

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Vincent Orum, AJ, Administrator  
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence  
Permanent Deacon Ernest Picknally  
Sister Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ  
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal  
Mrs. Adeline Gramlich, CRE

## Parish Contact Information

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**October 4, 2009 – 27<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 5, 2009 – (Presider: Fr. Vince)**  
9:00am

**TUESDAY**           **October 6, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)**  
9:00am

**WEDNESDAY**      **October 7, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)**  
9:00am

**THURSDAY**        **October 8, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)**  
9:00am + Novena

**FRIDAY**            **Oct. 9, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)**  
9:00am            Anthony Palazzo, Sr. r/b Pam Palazzo

**SATURDAY**        **October 10, 2009**  
9:00am            Good Intentions of the People of the Parish  
**(Presider: Fr. Vince)**

4:30pm            Christopher Picciano r/b Larry Picciano & Family  
**(Presider: Fr. Grace, Mission Co-op)**

**SUNDAY**            **October 11, 2009**  
9:00am            Louis & Josephine Buondonno  
r/b Daughter Rose Marie & Son Vincent  
Rita Skedzielewski r/b Tilda Lamaina  
**(Presider: Fr. Grace, Mission Co-op))**

10:30am           Bill Buffington r/b Gary & Donna Ahrens  
Greg Hufner r/b Marie Kaminski  
**(Presider: Fr. Grace, Mission Co-op)**

***The Sanctuary Candle this week  
is in Memory of Madeline Mignogna.***

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>Sept. 26/27, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	Picnic/	<b>\$5,232</b>
<b>Sept. 27/28, 2008 Attendance/Collection</b>	476/	<b>\$5,254</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$6,154</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D_Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,853</b>

***Many thanks to all the Art & Environment members who displayed their special talents for the Harvest Mass. Your efforts will be well rewarded.***

**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, 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 10/11**  
*(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** K. Hulsey, M. DiRico, T. Mason  
**EM's:** The Monaco's, L. Garofalo, M. Novoa, T. Veneziani  
**Lectors:** P. Tryson, R. McKean

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** E. Corbett, R. Buchholz, G. Schwankert  
**EM's:** S. Marano, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, R. Davis, S. Mufalli  
**Lectors:** L. Modzier, M. McHugh

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** R & C Aleszczyk, C. Otto  
**EM's:** C. Otto, M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler, J. Messina, M. Miller  
**Lectors:** K. Jakubowski, M. Turan

Next Diocesan Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:

**October 4, 2009: "Respect Life"**

**October 11, 2009: "Star Herald"**

**Yard Sale Rescheduled**

Due to the forecast of rain for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, our **Giant Yard Sale III** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8am**

***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.**

## This Week @ St. Stephen's

10/5-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA  
 10/6-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 10/7-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD  
 10/8-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir  
 10/9-Friday-9am Mass (No Adoration, Yard Sale rescheduled for Oct. 10)  
 10/10-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 8am Yard Sale, 9am Mass,  
 YAM Pilgrimage, 3:45 Confession,  
 4:30pm Mass, 7pm Julian Terzini Benefit  
 10/11-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  
 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  
 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.

## Hats Off for Julian Benefit

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-11pm in our Gym

Proceeds will help provide medical and financial assistance to the family of our longtime parishioner, choir member and lector, **Julian Terzini**. Live Entertainment with DJ Kane and the Suitcase Murphy Band, great food, beer, wine, soda, Chinese & Silent auctions and 50/50's. **\$25 per person, please contact Donna @ 856-755-0521 for tickets and further information.**

### Altar Servers Meeting Now Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>

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

### 2009 Public Square Rosary Rally

#### Honor Our Lady of Fatima

All parishioners are welcome to gather (at the rectory entrance) on Saturday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> for the recitation of the Rosary beginning at 12 noon sharp. In 2007, the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first apparition, the goal was 2000 rallies across the United States. In 2008, we achieved the goal of 3,445 rallies. This year's goal is 3,500. Please join us to help surpass the goal in honor of Our Lady.

### CCD News

We are still in need of 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).

### Attention Lectors

Please contact Pam Palazzo regarding any changes you would like for your monthly lecturing dates. If you requested to be removed for the summer months and wish to return, please let me know. Thanksgiving Liturgies and Christmas-New Year Liturgies will be scheduled shortly. Those who wish to read at these special Liturgies please e-mail or phone me at: **palazzomspea312@aol.com - 856-663-8446.**

## ***Spirit Alive at Lourdes Wellness***

### **Healing Power of Centering Prayer and *Lectio Divina***

**Thursday Evenings in October 1,8,15, 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, 10/6/09; 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: 10/10; 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**

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### ***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.

