

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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October 5, 2008 – 27th 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 6, 2008**
 9:00am
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Installation Ceremony
- TUESDAY October 7, 2008**
 9:00am
- WEDNESDAY October 8, 2008**
 9:00am Good Intentions of M. Cody Dee
 r/b Grandmother
- THURSDAY October 9, 2008 (Novena to follow)**
 9:00am Robert Olshan r/b Mary Jo Schumin
 Anna Brady r/b Friends
- FRIDAY October 10, 2008**
 9:00am
- SATURDAY October 11, 2008**
 9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
 4:30pm Mateo Oler r/b Residents of Stonegate
 Good Intentions of the Fields Family
 r/b The Monaco Family
- SUNDAY October 12, 2008**
 9:00am Louis & Josephine Buondonno
 r/b Daughter Rose Marie & Son Vincent
 John O'Connor r/b Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer
- 10:30am Francis Albani r/b Residents of Stonegate
 Charles O'Hara r/b The Schuettrumpf Family

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
 Memory of Mateo Oler.***

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.

Mass Attendance Sept. 27/28, 2008	476
Mass Attendance Sept. 29/30, 2007	548
Offertory Collection Sept. 27/28, 2008:	\$5,254.37
Comparison September 29/30, 2007:	\$6,253.19
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$7,200.00
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,853.02

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.**



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, Tom DiBenedetto, Jessie Dixon, Patricia Domer, Jennie Farmer, John Fitzpatrick, Joe Flacco, Robert Gottschall, Thomas Holmes, Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Donna Krawchuk, Eleanor McBride, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, Jennifer Osborn, Chris Picciano, Rita Picciano, Leonard Rebilas, Rosemarie Rosolia, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Joe Siano, Mary Jo Stedrak, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Anthony Vocale, Jean Wenstrom.**

Ministry Schedule for October 11/12

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Hobbs, R. Garofalo
EM's: S. Eisenhardt, M. Baratta, L. Garofalo, P. Petronis, M. Novoa
Lectors: The McKenna's

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: S. Morales, M. DiRico
EM's: S. Marano, R. Leone, P. Krohn, R. Davis, L. McHugh
Lectors: M. Miller

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: L. Fagan, C. Otto
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, K. Fagan, M. Meloni, B. Buffington, L. Solano
Lectors: A. Yeager, J. Scavuzzo

October 12th bulletin deadline: October 6th @ Noon

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$1,371 for the Mission Appeal for Kottar, India Sept. 27/28

Next Special 2nd Collection:

October 12th: "Star Herald"

As you may know, the yearly Star Herald subscription for each parishioner has decreased from \$27 to \$18 per year. Unfortunately, subscriptions have quadrupled at the direction of the Diocese and our monthly bill has gone from \$276 to \$1,116. Whatever you can do to help offset costs is appreciated!

**New Playground Hotline (609) 238-9471
 St. Vincent de Paul Hotline (856) 581-7980**

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

10/6-Monday-9am Mass, 7pm Knights' Installation, 7:15pm RCIA
 10/7-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm School Board
 10/8-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
 10/9-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7:15pm Choir
 10/10-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm YA Faith Sharing
 10/11-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 10/12-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 the month of October.

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." – Luke 18:27

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 October 16th.

Giant Yard Sale II

The Fundraising Committee will sponsor another Giant Parish Yard Sale on **Saturday, October 18, 2008**, rain date 10/25/08. To donate something you don't want, call Nancy Loperfido at 665-0173 to schedule a drop off or pickup.

We need a **hoard** of people to set up and run the sale from Thursday evening through Saturday, 10/18. To get on the list of volunteers, please call 227-4980.

Items are not being accepted at the rectory this year.

Baked Goods for the Yard Sale

Volunteers are needed to donate baked goods for this year's Yard Sale. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby of the church and you may contact **Linda Gruber @ 665-7369** for more info.

Leader Needed

The Fundraising Committee needs someone to lead them in the next parish raffle. With the understanding that the committee will give its full support in helping out with the raffle, if you would like to head it up, please call 227-4980.

Art & Environment News

A special thank you to our **Art & Environment Ministry** members: Barbara Meidt, Eileen Zeigler, Kathy Boyer, Ceil McGonigle, Marion Struglia, Mary Ann Meloni, Mary McCarthy, Maryann Carney, Joey Scavuzzo and Carollyn Martin. They offered their time and talent to help set the environment for our outdoor Mass on Sept 20th and the indoor display that tastefully welcomes the harvest season which will carry us to the conclusion of Ordinary Time. Anyone interested in joining St. Stephen's Art & Environment Ministry, please contact **Maria Haas @ 665-8393**.

Altar Flower Donations

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass, please contact **Maria at the number above**.

St Stephen's Young Adult Ministry

Upcoming Events

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.

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 coming to 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.

Knights' Breakfast October 19th

The Knights of Columbus will have their Breakfast Buffet @ St. Stephen's on Sunday, October 19th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Tickets will be available at the door.

