

# 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  
Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe  
Sister Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ  
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal  
Mrs. Adeline Gramlich, CRE

## Parish Contact Information

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## October 31, 2010 – The Thirty-First 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:** 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 2011 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>November 1, 2010 (All Saints Day-Rectory Closed)</b> The Deceased Members of the Moton Family (30-day Memorial) r/b People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>November 2, 2010 (All Souls Day)</b> The Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>November 3, 2010</b> Jim Nettleton r/b Dean Russell
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>November 4, 2010</b> Phil Ardire r/b Frank Pigliacelli
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>November 5, 2010 (First Friday Adoration)</b> Cora & John Lehocky r/b The Leahy Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> 10:00am 4:30pm	<b>November 6, 2010</b> St. Stephen's <b>Confirmation Mass</b> —Bishop Galante Robert O'Donnell (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>November 7, 2010</b> Thomas Lippincott r/b Family Deceased Members of the Pennestri Family R/b Jim Pennestri <i>(2 Intentions reserved prior to policy change)</i>
10:30am	Mary Jo Stedrak r/b Family Walter C. Cerone r/b Knights of Columbus, Bishop BJ Eustace Assembly 632 AJ & Stephen Moton r/b The Rosario Family

**The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
In Memory of Mary Jo Stedrak.**

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>October 23/24, 2010 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>522 / \$4,750</b>
<b>October 24/25, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>540 / \$4,997</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,673</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$5,570</b>

**Next Special Collection:**

**All Saints / All Souls November 1 / 2, 2010**

9am Mass each day—though **not** a Holy Day of Obligation this year

The Rectory and all Diocesan offices will be closed Monday November 1.

**CCD Team Opportunities**

Join the Team! We are in need of Teachers & Teacher's Aides. If interested, please call Mrs. Adeline Gramlich at 662-9338, ext. 7.



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 Alessandrone, Victor Ambruso, Dolly Angelastro, Evelyn Capaldi, 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, Harry Lavall, Sandy Lepo, Joann Lunsford, Vincent Marchese, Marlene Matteo, Harry Mayer, Francis McCann, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, John Messina, 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, 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 November 6/7**

*(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** The Norths, K. Hulsey

**EM's:** M. Nieves, The Pandola's, S. Eisenhardt, T. Scavuzzo

**Lectors:** R. Taylor, P. Palazzo

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** K. Starts, M. DiRico, C. Hearn

**EM's:** The Monaco's, R. Davis, R. Leone, S. Marano

**Lectors:** L. Sperduto, J. Gerst

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** The Fagans, C. Otto

**EM's:** The Fagans, M. Meloni, T. Mattera, C. Otto

**Lectors:** The Links

**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.**

**CLOCK CHANGE REMINDER:**

Clocks fall back one hour next Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 2am.

That's right, a 49-hour weekend!

### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 11/1-Mon-9am All Saints Day Mass, **Rectory Closed**,  
1pm Women's Bible Study, 7:15pm RCIA
- 11/2-Tue-9am All Souls Day Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Book Club
- 11/3-Wed-9am Mass, **6pm Confirmation Rehearsal**, 6:15pm CCD,  
7pm Women's Bible Study
- 11/4-Thur-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Ensemble, 7pm Rosary Makers,  
7:15pm Choir
- 11/5-**First Friday**-9am Mass, **Adoration until 7pm**
- 11/6-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, **10am Confirmation Mass**,  
3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 11/7-31-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am



**Weekly: Every Monday @ 1pm**  
**Monthly: Every First Wednesday @ 7pm**  
**Stonegate Conference Room**

The Women's Bible Study group will now be offering an evening session on the **1st Wednesday of each month**. Our first meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 3rd, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the conference room at Stonegate. 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

**The Prayer Line belongs to you.**

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place.

Contact **Bernice @ 662-4641 for November 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.

### 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.**

### 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.

## St. Stephen's PTA News

Thank you for your support with fundraising efforts to date.

