

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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November 8, 2009 – 32nd 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 9, 2009 – (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am Walt Nicorski (22nd Anniversary)
r/b Wife Bette & Family

TUESDAY November 10, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)
9:00am Mark Ueland r/b Caitlin Mattera

WEDNESDAY November 11, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am Matthew Marchione r/b Family

THURSDAY November 12, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)
9:00am + Novena Beatrice August r/b Dolores August

FRIDAY November 13, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish

SATURDAY November 14, 2009
9:00am Communion Service
(Presider: Deacon Ernie)

4:30pm Mary Borreggine r/b Family
Elizabeth Santore r/b Frank Burr
(Presider: Fr. Vince)

SUNDAY November 15, 2009
9:00am Albert Cole r/b Joan Mullin
Bill Buffington r/b Paula Antonelli
(Presider: Fr. Vince)

10:30am Herman Miller r/b Jacqui & Tim Miller
Mary Grasso r/b Lou & Rae DiCiurcio
(Children's Liturgy, Presider: Fr. Tom)

***The Sanctuary Candle this week
is in Memory of The Unborn Children.***

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.

Oct. 31/1, 2009 Attendance/Collection	670/	\$7,892
Nov. 1/2, 2008 Attendance/Collection	546/	\$4,817
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,657

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collection:

November 22, 2009: "Human Development"

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

All are welcome to attend an Informational Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 8th following the 10:30am Mass @ Stonegate.



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 Inasley, 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.

Ministry Schedule for November 14/15

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: R. Garofalo, T. Mason, K. North
EM's: The Heiningers, P. Krohn, A. Knight, S. Eisenhardt
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, J. Messina

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: K. Starts, W. McHugh, M. DiRico
EM's: S. Marano, N. Schmidt, L. McHugh, The Monaco's
Lectors: M. Miller, J. Bowman

Sunday, 10:30am – Children's Liturgy

Altar Servers: TBA.
EM's: The Fagans, C. Otto, L. Rosario, T. Scavuzzo
Lectors: TBA.

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.



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

11/9-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA, 7:30pm YAM
 11/10-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 11/11-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD, 7pm Pastoral Council
 11/12-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir
 11/13-Friday-9am Mass
 11/14-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass,
 11/15-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am, 11:30am Open Finance

Our School's Phillies Pep Rally on ABC-6!

Log on to www.StStephensPennsauken.com to see our students on ABC-6's Action News last Monday, November 2nd!

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

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 Mrs. McHugh (Braeden McHugh-Gr. 3) for winning the drawing for the 10-29-09 order! Drawings are held weekly, anyone submitting an order is eligible! Order forms went out in last week's bulletin but are also available on our school website, from the school or by contacting Katy Fagan (662-5908).

Next ordering date is Nov. 11, 2009.

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).

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.

Working with the Word

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time B
November 8, 2009

Reading I: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Reading II: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: Beware of the scribes, poor widow, put in more, contributed all she had, her whole livelihood

To the point: What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

Jesus tells us when he contrasts the behavior of the self-important scribes and the rich with the action of a poor and seemingly insignificant widow. Without calculating the cost to herself, the widow gave "all she had."

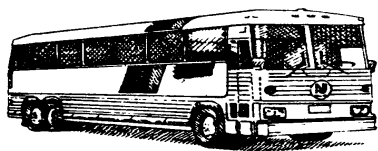
Disciples, too, give all they have without counting the cost, calculating self-gain, or seeking attention. The "whole livelihood" disciples give is their very selves.

Connecting the Gospel

to the first reading: The first reading is really about more than a widow who risks the last bit of her flour and oil to respond to Elijah's need. The story depicts the hundredfold God returns to those who are so exceptionally generous.

to culture: The law of survival tells us to watch out for ourselves first. Jesus condemns those who live by this law ("receive a very severe condemnation") and praises those who choose to give even out of their little.

Miracle on 34th Street – Tropicana - Dec. 8th



\$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.

Yard Sale Workers Invitation for Nov. 17th

Everyone who worked on the Yard Sale is invited to attend a get-together on the evening of **Tuesday, November 17th 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

Paragraph 2: The Father-The dogma of the Holy Trinity
253 *The Trinity is One.* We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the "consubstantial Trinity".⁸³ The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire: "The Father is that which the Son is, the Son that which the Father is, the Father and the Son that which the Holy Spirit is, i.e. by nature one God."⁸⁴ In the words of the Fourth Lateran Council (1215), "Each of the persons is that supreme reality, viz., the divine substance, essence or nature."⁸⁵

254 *The divine persons are really distinct from one another.* "God is one but not solitary."⁸⁶ "Father", "Son", "Holy Spirit" are not simply names designating modalities of the divine being, for they are really distinct from one another: "He is not the Father who is the Son, nor is the Son he who is the Father, nor is the Holy Spirit he who is the Father or the Son."⁸⁷ They are distinct from one another in their relations of origin: "It is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds."⁸⁸ The divine Unity is Triune.