Mass of Anointing & Healing

Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 10:30am
St. Cecilia Church, 48th & Camden Ave., Pennsauken
Lunch to Follow - RSVP to (856) 662-5008

Rosary Rally October 11th

The Rosary Rally of Our Lady of Fatima will be held at St. Peter Church in Merchantville on Saturday, October 11th beginning at 12 Noon. All are invited to attend, for more info call Michael at 663-1373.

CCHS Alumni Barbeque

Camden Catholic's Alumni Association is sponsoring a BBQ on Friday, October 10th @ 5:30pm on the school's softball field. The homecoming football game vs. Holy Cross will follow at 7pm. RSVP to camdencatholicalumni@comcast.net.

Holiday Show – Casino Trip to Tropicana

November 11, 2008 - \$45 per person

Package includes \$20 in coins, the show: "Songs of the Season", buffet and bus transportation. Deposit is required when making reservation. Contact Maraianna @ 663-5599.

Stewardship Reflection

“Treasure Priorities”

“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”
-Luke 12:34

Stewardship challenges us to look into our hearts to understand the priority of the things we treasure. We can then see clearly to give of our treasure through discipleship.

Bishop Eustace Open House

Sunday, October 19, 2008 from 11am – 2pm

Come visit and meet our administration, faculty, staff, students and parents. Experience our commitment to academic excellence, spiritual development and personal growth, while touring our beautiful 32-acre campus.

Scholarship Exam:
October 25, 2008

Mandatory Entrance Exam:
Nov. 8 & Nov. 22, 2008

More info at 662-2160, ext. 252.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

(A weekly continuing series)

Section One, “I Believe-We Believe”

Chapter 3: Man’s Response to God

IV. Sacred Scripture in the Life of the Church

142 By his Revelation, "the invisible God, from the fullness of his love, addresses men as his friends, and moves among them, in order to invite and receive them into his own company."¹ The adequate response to this invitation is faith.

143 By faith, man completely submits his intellect and his will to God.² With his whole being man gives his assent to God the revealer. Sacred Scripture calls this human response to God, the author of revelation, "the obedience of faith".³

ARTICLE 1: I BELIEVE

I. THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

144 To obey (from the Latin *ob-audire*, to "hear or listen to") in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself. Abraham is the model of such obedience offered us by Sacred Scripture. The Virgin Mary is its most perfect embodiment.

Abraham - "father of all who believe"

145 The Letter to the Hebrews, in its great eulogy of the faith of Israel's ancestors, lays special emphasis on Abraham's faith: "By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go."⁴ By faith, he lived as a stranger and pilgrim in the promised land.⁵ By faith, Sarah was given to conceive the son of the promise. And by faith Abraham offered his only son in sacrifice.⁶

146 Abraham thus fulfills the definition of faith in Hebrews 11:1: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen":⁷ "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."⁸ Because he was "strong in his faith", Abraham became the "father of all who believe".⁹

147 The Old Testament is rich in witnesses to this faith. The Letter to the Hebrews proclaims its eulogy of the exemplary faith of the ancestors who "received divine approval".¹⁰ Yet "God had foreseen something better for us": the grace of believing in his Son Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith".¹¹

A Blessing of the Triune God

We call it a blessing. We say we "bless ourselves." Tracing with our hand the figure of the cross on our forehead, our breast, our shoulders, we bless ourselves:

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The Sign of the Cross expresses blessing. It symbolizes God blessing us, God embracing us with blessings. And in this same sign we express our belief in God from whom all our blessings flow. In the Sign of the Cross we embrace our good God with mind and heart and all of our strength.

In Jesus Christ God appears as our Friend and Brother. With the Father he sends the Holy Spirit upon us "to complete his work on earth and bring us the fullness of grace." In Jesus, God has revealed to us the source of all blessings.

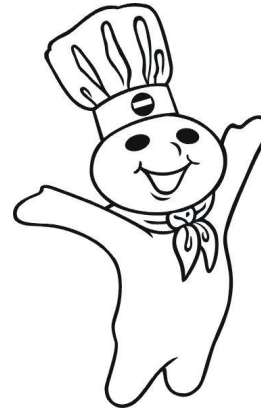
When we bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross we remember the One who blesses us: the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed by the Cross

With the Sign of the Cross we recall in particular the blessing of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We trace a cross on ourselves, the cross of Jesus. His death on the Cross was an outpouring of love for us. The Sign of the Cross is a reminder of his love, a love found not only in the past, but here and now, as we make this sign upon ourselves; for the love of Jesus Christ abides forever.

The Sign of the Cross is a wonderful daily expression of our relationship with God. God is the One who blesses. This prayer reminds us that each day, in good times and bad, in danger and sorrow, God's care and blessings are never far from us.

Tracing this holy sign on our forehead, our hearts and our shoulders, we remember we are blessed in mind and heart and all our being. We can approach God with confidence through Jesus Christ whose ever-present love this holy sign recalls. "Come to me," God says through this prayer, "do not be afraid. Before you take one step, I reach to embrace you with blessings in my hands."

-Victor Hoagland, C.P.



Please join us in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community.

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The gravesite was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded. Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, two children, John Dough and Jane Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for 20 minutes.

If this made you smile for even a brief second, please rise to the occasion and take time to pass it on and share that smile with someone else who may be having a crummy day and kneads it.