

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

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Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence  
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## Parish Contact Information

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## November 1, 2009 – All Saints Day

### Mass Schedule

**Daily:** Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am

#### Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm (**Confessions 3:45pm-4:15pm**)

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** November 2, 2009 – (Presider: Fr. Vince)  
9:00am All Souls in Purgatory
- TUESDAY** November 3, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)  
9:00am
- WEDNESDAY** November 4, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)  
9:00am Marion Atkinson r/b Dorothy Coyle
- THURSDAY** November 5, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)  
9:00am + Novena John Sarich, Sr. r/b Dorothea Dodds
- FRIDAY** Nov. 6, 2009 – First Friday (Presider: Fr. Vince)  
9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Alfreda Novak
- SATURDAY** November 7, 2009  
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish  
(Presider: Fr. Vince)
- 4:30pm Joseph Linka r/b Ronnie Schweikert  
Catherine Aloï r/b Family  
(Presider: Fr. Tom)
- SUNDAY** November 8, 2009  
9:00am Deceased Members of the Pennestri Family  
r/b Jim Pennestri  
Cecilia James r/b Ed & Nancy Schmidt  
(Presider: Fr. Vince)
- 10:30am Grace Moffett r/b Family  
Mary & Harry Donato r/b Anita Rachubinski  
(Presider: Fr. Vince)

***The Sanctuary Candle this week  
is in Memory of All Souls in Purgatory.***

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>Oct. 24/25, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>540/</b>	<b>\$4,997</b>
<b>Oct. 25/26, 2008 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>511/</b>	<b>\$5,531</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$6,154</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,525</b>

**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, Marion Borreggine, Vincent Buondonno, Evelyn Capocetta, Dominic Caruso, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, John Heininger, Jr., Thomas Holmes, Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Patricia James, Donna Krawchuk, Robert Leone, Nancy Loperfido, Vincent Marchese, Joseph Mazarella, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, John Meyer, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pentleton, 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.**

***Sick List Confirmation Request***

We're requesting parishioners to call the rectory @ 662-9338, ext. 6 to confirm that the names on our Sick List are still in need of prayers. Any names not confirmed will be removed by the end of November.

**Ministry Schedule for November 7/8**

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

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers: TBA.**

**EM's:** The Pandola's, P. Antonelli, T. Angstman, Sr. Eleanora

**Lectors:** P. Tryson, R. McKean

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers: TBA.**

**EM's:** S. Marano, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, R. Davis, M. Miller

**Lectors:** L. Modzier, M. McHugh

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers: TBA.**

**EM's:** W. Delfin, M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler,

A. Mulholland, L. D'Alessandro

**Lectors:** K. Jakubowski, M. Turan

Next Diocesan Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:  
November 22, 2009: "Human Development"

***First Friday Adoration Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>***

This Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the Month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9am Mass and continue until 7pm.

***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

- 11/2-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA
- 11/3-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Finance Council
- 11/4-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
- 11/5-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music,  
7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir
- 11/6-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 11/7-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass,
- 11/8-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am, 11:30am SVdeP Meeting

### 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 Maryann @ 235-1423 for November 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.

This week a donation was made

In Memory of Harry T. Wilson,

Requested by His Wife, Katherine Wilson.

**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

- November 9 - Scripture sharing (Mark 13:24-32)
- 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.

#### Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine Trip

Please join us for a one day shrine trip to Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Date: Saturday November 21

Time: Meet at St Stephen's Parking lot at 1:00

Details: Take a tour of the shrine. Attend the 5:00 vigil Mass. Find a near by restaurant to have dinner and return home.

RSVP: Please RSVP by Wed. Nov 18th to Rose at 856.663.9342 or email us at [saintstephens\\_vam@yahoo.com](mailto:saintstephens_vam@yahoo.com).

## New Women's Bible Study!

St. Stephen's is beginning a new Women's Bible Study Group. If you are interested, please call Eileen Heides at 662-8046 or Email Eileen at [heides@comcast.net](mailto:heides@comcast.net). A meeting will be scheduled to decide which day and time of the week will be most convenient for this new women's study group to meet.

### St. Stephen's PTA Gift Card Program

Please help support our Holiday Gift Card fundraiser. It is easy and helps our School! Order forms are in today's bulletin and are also available on our website: [www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) (click on "Our School").

Any questions, please call Katy Fagan @ 662-5908.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## ST. STEPHEN'S PTA

### 2009 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

St. Stephen's PTA is hosting their annual Christmas Festival on Friday, November 20 from 6 pm -10 pm and Saturday, November 21 from 10 am - 7 pm.

Bring the entire family! There's something for everyone! Crafts, Chinese Auction, Incredible Homemade Food and our wonderful Bake Table!

Santa will be making the festival complete by stopping by to take pictures with the children!

Come start the holiday season with the St. Stephen's family!

#### CRAFTERS/VENDORS ARE WANTED

Contact Jayne Holmes (856) 663-6938

### CCD News

We are still in need of ONE TEACHER, 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).

### ***Lifelong Faith Formation Follow-up***

November 19-20, 9am-3pm each day

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Absecon**

Encouraged to attend are pastors, DRE's, pastoral associates, family life ministers & youth leaders.

Info: Sr. Kathy Burton, SSJ – (856) 583-6133.

