

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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November 15, 2009 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: 3rd 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, 2nd Sunday @ 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 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 16, 2009 – (Presider: Fr. Vince) 9:00am

TUESDAY November 17, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince) 9:00am

WEDNESDAY November 18, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince) 9:00am Andrew Ott r/b Tom & Liz McHugh & Family

THURSDAY November 19, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom) 9:00am + Novena

FRIDAY November 20, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom) 9:00am Thelma & Wally Baker r/b Loving Daughter, Elaine

SATURDAY November 21, 2009 9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish (Presider: Fr. Vince)

4:30pm Rocco Pietrafesa r/b Mario & Phyllis Ciarrocca Elizabeth Santore r/b Joanne Tierney (Presider: Fr. Vince)

SUNDAY November 22, 2009 9:00am David Yoder r/b The McHugh Family Zachary Farrington r/b Jennifer Gerst (Presider: Fr. Tom)

10:30am Joel Caruso r/b Family Bill Buffington r/b Our Eucharistic Ministers (Presider: Fr. Vince)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Mary & Simon Fougere.

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.

Nov. 7/8, 2009 Attendance/Collection	653/	\$5,719
Nov. 8/9, 2008 Attendance/Collection	526/	\$5,253
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,660

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collection:
November 22, 2009: "Human Development"

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline (856) 581-7980

Coming in 2010: Weekly Youth Mass Here
Sundays @ 7:30pm w/ Fr. Chuck of CCHS

Youth Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 15th @ 6pm - Rectory



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 Capocchetta, 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, 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.

Attention Lectors:

Your new workbooks are ready for pickup in the sacristy.

Ministry Schedule for November 21/22

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: K. Sullivan, E. Mattera, K. Hulsey
EM's: The Pandola's, Sr. Eleanora, T. Veneziani, M. Novoa
Lectors: The Heingers

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: K. Start, W. McHugh, M. DiRico
EM's: S. Marano, T. Modzier, R. Leone, M. Miller, J. Rosario
Lectors: The Zieglers

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Fagans, D. Saranchak
EM's: The Klecko's, M. Meloni, T. Link, L. Solano
Lectors: The McBrides

Tree 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 property. Envelopes marked "Tree Donation" may be placed in the Offertory or mailed to the rectory.

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**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

11/16-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA, 7:30pm YAM (from 11/9)  
 11/17-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Yard Sale Workers  
 11/18-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD  
 11/19-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music,  
**7pm Rosary makers**, 7:15pm Choir  
 11/20-Friday-9am Mass, **6pm Christmas Festival**  
 11/21-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
**10am Christmas Festival**, 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass,  
 11/22-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am, **2pm Cirasella 50<sup>th</sup> Mass**

### 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.**

**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 16 – Scripture Sharing (Mark 13:24-32) **postponed from 11/9**  
 November 21 - Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine Trip  
 November 23 - St. Cecilia presented by Sr. Ruthann O'Mara & St. Therese, The Little Flower presented by Fr. Tom Kiely.  
 November 28 - Movie Night - "Damien, the Leper Priest" (**Not held** at the rectory, location TBD)  
 December 14 - Scripture sharing (Luke 1:39-45)  
 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\_yam@yahoo.com.

### Thanksgiving Liturgy Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

On Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm, we will celebrate our annual **Thanksgiving Liturgy**. This regular event in our parish over many years is a wonderful experience of prayer, singing and celebrating all for which we have to thank Almighty God. All are welcome to bring in a loaf of bread to be blessed as a way of extending the blessing of the Eucharist to your Thanksgiving tables.

### 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. 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

### 2009 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

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

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

### PTA Gift Card News

**Congratulations** to Christina Rebilas for winning last week's drawing! Each week there is a drawing for a free AMC movie admission just for ordering. Order forms are available on the school website: ststephenspennsauken.com/school, the school office or calling Katy Fagan @662-5908. Please let your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers know about our program.

**TIP:** There are No Fees for ordering Visa or American Express cards through our program! \* *Next order date: Nov. 19, 2009* \*

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!**

### 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.

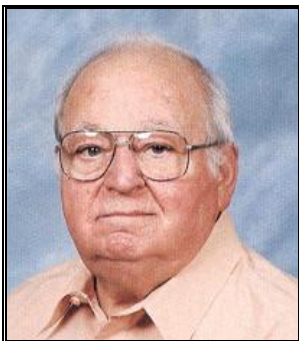
### Camden Catholic Class of 1984 - 25 Year Reunion!

**Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm-9:30pm**

**PJ Whelihans – Rt. 70 in Cherry Hill**

Buffet Dinner / Cash Bar / \$25pp payable at door (cash only)

Check us out on Facebook



**In Loving Memory of Joseph Mazzarella**  
October 24, 1920 – October 31, 2009

**SUPPORT FOR SICK AND ELDERLY  
SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH**

The Sisters of St. Joseph are again asking for support in caring for their sick/elderly Sisters who reside at Our SSJ Villa in Flourtown, PA. **The chances will be sold, thanks to Fr. Vince and Pat Higgins, at the Christmas Festival on Nov. 20 & 21.** Chances are \$1 per chance or \$5 for six. Grand Prize: \$10,000 or 10 prizes for \$500 each.

**Drawing: December 6. Place: St. Stephen's gym.  
Thank you!**

**Working with the Word**  
**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time B**  
**November 15, 2009**

Reading I: Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Reading II: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

**Focusing the Gospel**

Key words and phrases: darkened; near, at the gates

To the point: We think of Jesus' second coming as a future event. In fact, the darkening of the sun and moon and stars is already happening in the trials and tribulations that not only beset the first disciples, but also are part of our own lives.

