

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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December 27, 2009 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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.

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Intention. Rows include Monday (Dec 28), Tuesday (Dec 29), Wednesday (Dec 30), Thursday (Dec 31), Friday (Jan 1), Saturday (Jan 2), and Sunday (Jan 3).

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. A. Falcone & Daughter. 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.

Offertory Figures will be posted in next week's bulletin, as this issue was required for submission on 12/18/09.

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average: \$5,740

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collection:
January 24, 2010: "Propagation of the Faith"

NEXT YOUTH MEETING:
Sunday, January 17th @ 6:30pm in the Rectory

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:

- List of names for prayer: Rose Alessandroni, Dolly Angelastro, Vincent Buondonno, Evelyn Capocetta, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Thomas Holmes Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Inasley, Patricia James, Donna Krawchuk, Robert Leone, Nancy Loperfido, Katherine Maggioncalda, Vincent Marchese, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, John Meyer, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pendtleton, Rita Picciano, Frank & Louise Pigiacci, 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.

Ministry Schedule for Dec. 31, Jan. 1-3
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Thursday, 7:00pm (BVM Vigil)
Altar Servers: C. Otto, W. McHugh, T. Mason
EM's: M. Miller, T. Link, C. Otto, The Heiningers
Lectors: L. Modzier, J. Terzini

Friday, 9:00am (BVM Holy Day)
Altar Servers: N. Hughes, R&C Aleszczyk
EM's: R. Davis, Sr. Eleanora, S. Mufalli, The Monaco's
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, J. Bowman

Saturday, 4:30pm
Altar Servers: TBA.
EM's: T. Veneziani, L. Garofalo, A. Knight, The Heiningers
Lectors: R. Taylor, P. Palazzo

Sunday, 9:00am
Altar Servers: TBA.
EM's: L. Rosario, S. Marano, R. Leone, R. Davis, N. Schmidt
Lectors: L. Sperduto, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers: TBA.
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, M. Miller, L. Picknally, L. Solano, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: The Links

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation:
Thursday, December 31st at 7pm (Vigil)
Friday, January 1st at 9am only (no 7pm)
(The Rectory is closed on Friday, January 1st)

Friday, January 8th Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, normally the First Friday of the Month, has been changed to Friday January 8th from 9:30am (right after 9am Mass) until 7pm.

This Week @ St. Stephen's

12/28-Monday-9am Mass, NO RCIA
 12/29-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 12/30-Wednesday-9am Mass, NO CCD
 12/31-Thursday-9am Mass, 7pm Vigil for Blessed Virgin Mary
 1/1----Friday- 9am Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day
 1/2----Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass,
 1/3----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.**

Art & Environment has purchased two small and two large Christmas trees to be planted on the St. Stephen's campus after the holiday season. **Anyone who would like to make a donation for a tree to honor a deceased love one, please call Maria Haas @ 856-665-8393**

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### ***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.

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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 Connie @ 662-3819 for December 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

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### ***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.**

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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.

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### ***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.

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Attention All

First Communion Parents

There will be a mandatory meeting on **Monday, January 11th at 7pm in the School Cafeteria**. If you have not already received a letter, please contact Mrs. Adeline Gramlich at 662-9338, ext. 7. Thank you.

We Remember...

As 2009 comes to a conclusion, we remember and pray for our recently faithful departed *of the past month*:

Marion R. Borreggine
1931- 2009

John J. Heininger, Jr
1925-2009

Doris M. McDaniel
1929-2009

Stephen M. Moffa
1968-2009

Agnes Murtha
1921-2009

Mary R. Rotondo
1925-2009

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," said the Spirit, "let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them." -*Revelation 14:13*

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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.**

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Collectibles For Sale

Several collectible items were salvaged from the recent Yard Sale donations. **These include a group of Longaberger baskets, P. Buckley Moss brooches, Dynasty, Brinn's, and Heritage Collectible dolls, and 2 single lens reflex cameras and accessories.** They were set-aside in the hopes of selling them on eBay, but were not, due to the poor economy.

If anyone is interested in purchasing them or knows of a person or business that would be willing to buy them at a reasonable price, please contact Lonnie or Mary Sharon at (856) 662-6049.

All proceeds benefit St Stephen's.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 29th from 1-7pm
St. Stephen School



Please call the rectory at 662-9338, ext 6 for an appointment.
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

SSJ Raffle Results

Thank you to all who supported our Villa Chance Drive!!
God bless you all!!!