255 *The divine persons are relative to one another.* Because it does not divide the divine unity, the real distinction of the persons from one another resides solely in the relationships which relate them to one another: "In the relational names of the persons the Father is related to the Son, the Son to the Father, and the Holy Spirit to both. While they are called three persons in view of their relations, we believe in one nature or substance."⁸⁹ Indeed "everything (in them) is one where there is no opposition of relationship."⁹⁰ "Because of that unity the Father is wholly in the Son and wholly in the Holy Spirit; the Son is wholly in the Father and wholly in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit is wholly in the Father and wholly in the Son."⁹¹

256 St. Gregory of Nazianzus, also called "the Theologian", entrusts this summary of Trinitarian faith to the catechumens of Constantinople: Above all guard for me this great deposit of faith for which I live and fight, which I want to take with me as a companion, and which makes me bear all evils and despise all pleasures: I mean the profession of faith in the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. I entrust it to you today. By it I am soon going to plunge you into water and raise you up from it. I give it to you as the companion and patron of your whole life. I give you but one divinity and power, existing one in three, and containing the three in a distinct way. Divinity without disparity of substance or nature, without superior degree that raises up or inferior degree that casts down. . . the infinite co-naturality of three infinities. Each person considered in himself is entirely God. . . the three considered together. . . I have not even begun to think of unity when the Trinity bathes me in its splendor. I have not even begun to think of the Trinity when unity grasps me. . .⁹²

According to International Researcher Dr. Shield, Pope Benedict XVI's Visit to the Shroud of Turin Prompts the Question "Is it Real?"

Las Vegas NV (PRWEB) November 1, 2009 -- According to Researcher Peter J. Shield PhD, Pope Benedict XVI visit to the Shroud of Turin prompts the question "Is the Shroud of Turin Real?" Pope Benedict XVI will visit the Shroud of Turin on the 2nd of May 2010.

The Pope is to visit the Shroud on its non-scheduled public viewing just ten years after the Exposition in the jubilee year. The Shroud will be on display in the Cathedral of Torino starting on 10 April to 23 May.

Dr. Peter J. Shield PhD, whose Radio and Television broadcasts of the "World of Unexplained Mysteries" has featured what he describes as the world's greatest unexplained mystery "The Holy Shroud of Turin" has been involved in reporting on the evidence for the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin for over 20 years. It is his considered opinion that the Shroud is the real article.

Dr. Shield arrived at this conclusion after an interview with Dr. Alan Adler, who did the original blood analysis on the Shroud.

"The amassed evidence for its authenticity is indisputable! I recorded this interview prior to Alan's unexpected death in 2000. The Pope is to visit the Shroud on its non-scheduled public viewing in the spring of 2010, just ten years after the Exposition in the jubilee year; the Shroud will once again be on display in the Cathedral of Torino starting on 10 April to 23 May", Dr. Shield said.

"In 2010, and for the first time, it will be possible to see the Holy Shroud following the intervention it underwent in 2002: a conservation and restoration operation during which pieces of cloth that had been burned in the Chambery fire of 1532, and the various 'patches' applied by the Poor Clares, were removed, together with the Holland cloth to which the Shroud had been fastened in 1534, with the Holy Linen now placed on a new support." -- Peter J. Shield PhD.

The Man on the Shroud!

He was naked.

He was 6 ft. tall.

He wore a beard and shoulder length hair.

He had an enlarged chest from trying to breath.

He had been beaten with a Roman Flagrum.

He had puncture marks on his skull.

He had bled whilst upright on the cross.

He had suffered most of his wounds whilst alive.

Wound on his side with no swelling, indicating that the wound happened after he had died.

Other signs and clues - Dirt on his knees and the tip of his nose is reported to contain minerals found in the Palestine region!

Blood smears from the upper shoulder part of the shroud are thought to be microscopic Oak wood remains!

Pollen has been found on the shroud's surface from plants found only in Jerusalem!

The recent announcement that an Italian scientist has duplicated the image on the Shroud proves nothing. Replicas of the shroud have been produced since the 1300's and one of these was discovered by Dr. Shield on a recent visit to the remote Island of Malta, and is the basis of his Historic Fiction "In the Image of his God - the curse of the Shroud" which was launched at the International Convention of the Shroud at Ohio State University last year.

HISTORY OF THE SHROUD!

- According to the Catholic Church's calculations, the resurrection took place on Sunday morning April 9th AD 30.
- AD 30 - Edessa, 400 miles from Jerusalem, King Abgar receives cloth with image of a man believed to be Jesus (Painting at St. Catherine's, Sinai)
- AD 222-230 Mandylion.
- AD 550 Pantocrator Image (St. Catherine's)
- AD 944 Mandylion moved to Constantinople.
- AD 1204-1307 Knights Templar - France and England.
- AD 1578 - Turin Italy!

From: Dr. Peter J. Shield PhD - <http://worldofunexplainedmysteries.com>