**Your support is greatly appreciated!**

**Our Goal is to raise \$30,000 this year.**

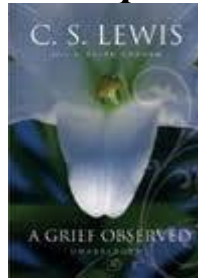
Anna North - President  
 Jayne Holmes - VP  
 Jen Miller - Treasurer  
 Danielle Cicchetti - Hospitality and Spirit

Maureen Kozempel - Publicity  
 Debbie Stowe - Head Room Mom  
 Christine Schlegel- Newsletter  
 Sue Kueny - Recording Secretary

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>** - SILVER DINER 5pm - 8pm
- NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>** - BEEF & BEER to benefit the MOTON FAMILY
- NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>** (FRIDAY) & **NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>** (SATURDAY) - CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
- DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>** - BEEF & ROOT BEER (kids fundraiser) to benefit the MOTON FAMILY

### 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 A Grief Observed.** All are welcome! Any questions, call: **Tricia Gardner at 546-5201.**

### St. Stephen's SCRIP News!

Good News! We have made \$3,000 on the Scrip program to date! We have earned this with only 20-30 parishioners buying Scrip on a regular basis. **Imagine what we could do if more people participated!** Consider buying your gift cards through Scrip for places you already shop. For questions about Scrip please contact the rectory, the school or visit the Scrip tab on the St. Stephen website [www.ststephenspennsauken.com](http://www.ststephenspennsauken.com). We are in need of more volunteers for this program. Anyone willing to help please contact Katy Fagan at 662-5935.

### Our Nursing Home Ministry

Thank you for your support of the residents of Cooper River West with your prayers and donations of religious articles in the box in the church vestibule. Parishioners are needed to join us on Wednesdays from 10am to Noon to bring the residents from their rooms to the Mass/Prayer Service. Eucharistic Ministers are also encouraged to serve at the Nursing Home. *Prayerfully consider volunteering for one Wednesday a month.* **Call or Email us for more info: Lonnie & Mary Sharon (856) 662-6049 or Email [Monacofamily4@comcast.net](mailto:Monacofamily4@comcast.net)**

### Youth Enjoying Service!!!

The St. Stephen's Youth Group is here to help our Senior neighbors! If you need assistance with weeding, raking or planting your garden this year, please call on us to help! Leave your name and phone number with Cindy at the Rectory (856) 662-9338, ext. 6 and we will set up a time to help.

### First Friday Adoration Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

This Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the Month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9am Mass and conclude at 7pm.

### BY NAME I HAVE CALLED YOU

The Mass to honor the families of our deceased members will take place on **Sunday, November 7, 2010, at the 10:30 Liturgy**. Our families will present flowers for a Memory Bouquet and they will be blessed and receive token angels in memory of their loved ones. Please plan to join in on this special day, and offer your love and condolences to our families.

### The New Roman Missal FAQs

Begins 11/27/11 (Part 5 of 8 in a continuing series)

5. What should be taking place with our catechetical efforts? Dioceses should have a projected plan of what they intend to do to encourage preparation for implementation of the new translation in their dioceses. Parishes should, if they have not already done so, offer a basic catechesis about the text, especially about the changes in the people's responses. The Newsletter of the Committee on Divine Worship has already highlighted various catechetical resources which will be valuable tools for the formation process. In September, 2010, the USCCB will offer the [Parish Guide to Implementing the Roman Missal](#). This resource will offer a roadmap to implementing the new translation in the parish. Both the International Commission on English in the Liturgy and USCCB will offer a multi-media DVD resource entitled [Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ](#), an excellent catechetical resource for examining the new translation in the broader context of the history and theology of liturgy. With the final text now available, other publishers will provide catechetical materials which, among other things, will begin to look at the historical and theological aspects of the text.

### Stonagate Christmas Casino Trip

Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

"Happy Holidays: A Magical Celebration"

At the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City, NJ



\$50 ticket includes buffet, show, bus & \$10 in coins.

Leave Stonagate parking lot at 10am.

Leave Tropicana at 5:30pm.

Arrive back at Stonagate about 6:30pm.

Info & Tickets: Call Marianna @ 663-5599

### St. Joseph's Prep Open House Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grade boys and their families are welcome to attend the Prep's annual Open House on **Sunday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>** from 11am-2pm. Families will be able to tour the school as well as attend an Informational Session. Pre-registration is not necessary, but can be completed online at [www.sjprep.org/welcome](http://www.sjprep.org/welcome).

### 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 (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.**

### Collectibles For Sale

Several collectible items were salvaged from the recent Yard Sale donations. These include a group of **Longaberger baskets, P. Buckley Moss brooches, Dynasty, Brinn's, and Heritage Collectible dolls, and 2 single lens reflex cameras and accessories.**

They were set-aside in the hopes of selling them on eBay, but were not, due to the poor economy. If anyone is interested in purchasing them or knows of a person or business that would be willing to buy them at a reasonable price, please contact Lonnie or Mary Sharon at 662-6049. All proceeds benefit St Stephen's.

### Camden Catholic Open House

Thursday, November 11, 2010 from 7-9pm.

Elementary school students & parents are welcome to attend.

Call (856) 663-2817 for further information.

