

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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November 22, 2009 – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

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 9:00am	November 23, 2009
TUESDAY 9:00am	November 24, 2009 Beatrice August r/b Dolores August
WEDNESDAY 9:00am 7:00pm	November 25, 2009 (7pm Thanksgiving Vigil) John McGettigan r/b Neal Norris Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
THURSDAY 9:00am + Novena	November 26, 2009 Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
FRIDAY 9:00am	November 27, 2009
SATURDAY 9:00am	November 28, 2009 Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
4:30pm	Elizabeth Santore r/b M/M Stumpo Patricia Booth r/b Lorraine Cunningham & Barry O'Connor
SUNDAY 9:00am	November 29, 2009 Betty Kiely r/b The McHugh Family Jean O'Brien r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Emilio Anthony Terzini r/b Susan Newell Lawrence Duffy r/b The Rosario Family

***The Sanctuary Candle this week
is in Memory of Frank Caruso.***

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. 14/15, 2009 Attendance/Collection	829/	\$6,732
Nov. 15/16, 2008 Attendance/Collection	661/	\$5,659
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,713

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collections:

November 22, 2009: "Human Development"

December 13, 2009: "Retirement Fund for Religious"

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

SVdeP Chairperson: Betsy McBride (856) 665-3722

Coming in 2010: Weekly Youth Mass Here!

Sundays @ 7:30pm w/ Fr. Chuck of CCHS



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, 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 Penttleton, 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 25/28/29

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Wednesday, 7:00pm

Altar Servers: C. Otto, W. McHugh

EM's: C. Otto, T. Scavuzzo, P. Krohn, R. Davis, N. Schmidt

Lectors: R. Taylor, J. Terzini

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. North, M. Hobbs, R. Garofalo

EM's: The Heiningers, P. Petronis, L. Garofalo, Sr. Eleanora

Lectors: P. Krohn, J. Messina

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: K. Starts, W. McHugh, M. DiRico

EM's: The Sapienza's, S. Marano, R. Davis, S. Mufalli

Lectors: J. Bowman, D. Heck

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Otto, K. Coar, N. Hughes

EM's: G. Tutwiler, L. D'Alessandro, T. Mattera,

L. Picknally, M. Meloni

Lectors: C. Otto, J. Terzini

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 1st and 3rd 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

11/23-Monday-9am Mass, NO RCIA, 7:30pm YAM
 11/24-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 11/25-Wednesday-9am Mass, NO CCD, 7pm Thanksgiving Vigil
 11/26-Thanksgiving-9am Mass/Novena – School/Rectory closed.
 11/27-Friday-9am Mass – School/Rectory closed.
 11/28-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3pm Bottalico 50th Vows, 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass,
 11/29-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 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 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.

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.

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.



In Loving Memory of Dominic G. Caruso

August 19, 1923 – November 13, 2009

Thanksgiving Liturgy Nov. 26th

On Wednesday, November 25th @ 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. Loaves of bread will 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.

PTA Gift Card News

Congratulations to Catherine Broome of our parish for winning last week's drawing for a free AMC movie ticket admission!

Any orders submitted this week are eligible for the next drawing. There are still 3 more weeks to order gift cards! Order deadline for this week is Thurs., Nov. 19th. Order forms are available through school, our school website or call Katy Fagan @ 662-5908.

TIP #1: Kohl's gift cards can be used to pay down card balance (in person).

TIP #2: Bath and Body Works discount increased to 18% until 12-31-09!

THANK YOUR FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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.

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.

Working with the Word

The Solemnity of Christ the King - B
November 22, 2009

Reading I: Daniel 7:13-14
Responsorial Psalm: 93:1, 1-2, 5
Reading II: Revelation 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: My kingdom does not belong to this world, belongs to the truth, listens to my voice

To the point: "My kingdom does not belong to this world."

Where is Jesus' kingdom? It exists wherever people embody Jesus' manner of acting and relating ("belongs to the truth"), wherever the Spirit of Jesus is the rule of life.

We enter into Jesus' kingdom whenever we listen to his voice and proclaim him "the Alpha and the Omega" (second reading) of all that is.

This kingdom does not belong to this world, but is meant to transform this world.

Connecting the Gospel

to the first and second readings: The liturgical year culminates with a summary statement of the identity of Jesus—"Christ the King." As Christ, he is worthy of our worship. As King he is deserving of our service.

