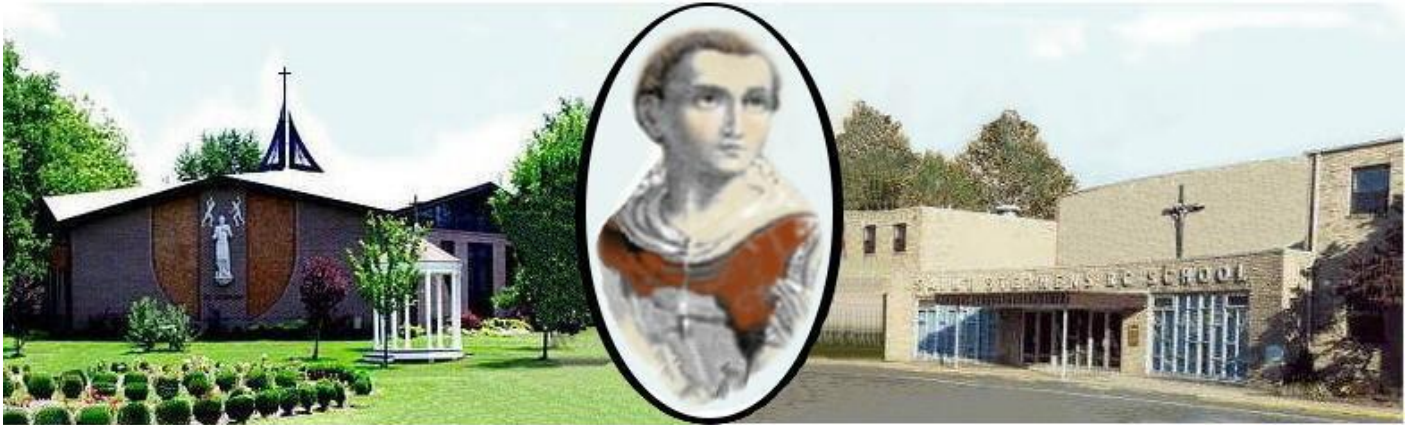


# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Vincent Orum, A.J., Administrator  
Permanent Deacon Ernest Picknally  
Permanent Deacon Raymond Ellis  
Sister Bernadette Mary Leahy, S.S.J.

## Parish Contact Information

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## November 16, 2008 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am

#### Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm

Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am

Children's/Youth Mass: 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.

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** November 17, 2008  
9:00am Grace Moffett r/b Family
- TUESDAY** November 18, 2008  
9:00am Gordon Hartson r/b Wife Catherine
- WEDNESDAY** November 19, 2008  
9:00am For All Souls Day Intentions
- THURSDAY** November 20, 2008 (Novena to follow)  
9:00am Thelma & Wally Baker  
r/b Loving Daughter Elaine
- FRIDAY** November 21, 2008  
9:00am For All Souls Day Intentions
- SATURDAY** November 22, 2008  
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish  
4:30pm Otto "Genie" Herrmann r/b Kathy Boyer  
John O'Connor r/b M/M David Ardire
- SUNDAY** November 23, 2008 (10:30am RCIA Rite of Welcome)  
9:00am Thomas DiBenedetto  
r/b Tony & Adele Altadonna  
Sigmund Spiewak  
r/b Michael Gerst & Kyung Sook Choi
- 10:30am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish

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

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.

Attendance/Collection Nov. 8/9, 2008	526 / \$5,253
Attendance/Collection Nov. 10/11, 2007	630 / \$7,004
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$7,200
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,685

***Automatic E-Giving***

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](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.

**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:*

- Dolly Angelastro, Patricia Booth, Marion Borreggine, Vincent Buondonno, Ida Carfagno, Dominic Caruso, Dorothy Coyle, Marge Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Jessie Dixon, Patricia Domer, Jennie Farmer, John Fitzpatrick, Joe Flacco, Robert Gottschall, Thomas Holmes, Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Donna Krawchuk, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Chris Picciano, Rita Picciano, Leonard Rebilas, Rosemarie Rosolia, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Joe Siano, Mary Jo Stedrak, Thomas Sullivan, Sr., Sr. Ann Thomas, SSJ, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Anthony Vocale, Jean Wenstrom.**

***Ministry Schedule for November 22/23***

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** R. Garofalo, M. Hobbs, K. Hulsey  
**EM's:** P. Antonelli, M. Novoa, L. Garofalo, The Monaco's  
**Lectors:** The McKenna's

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** S. Morales, W. McHugh, M. DiRico  
**EM's:** S. Marano, L. McHugh, A. DiGiacomo, The Sapienza's  
**Lectors:** The Zieglers

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** L. Fagan, S & S Rosa  
**EM's:** M. Meloni, L. Solano, G. Tutwiler, The Fagans  
**Lectors:** J. Messina, C. Otto

**Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> bulletin deadline: Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> @ Noon**  
**Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin deadline: Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> @ Noon**

Next Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:  
**November 23<sup>rd</sup> - "Human Development"**

***CCD Program Needs***

Our CCD Program is still in need of **Subs and Aides**. If you feel a calling to this wonderful Ministry, please call Adeline Gramlich, CRE at (856) 662-9338.