### CCHS Casino Night - Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 7-11pm

Come enjoy cocktails and hor's d'oeuvres, and play to win fabulous prizes! For more info & tickets contact Mary (856) 488-8001 or Denise (856) 768-5876.

### CCHS Arts Department presents

"Arsenic & Old Lace"

November 18, 19 & 20 @ 7:30pm. Nov. 21 @ 2pm

Tickets-\$10 --- Senior Discount Nov. 21, just \$5

More info at [www.cchsarts.com](http://www.cchsarts.com)

### Paul VI Reunion - Classes of 1969 & 1970

Friday, November 26, 2010 from 7pm-Midnight

Wyndham Hotel, 1111 Rt. 73 in Mt. Laurel

\$100 pp includes buffet, open bar & DJ

Contact [judyvaccello@gmail.com](mailto:judyvaccello@gmail.com) by November 10<sup>th</sup>

## Parish Pastoral Council Minutes --- October 20, 2010

**Members Present:** Fr. Rocco, Liz McHugh, Joey Scavuzzo, Chris Hearn, Joe Haas, Deacon Anthony Cioe, Craig Otto (Finance Council), Terry Modzier, Katy Fagan, Rich Cesta, and Bill O'Donnell

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

- Opening prayer by Fr. Rocco
- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
- Minutes from September 15, 2010 read and approved by Council members.

- **Old Business:**

Financial Report- There was positive feedback from the congregation in regards to the Financial Report given at the Masses on October 2nd and 3rd. Parishioners felt information was clear. At this meeting, Craig Otto briefly highlighted some of the items included in that report.

Ministry Organizational Chart - remains in the process of reorganization. With Deacon Anthony's background in Evangelization, he will be involved with the Education ministries, i.e. RCIA. Once the completed documented is finalized and approved by Fr. Rocco, it will be published in the bulletin.

Pot Luck Dinner - The date is Saturday 10/23/10 at 4:30pm. The response has been quite encouraging; thus far 68 attendees are anticipated. The menu promises to quite diverse and delicious!

- **New Business:**

Statues in the Sanctuary - Questions raised by parishioners regarding the statues removed from the Sanctuary. It was determined by the Liturgy Board that the statues will remain in place at this time.

Social Calendar / Fundraisers - The Second Annual Spring Social will be held in Spring 2011, date to be set at next PPC meeting. Watch the bulletin so you can reserve the date and your ticket!

Recognizing and Honoring Volunteers - It was discussed that the parish will begin to honor those who offer their Time, Talent, and Treasure to St. Stephen's Parish. The details will be discussed at the next PPC meeting with the hope to initiate in the early part of next year.

Commemorating Mr. Gilbride - The method in which to commemorate Mr. Gilbride for his extremely generous donation to St. Stephen's Parish, is still under consideration. Once a decision is made, the details will be shared with the parish.

- Meeting adjourned @ 8:15 pm.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Rocco
- Next PPC meeting: Wednesday November 17, 2010 in Rectory Basement Meeting Room.

**Respectfully submitted, Terry Modzier**

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**A Mass of Remembrance and Healing** for those who have suffered the loss of a child due to any circumstance will be celebrated on **Thursday evening, November 4, 2010, at 7:00 P.M.** at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish/St. Luke Church (55 Warwick Road, Stratford, NJ 08084). Those attending are asked to bring a photo or remembrance of their child. For more information about the Mass, or to have your child's name listed in the Mass booklet, please call Cathy Cipolone at 856-308-6469. The Mass is sponsored by the Department of Community Relations for the Diocese of Camden and the Spiritual Ministry of Hope and Healing.

### Mater Ecclesiae Craft Fair

Sat., Nov. 13, 2010, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Attention craft vendors and shoppers! Giant Holiday Bazaar and Craft Fair with Food Court, at Mater Ecclesiae Roman Catholic Church, 261 Cross Keys Rd., Berlin, NJ. Secret Santa Shop, gift baskets and gifts for children to purchase. E-mail memcraftfair@gmail.com or call 856-343-7065. For more visit www.maternews.com. This will be a non-juried, indoor show with on-site fee parking. Vendor fee is \$25 per table. Bring your own table.

### Divorce Ministry

If you are separated or divorced, the holidays can be a lonely, stressful and depressing time. The **DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays** video and discussion group will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish (St. Mary's Campus) 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ. on **November 17, 2010, 7PM to 9PM.** Register by calling Debbie at 856,881-4133 e-mail debbiewolfk@hotmail.com or Carol and Tom Jennings at 856-6638166 or e-mail [catholicdivorceministry@camdendiocese.org](mailto:catholicdivorceministry@camdendiocese.org)