## ***Lourdes Wellness Offers Spiritual Growth Sessions For Young Adults***

**Where:** The Coffee Garden, "Holy Grounds"

57 East Kings Hwy, Audubon, NJ 08106

**What:** Social and Information Session

**Date:** Monday, October 5, 2009

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Topic:** "The Many Faces of God": Previewing the 2009-2010 Young Adult programs at Our Lady of Lourdes Wellness Center  
**Presented by:** Sr. Ruthann O'Mara, SSJ; Tami Bloom, Marketing Director for Lourdes Wellness.

**For more information, call Nick Boza,**  
**St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 609-413-2364**

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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 31<sup>st</sup> from 9am-12:30pm (make-up test Nov. 7).

Registration is required by October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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.*

**NEBBI CATHOLIC DIOCESE, UGANDA:**

In the *Catholic Star Herald* of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009, Fr. Alfred Onyutha was quoted from the *Catholic National Reporter* about his experience as an international priest serving in the Camden Diocese to highlight the growing demand for priests, not only in Camden, but USA in general. Fr. Alfred is one of the four priests sent by the Nebbi Catholic Diocese to serve in the Diocese of Camden in various ministries such as School chaplaincy, parochial vicar and Parochial administrator respectively.

While the Nebbi Catholic Diocese has provided for the Diocese of Camden priests in those various ministries, Nebbi Catholic Diocese has benefited from the material, financial support through the generosity of the Christian faithful of Camden every year. Through this missionary co-op facilitated by the Diocese of Camden, we as a diocese have been able to meet some of our biggest challenges such as the education of our growing number of Seminarians, Catechists, orphaned children from the Aids scourge and insurgence- just to mention but a few!

Nebbi Catholic Diocese was erected by Pope John Paul II on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1996 out of Arua Diocese. It's situated in the Northwestern part of Uganda bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo to the West and the Sudan to the North. According to the written tradition, the first missionaries crossed the West Nile (Nebbi) in 1916 and were welcomed by Chief Omach on the East bank of the Nile. Celebrating its 100 years of Christianity this year, Nebbi Catholic Diocese has 15 Parishes, 49 Diocesan priests, 12 missionary priests, 39 Ugandan sisters, 9 brothers, 712 catechists and 353,346 Catholics out of 413,613 inhabitants. The main occupations of the people are fishing and small-scale farming which covers 70% of their income generation.

**Our Needs and Concerns:**

The major concerns of Nebbi Catholic Diocese are: Evangelization, fostering Vocations to the priesthood and religious life, education and socio-economic Development. The diocese Nebbi in Northern Uganda has experienced for the last twenty years the impact of insurgence by the Lord's resistance army as they terrorized neighboring Congo, Sudan and the district of Gulu. Many people, especially children, have been rendered homeless and taken refuge in Nebbi. On many occasions, through the support of Catholic Relief services (CRS) and other generous families like you, the diocese has been able to assist them by providing shelter, water, food, medicines, clothes etc... yet more needs to be done. This year due to long spell of drought, there is growing need for food to feed the people with the fear of the situation worsening because of El Niño expected during this season.

While we need your prayers for the success of the mission, we count on your material and financial support for our pressing needs:

- **Evangelization-deepening the faith and spreading the Gospel in the existing 15 parishes.**
- **Training catechists and other leaders among the laity for the Gospel work, especially in the small faith communities.**
- **Fostering and supporting the growing number of young girls to the Convent and boys (seminarians) in our minor seminary/ major seminaries aspiring to the priesthood and religious life.**
- **Improving the socio-economic condition of the poor through improved method of farming and other income –generating activities.**
- **Establishing and strengthening small Faith Communities in the Diocese.**
- **Promoting dialogue and understanding among Christians and Muslims.**
- **Construction/repairing small functional mission buildings to be used as places of worship.**

The Bishop of Nebbi, Most Rev.Martin Luluga, and the people of Nebbi Catholic Diocese thank you for your generosity and assure you and your families of their prayers.

For further information: **Rev. Fr. Grace Manano**

***Parish Picnic and Harvest Mass Pictures***

Many thanks to Tery Mattera and Mary Sharon Monaco for providing 101 pictures of our picnic and Harvest Mass last weekend. These great memories can now be viewed on our parish website at [www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com).

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***11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.