Jesus promises that all these things will happen. He further promises that he is "near, at the gates." This gospel is about the ultimate victory over darkness that belongs to those who are faithful. That victory is now.

**Connecting the Gospel**

to the first reading: Like the gospel, Daniel's vision describes "a time unsurpassed in distress."

Also like the gospel, his vision reveals the victory of those "written in the book": they "shall shine brightly . . . forever" and thereby give hope to people of their own time.

to religious experience: The words of Jesus in this gospel communicate hope: when our world is falling apart, he is breaking in.

**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.**

**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.

**WANTED: Antiques & Collectibles Experts**

We are looking for parishioners who can appraise various collectibles (i.e. dolls, Longaberger baskets, cameras) that have been donated to the parish. If you think you can assist us or know of someone who can, please call Lonnie at 662-6049.

**Yard Sale Workers Invitation for Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone who worked on the Yard Sale is invited to attend a get-together on the evening of **Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the **School Lunchroom**. Light refreshments. Anyone still having a bright orange yard sale "STAFF" t-shirt is asked to return it to the rectory.

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**PART ONE - THE PROFESSION OF FAITH**  
**SECTION 2-The Profession of the Christian Faith**  
**Chapter 1: I Believe in God the Father**  
**IV. THE DIVINE WORKS**  
**AND THE TRINITARIAN MISSIONS**

**257** "O blessed light, O Trinity and first Unity!"<sup>93</sup> God is eternal blessedness, undying life, unfading light. God is love: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God freely wills to communicate the glory of his blessed life. Such is the "plan of his loving kindness", conceived by the Father before the foundation of the world, in his beloved Son: "He destined us in love to be his sons" and "to be conformed to the image of his Son", through "the spirit of sonship".<sup>94</sup> This plan is a "grace [which] was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began", stemming immediately from Trinitarian love.<sup>95</sup> It unfolds in the work of creation, the whole history of salvation after the fall, and the missions of the Son and the Spirit, which are continued in the mission of the Church.<sup>96</sup>

**258** The whole divine economy is the common work of the three divine persons. For as the Trinity has only one and the same natures so too does it have only one and the same operation: "The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are not three principles of creation but one principle."<sup>97</sup> However, each divine person performs the common work according to his unique personal property. Thus the Church confesses, following the New Testament, "one God and Father from whom all things are, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things are, and one Holy Spirit in whom all things are".<sup>98</sup> It is above all the divine missions of the Son's Incarnation and the gift of the Holy Spirit that show forth the properties of the divine persons.

**Meal Delivery Volunteers Needed**

Senior Citizens United Community Services is searching for volunteers to deliver meals to needy senior citizens in the Camden County area. For more information, contact the Home Delivered Meals Coordinator T.J. Ward - (856) 456-1121, x158.

**St. Stephen Church**  
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes - August 26, 2009

**Members Present:** Joe Haas, Chris Hearn, Pat Higgins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy SSJ, Liz McHugh, Fr. Vincent Orum AJ, Joey Scavuzzo, Ryan McCann, and Terry Modzier.

**Members Absent:** Will Delfin, Sr. Ruthann O'Mara SSJ, Deacon Ernie Picknally, and Tony Saranchak – (Finance Council Chairman and representative to Parish Pastoral Council).

**Parishioners Present:** Keith Knight, Dennis Rooney

- Opening prayer by Fr. Vincent Orum AJ
- Meeting called to order by Joe Haas @ 7:15 pm
- Minutes reviewed, corrections made, and motion for approval by Joe Haas and was seconded by Liz McHugh

- **Pastors Report:**

- Fr. Vince spoke to both Will Delfine and Deacon Ernie regarding attendance at meetings. They are aware of the need to attend.

- The Finance Council meeting is scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Vince's proposal for the \$210,000 inheritance money would be: to transfer \$110,000 to the revolving account at the Diocese, to pay \$50,000 toward the Parish debt and \$50,000 toward the school debt. The unpaid subsidy in the CD is to be used toward the current 2009 / 2010 assessment, and not to pay the school retroactively.

- Fr. Vince reports that per Tony, the budget is finalized and up for review. Council member, Joey Scavuzzo motions for a meeting between the PPC and the Finance Council to discuss all budget related issues, motion seconded. Joe will contact the Finance Council and arrange a date for meeting. Any further discussion regarding parish finances will be held until that meeting.

- Fr. Vince reports that Betsy McBride has accepted responsibility for the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

- Discussion regarding other events in the parish, i.e. Parish Picnic and the Yard Sale. Fr. Vince suggests that there should be a sub-committee to set the calendar of social events throughout the year. The PPC should not be the team that sets these events.

- **Old Business:**

- Joe Haas references the Parish Survey and that it should be mailed out by the second week in September if possible. Fr. Vince and Joe will work on this topic. There will be a letter in the bulletin September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and Joe will speak at the weekend Masses on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Discussion on the progress of the Yard Sale. Discussed the wonderful work of the group of volunteers working with Dan Steinmetz on the pick up of donations. There is also a need for people to watch over items before the sale actually opens. The Tech school, next door, needs to be contacted to see if their parking lot can be used for the event parking.

- **New Business:**

- None other than the discussions within the Pastors report.

- Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 pm.
- Closing prayer by Sr. Bernadette
- Next PPC meeting to be determined after meeting with Finance Council.

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Terry Modzier*