As we celebrate this enthronement of Christ in glory (compare first reading), we also look forward to his victory in us when we are "freed . . . from our sins" and "made .. into a kingdom" (second reading).

to our experience: We have a limited understanding of kings today, and when we think about them, it tends to be from history and/or memory rather than from our immediate experience.

This Sunday we celebrate a King whose presence and power we have experienced: Christ, whose kingdom is not territory but virtue, not power but service, not wealth but grace.

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**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.**

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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.

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

259 Being a work at once common and personal, the whole divine economy makes known both what is proper to the divine persons, and their one divine nature. Hence the whole Christian life is a communion with each of the divine persons, without in any way separating them. Everyone who glorifies the Father does so through the Son in the Holy Spirit; everyone who follows Christ does so because the Father draws him and the Spirit moves him.⁹⁹

260 The ultimate end of the whole divine economy is the entry of God's creatures into the perfect unity of the Blessed Trinity.¹⁰⁰ But even now we are called to be a dwelling for the Most Holy Trinity: "If a man loves me", says the Lord, "he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him".¹⁰¹

O my God, Trinity whom I adore, help me forget myself entirely so to establish myself in you, unmovable and peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity. May nothing be able to trouble my peace or make me leave you, O my unchanging God, but may each minute bring me more deeply into your mystery! Grant my soul peace. Make it your heaven, your beloved dwelling and the place of your rest. May I never abandon you there, but may I be there, whole and entire, completely vigilant in my faith, entirely adoring, and wholly given over to your creative action.¹⁰²

IN BRIEF

261 The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **262** The Incarnation of God's Son reveals that God is the eternal Father and that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, which means that, in the Father and with the Father the Son is one and the same God. **263** The mission of the Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in the name of the Son (*Jn* 14:26) and by the Son "from the Father" (*Jn* 15:26), reveals that, with them, the Spirit is one and the same God. "With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified" (Nicene Creed).

264 "The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father as the first principle and, by the eternal gift of this to the Son, from the communion of both the Father and the Son" (St. Augustine, *De Trin.* 15, 26, 47: PL 42, 1095).

265 By the grace of Baptism "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit", we are called to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity, here on earth in the obscurity of faith, and after death in eternal light (cf. Paul VI, *CPG* § 9).

266 "Now this is the Catholic faith: We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity, without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance; for the person of the Father is one, the Son's is another, the Holy Spirit's another; but the Godhead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal" (Athanasian Creed: DS 75; ND 16). **267** Inseparable in what they are, the divine persons are also inseparable in what they do. But within the single divine operation each shows forth what is proper to him in the Trinity, especially in the divine missions of the Son's Incarnation and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Camden

November 2009

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Forty years ago the United States bishops established the Church's domestic anti-poverty program, the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**. The Campaign was established to raise funds to help the poor to participate in the decisions and actions that affect their lives and to empower them to move beyond poverty. This year, the collection for CCHD will be taken up in the parishes of the Diocese of Camden on the weekend of **November 21-22**.

Since its founding, the CCHD has provided more than 7,800 grants to self-help projects developed by grassroots groups of poor persons. Additional projects also are funded through the 25 percent share of the CCHD collection that is retained from the annual collection by each local diocese.* In the last year, local grants were awarded by the Diocese of Camden to four South Jersey organizations that are devoted to community revitalization and serving the needs of the poor: Camden Churches Organized for the People, South Jersey Regional Equity Organizing Project, Parkside Business & Community in Partnership and Camden United, Inc.

Recently, you may have heard allegations CCHD promotes or supports projects whose work is not consistent with Catholic teaching. However, you should know that CCHD funds will not be used to support any application which is sponsored or promoted by an organization whose primary mission is contrary to Catholic teaching, even if the application itself is in accord with Catholic teaching (see www.usccb.org/cchd/).

In his message for the 2009 World Day of Peace, Pope Benedict XVI said, "I extend to every disciple of Christ and to every person of good will a warm invitation to expand their hearts to meet the needs of the poor and to take whatever practical steps are possible in order to help them. The truth of the axiom cannot be refuted: "to fight poverty is to build peace." (15) With this in mind, I ask you to give priority to the special needs of the poor and to be generous in your support of this collection.

Fraternally,

Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante, D.D., J.C.D.
Bishop of Camden

- *Local low-income empowerment organizations in the six southern counties of New Jersey may apply for local grants by contacting Fr. Ken Hallahan, director of the CCHD for the Diocese of Camden, at (856) 962-8642.*