### ***Working with the Word***

**Solemnity of All Saints**

**November 1, 2009**

Reading I: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-12

Responsorial Psalm: 24:1-4b, 5-6

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

#### **Focusing the Gospel**

Key words and phrases: theirs is the kingdom of heaven [2 x], children of God, Rejoice and be glad.

To the point: The promise of the Beatitudes is that certain ways of living (poor, meek, merciful, etc.) surely lead to inheriting a place in the heavenly kingdom.

The challenge of the Beatitudes is to embrace these ways of living and thus make present in the here and now God's reign.

The "land" of inheritance is both heavenly and earthly, both future and now—always God's gift to "God's children now" (second reading) who are the blessed ones, the saints.

#### **Connecting the Gospel**

to the first reading: The rejoicing and gladness and great reward in heaven mentioned at the end of the Beatitudes is expressed most sublimely in heavenly worship where there is an unending chorus of blessing and giving glory to God.

to our experience: While the Beatitudes are a challenging blueprint for Christian living, they are not an impossible goal. We all know people who have fruitfully taken up the challenge of the Beatitudes and thus inspire us to saintly living.

### ***Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street – Tropicana - Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>***



\$45 ticket includes Christmas Show, buffet, bus and \$10 back in coins. Bus leaves Stonegate @ 10am, returns about 5:30pm. **Limited seating, call Marianna at 663-5599 for reservations.**



In Loving Memory of

***Patricia A. Booth***

April 18, 1945 – October 23, 2009

### ***Ministry of Greeting & Hospitality***

Anyone interested in joining the Ministry of Greeters, those who welcome parishioners and visitors to Mass every Sunday, are asked to call Mary Ann Meloni at 488-6143.

### ***St. Vincent de Paul Society***

**For those of you interested in service, a seasonal planning meeting will be held in the Stonegate meeting room, immediately following 10:30 Mass on November 8th.** Please join us as we plan our parish's support of those in need during the cold winter months ahead. Many hands make light work. There is much to do. (Light refreshments will be served.)

For those of you who cannot give your time or talent to the SVDP, please pray that we all have ears to hear the "cries of the poor," to have eyes to "seek and find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived," and to have hearts that "bring God's love to the poor" through our generosity. The poor box is located in the vestibule...small change is always welcome.

### ***WANTED: Antiques & Collectibles Experts***

We are looking for parishioners who can appraise various collectibles that have been donated to the parish. If you feel you are qualified to assist us, please call Lonnie at 662-6049.

### ***Camden Catholic Open House***

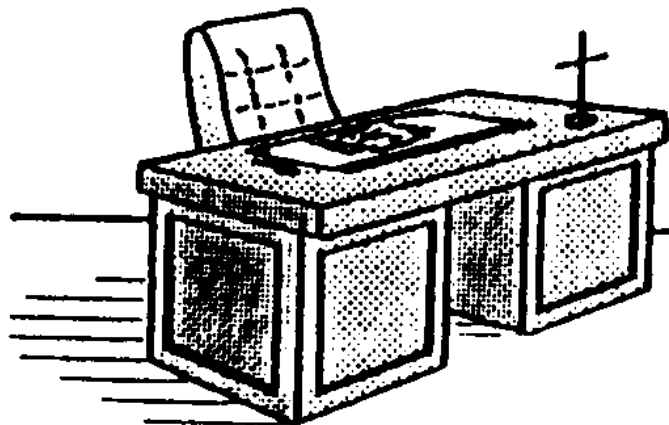
**Thursday, November 5, 2009**

Sign-in: 6:30pm

Program: 7-9pm

### ***Camden Catholic's 2010 Hall of Fame***

**Nominations** are being accepted until **November 15, 2009** for alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have made outstanding accomplishments in their communities and their lives since their association with CCHS. Categories of recognition are in academics, athletics and the arts. Nomination forms are available at [www.CamdenCatholicAlumni.org](http://www.CamdenCatholicAlumni.org) or at the main office of the school.



*From the Desk of  
Father Vincent Orum, AJ*

Dear Parishioners,

A couple of you have been asking as to when a financial report would be available to the parish. I am pleased to inform you that the **Finance Council** and I have been working on the financial report for the year 2008-2009 and the budget for 2009-2010, which was delayed as a result of the reconfigurations taking place in the diocese. We have come up with the following dates, please mark your Calendar:

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009:** There will be a bulletin insert with the financial information in regards to our finances. A detailed report will be on our Parish website for those interested to get more information and know the trend of our finances.

**November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009:** The Finance Council and I will have an open meeting at the School Gym for any questions, clarifications, comments and suggestions.

This has been a very hard economic time for you all, and we as a parish have felt it as well. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity despite the hard times because we couldn't have gone this far without your sacrificial gifts of time, talents and treasure.

Your generosity at this trying time reminds me of the exhortation in Sirach:

**“Appear not before the Lord empty handed, for all that you offer is in fulfillment of the precepts. The just man’s offering enriches the altar and rises as sweet odor before the Most High. The just man’s sacrifice is most pleasing, nor will it ever be forgotten. In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts.**

**With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as he has given you, generously, according to your means.**

**For the Lord is one who always repays and he will give back to you sevenfold.”**

*-Sirach 35:1-10*