***Winter Coat Found***

**A black Akademiks winter coat** left in the convent after the Giant Yard Sale 10/18/08. Call Jim in the rectory @ 662-9338.

## ***This Week @ St. Stephen's***

11/17-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA  
 11/18-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 11/19-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD  
 11/20-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir  
 11/21-Friday-9am Mass  
 11/22-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass, 9:30am A&E,  
**Christmas Festival 2-8pm**, 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 11/23-Sunday-Masses @ 9am & 10:30am,  
**Christmas Festival 9am-2pm**

### ***Altar Flower Donations***

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass, please contact Maria Haas @ 665-8393.

### ***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 Diane @ 308-8224 for November requests.

### ***St. Stephen's Rosary Makers***

We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
 of the month @ 7pm at Stonegate.

Our next meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### ***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 December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Diner. **More Info: Joe Fagan @ 662-5908.**

### ***St. Stephen's BookMates!***

The BookMates interfaith literacy program is well underway at 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.

## ***PTA GIFT CARD PROGRAM***

The St. Stephen PTA Gift Card program is in full swing for this holiday season and orders will be received until **Thursday, December 4th.** An order form was placed in last week's bulletin. Should you need another form please feel free to stop by the school or pick one up in the back of church. For any questions please contact Katy Fagan @ 662-5908 or [katyfagan@comcast.net](mailto:katyfagan@comcast.net).

### ***ST. STEPHEN'S PTA***

## ***2008 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL***

St. Stephen's PTA is hosting their annual Christmas Festival on Saturday, November 22nd from 2:00pm until 8:00pm and on Sunday, November 23rd from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Bring the family there's something for everyone. Crafts, Chinese Auction, Incredible Homemade Food and our Wonderful Bake Table. To make our Christmas Festival complete Santa Claus will also be on hand for pictures with everyone. So come and start the holiday season with the St. Stephen's family.

### ***CRAFTERS/VENDORS ARE WANTED***

If you are interested please contact Betsy Mason at 856-910-0205 or email [elizmason@comcast.net](mailto:elizmason@comcast.net)

### ***Celebrating Multiculturalism***

Friday, December 5, 2008 @ 7 p.m.

"God of a thousand faces, help us also to acknowledge You are worshipped in many languages, in different songs and rhythms of life from our own."

The honor of your presence is requested at an evening that celebrates our diversity as a Christian community. Please join us as an active participant to express our uniqueness in Christ through prayer, music and food. **For further information, please call Mary Sue Link @ (856) 854-7120.**

### ***St Stephen's Young Adult Ministry***

St Stephen's YAM, ages 21-40, is currently 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.

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

On Wednesday, November 26<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.

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*Talk & Open Forum*

### **Why Be Catholic?**

*Hosted by St. Rose of Lima Youth Group*

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm**

**St. Rose of Lima School Cafeteria**

**300 Kings Hwy., Haddon Hts, NJ**

*Free Seminar, no registration required.*

Catholic author & speaker **Matthew Pinto** will share his story of going from an apathetic teenager to a fervent believer in Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. If you need a boost to your faith or want answers to challenging questions about the faith, plan on attending this very inspirational and uplifting evening.

More info: Stephen Lamprou (856) 296-4450

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## **Camden Catholic High School**

### **FAFSA Workshop**

CCHS is sponsoring a Financial Aid Workshop on Tuesday evening, **November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm** in the cafeteria. A financial aid official will assist parents/students in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for college.

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**St. Peter's, Merchantville** is hosting a play on **Nov. 29th at 6 PM on the life of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta** being held in the church auditorium. The women doing the play performed at Sydney, Australia to the World Youth Group this summer. The tickets are \$10 Adult, \$5 Children under 10. This cost includes a light meal with performance immediately following. Call Barbara DeFranco 665-2579 or Joan Decker 663-7418 for tickets.

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### **Offertory Envelopes Info**

Offertory envelopes from the **FJ Remy** company in NY are mailed out 6 times per year to **active registered families**.

*If you don't receive envelopes, it's possible that:*

- 1. You have never officially registered here**
- 2. You're registered, but haven't used an envelope in 9-12 months** (the cost of envelopes exceeds your donations)
- 3. You are an automatic E-Giver** (quite the growing trend!)

