed by a discussion.

The group will gather in the Stonegate Main room at 6:30 for light refreshments. The movie starts at 7:00. Stonegate residents are welcomed to attend.

Results of Giant Yard Sale II

Preliminary report on the yard sale:

Gross receipts: \$25,623.91

Expenses: \$1,923.58

Net revenue for our parish: \$23,691.33

The Fundraising Committee gives its thanks to the 100 parishioners who worked hard to make the sale a success, Buy-Rite Lumber for free use of its buildings for storage and the Pennsauken Fire Dept. members for their crucial help with preparing for the sale.

2008-2009 School Advisory Board

President: Jennifer Parker

PTA Rep: Anna North

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Hospitality & Spirit: Denise McHugh

CCHS Volunteers Needed

Camden Catholic High School is in need of Host Families/Parents for their **International Student Program** for the 2008-09 school year. Families provide room and board while earning a generous monthly tax-free stipend.

If you have room in your heart and home, contact Marilena @ (215) 547-8486 for details.

Holiday Show – Casino Trip to Tropicana

November 11, 2008 - \$45 per person

SOLD OUT...

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

(A weekly continuing series)

Section One, "I Believe-We Believe"

Chapter 3: Man's Response to God

III. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITH

Faith and understanding

156 What moves us to believe is not the fact that revealed truths appear as true and intelligible in the light of our natural reason: we believe "because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived".²⁸ So "that the submission of our faith might nevertheless be in accordance with reason, God willed that external proofs of his Revelation should be joined to the internal helps of the Holy Spirit."²⁹ Thus the miracles of Christ and the saints, prophecies, the Church's growth and holiness, and her fruitfulness and stability "are the most certain signs of divine Revelation, adapted to the intelligence of all"; they are "motives of credibility" (*motiva credibilitatis*), which show that the assent of faith is "by no means a blind impulse of the mind".³⁰

157 Faith is *certain*. It is more certain than all human knowledge because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie. To be sure, revealed truths can seem obscure to human reason and experience, but "the certainty that the divine light gives is greater than that which the light of natural reason gives."³¹ "Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt."³²

158 "Faith *seeks understanding*":³³ it is intrinsic to faith that a believer desires to know better the One in whom he has put his faith, and to understand better what He has revealed; a more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love. The grace of faith opens "the eyes of your hearts"³⁴ to a lively understanding of the contents of Revelation: that is, of the totality of God's plan and the mysteries of faith, of their connection with each other and with Christ, the center of the revealed mystery. "The same Holy Spirit constantly perfects faith by his gifts, so that Revelation may be more and more profoundly understood."³⁵ In the words of St. Augustine, "I believe, in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe."³⁶

159 *Faith and science*: "Though faith is above reason, there can never be any real discrepancy between faith and reason. Since the same God who reveals mysteries and infuses faith has bestowed the light of reason on the human mind, God cannot deny himself, nor can truth ever contradict truth."³⁷ "Consequently, methodical research in all branches of knowledge, provided it is carried out in a truly scientific manner and does not override moral laws, can never conflict with the faith, because the things of the world and the things of faith derive from the same God. The humble and persevering investigator of the secrets of nature is being led, as it were, by the hand of God in spite of himself, for it is God, the conserver of all things, who made them what they are."³⁸



With the economy in shambles, companies are scrambling to merge with other viable companies to stay competitive. For all of you with any money left, be aware of the following pending mergers so that you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG bucks.

Watch for these consolidations in 2008:

Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W. R. Grace Co.
will merge and become:
Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace.

Polygram Records, Warner Bros., and Zesta Crackers join forces and become:
Poly Warner Cracker.

3M will merge with Goodyear and become:
MMMGood.

Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become:
ZipAudiDoDa.

FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS, and become:
FedUP.

Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become:
Fairwell Honeychild.

Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become:
PouponPants.

Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become:
Knott NOW!