WINNERS:

\$10,000 winner

George Zimmerman, Hanover, PA

\$500 winners:

- Mary Cyphers, Phoenix, MD**
- Judith Sullivan, New York City, NY**
- Mr. & Mrs. Shea, Bethlehem, PA**
- Fran Poole, Media, PA**
- Greg Webster, Philadelphia, PA**
- Dave Spearman, Reistertown, MD**
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Behrend, York, PA**
- Joanne Semeister, Newtown Square, PA**
- Frances Cleary, Sea Isle City**
- Berenice Todd, Old Bridge, NJ**

**You are all winners in our eyes!!!!
Sisters of St. Joseph, Philadelphia, PA**

Stewardship Reflection

“Year-Round Stewardship”

“Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.”

- 1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, let’s also remember the gifts that God has given to us, including the gift of making us His children. Are we as grateful for that wonderful gift as we are for all the material gifts we have received? Do we live Stewardship to show our gratitude to God for the gifts He gives to us all year?

Young Adult Retreat

ALL young adults, ages 18 – 39, married or single, are welcome to a diocese-wide retreat February 5, 6 and 7, at St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center, Blackwood. Discover the gifts God has given you and discern how to use them to build the Church and serve others. Experience a sense of community and Jesus’ invitation to take part in the ongoing life of the Church. Do not miss this opportunity for an uplifting and fulfilling experience! We promise you this could be the greatest gift you give yourself! The cost per person in a double-occupancy room is \$80. If you are interested in attending this retreat or have any questions at all, please contact:

Diocese of Camden – Young Adult Ministries at (856) 583-2878 or andres.arango@camdendiocese.org. We look forward to seeing you on retreat!

DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL CARE COOPER UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CAMDEN, NJ EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Father Al Harshaw, Staff Chaplain at Cooper Hospital, is recruiting Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to patients at Cooper University Hospital in Camden. If any Eucharistic Minister would be interested in this special kind of ministry, please call Fr. Harshaw at (609) 707-0101 or the Pastoral Care Department at (856) 342-2197. **A letter from your Pastor is required certifying your Eucharistic Minister certification, recommendation and endorsement.**

Diocesan Biblical Institute

The Diocese of Camden’s Biblical Institute will begin new Bible Study Groups in January and February of 2010. The Biblical Institute offers an in-depth and unique opportunity to explore the beauty and wonder of Sacred Scripture. By increasing our knowledge and experience of God’s Word, we are drawn into a deeper relationship with our loving God. Learning is facilitated through a “hands on” process, which integrates Bible study, personal reflection, and application to daily life.

The new classes will start at the following parishes:

St. Agnes, Blackwood
Starting Tuesday, January 5, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More, Cherry Hill
Starting Monday, January 18, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Maris Stella, Avalon
Starting Wednesday, February 3, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

To register, please contact Diane Scafidi,
Diocese of Camden, at (856) 583-6129.

For more information, please contact Dr. Frank Blee,
Office of Adult Faith Formation,
Diocese of Camden, at (856) 583-6105.

Some Post-Christmas Comic Relief

New Definitions...

Read closely, and perhaps slowly, to understand...

1. ARBITRATOR: A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonalds.
2. AVOIDABLE: What a bullfighter tried to do.
3. BERNADETTE: The act of torching a mortgage.
4. BURGLARIZE: What a crook sees with.
5. CONTROL: A short, ugly inmate.
6. COUNTERFEITERS: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.
7. ECLIPSE: What an English barber does for a living.
8. EYEDROPPER: A clumsy ophthalmologist.
9. HEROES: What a guy in a boat does.
10. LEFTBANK: What the robber did when his bag was full of money.
11. MISTY: How golfers create divots.
12. PARADOX: Two physicians.
13. PARASITES: What you see from the top of the Eiffel Tower.
14. PHARMACIST: A helper on the farm.
15. POLARIZE: What penguins see with.
16. PRIMATE: Removing your spouse from in front of the TV.
17. RELIEF: What trees do in the Spring.
18. RUBBERNECK: What you do to relax your wife.
19. SELFISH: What the owner of a seafood store does.
20. SUDAFED: Brought litigation against a government

Recently-published "new books" & their author:

- "The Lion Attacked" by Claude Yarmoff
- "The Art of Archery" by Beau N. Arrow
- "Irish Heart Surgery" by Angie O'Plasty
- "Desert Crossing" by I. Rhoda Camel
- "School Truancy" by Marcus Absent
- "I Was a Cloakroom Attendant"
by Mahatma Coate
- "How to Write Large Books"
by Warren Peace
- "I Lost My Balance"
by Eileen Dover and Phil Down
- "Mystery in the Barnyard"
by Hu Flung Dung
- "The Philippine Post Office"
by Imelda Letter
- "Positive Reinforcement" by Wade Ago
- "Shhh!" by Danielle Soloud
- "Things to Do at a Party" by Bob Frapples
- "Stop Arguing" by Xavier Breath
- "Raising Mosquitos" by I. Itch
- "Mountain Climbing" by Hugo First