If you wish to register and/or receive envelopes, please call the rectory @ 662-9338. Temporary envelopes are available outside the Sacristy in the meantime. Thank you!

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*(A weekly continuing series)*

### **Section One, "I Believe-We Believe"**

### **Chapter 3: Man's Response to God**

### **Article 2: We Believe**

**166** Faith is a personal act - the free response of the human person to the initiative of God who reveals himself. But faith is not an isolated act. No one can believe alone, just as no one can live alone. You have not given yourself faith as you have not given yourself life. The believer has received faith from others and should hand it on to others. Our love for Jesus and for our neighbor impels us to speak to others about our faith. Each believer is thus a link in the great chain of believers. I cannot believe without being carried by the faith of others, and by my faith I help support others in the faith.

**167** "I believe" (*Apostles' Creed*) is the faith of the Church professed personally by each believer, principally during Baptism. "We believe" (*Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed*) is the faith of the Church confessed by the bishops assembled in council or more generally by the liturgical assembly of believers. "I believe" is also the Church, our mother, responding to God by faith as she teaches us to say both "I believe" and "We believe".

### **I. "LORD, LOOK UPON THE FAITH OF YOUR CHURCH"**

**168** It is the Church that believes first, and so bears, nourishes and sustains my faith. Everywhere, it is the Church that first confesses the Lord: "Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you", as we sing in the hymn "*Te Deum*"; with her and in her, we are won over and brought to confess: "I believe", "We believe". It is through the Church that we receive faith and new life in Christ by Baptism. In the *Rituale Romanum*, the minister of Baptism asks the catechumen: "What do you ask of God's Church?" And the answer is: "Faith." "What does faith offer you?" "Eternal life."<sup>54</sup>

**169** Salvation comes from God alone; but because we receive the life of faith through the Church, she is our mother: "We believe the Church as the mother of our new birth, and not in the Church as if she were the author of our salvation."<sup>55</sup> Because she is our mother, she is also our teacher in the faith.

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## **Paul VI High School Open House**

Paul VI High School invites you to our annual Open House on Thursday, **November 20, 2008 beginning at 6:30pm**. Come and experience our active faith community. Meet our outstanding faculty and coaches. See what courses of study and programs we have to offer you! For further information, please contact Stefanie Markellos at 856-858-4900, ext. 36.

## ***St. Stephen Parish – Current Councils & Committees***

There will be a joint meeting of the Pastoral & Finance Councils  
on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Stonegate Meeting Room.

### **Bereavement Committee**

Rick & Denise Caruso-Chairpersons  
Joy Bowman  
Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ  
Sr. Eleanora Faiola  
Lucille Buffington  
Deacon Ernest Picknally

### **Children's Liturgy** (Our School & CCD)

Mary Novoa-Chairperson  
Pat Petronis  
Tery Mattera

### **Finance Council**

Anthony Saranchak-Chairperson  
Craig Otto  
Lonnie Monaco  
Kathy Boyer  
Gary Sapienza  
Bill Mattia

### **Fundraising Committee**

Dan Steinmetz-Chairperson  
Keith Knight  
Anthony Leone  
Jim Pennestri  
John Fitzpatrick  
Dennis Rooney

### **Hospitality**

Rich Pilla-Chairperson  
Rick Taylor

### **House of Charity**

Marcia Miller-Chairperson  
Rose Marie Davis  
Cindy Luthman

### **Liturgical Committee**

Mary Ann Meloni-Chairperson  
Mary Sue Link  
Donna McKean  
Nancy Werner Kaiser  
Terry Scavuzzo

### **Nursing Home/Homebound Visits**

Lonnie & Mary Sharon Monaco-Chairpersons  
Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ  
Terry Modzier  
Katy Fagan  
Sharon Stehm  
Kathleen Stehm  
Sr. Eleanor Faiola

### **Pastoral Council**

#### ***Ex Officio:***

Deacon Ernie Picknally,  
Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ  
Sr. Ruthann O'Mara, SSJ  
Pat Higgins

#### ***Members:***

Jack Mattera  
Christopher Hearn  
Ryan McCann  
Joseph Haas  
Terry Modzier  
Elizabeth McHugh

### **Sacristians**

Sal Marano-Chairperson  
Sam Loperfido  
John Messina  
Dot Coyle  
Ann DiGiacomo  
Catherine Broome  
Linda Gruber  
Lucille Buffington  
Gertrude Cavallo  
Elizabeth McHugh

### **Young Adults Ministry**

Allyson Meloni-Chairperson  
Sr. Ruthann O'Mara, SSJ  
Rose Dominiano  
J. D. Hull

### **Youth Ministry**

Debbie Gravinese-Chairperson  
Cindy Pandola  
Donna McKean  
Sr. Ruthann O'Mara, SSJ  
Joey Scavuzzo