

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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February 14, 2010 – Sixth 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

Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist –

Upon request after the 4:30pm Mass in Chapel.

Prior notification is necessary by calling the rectory Monday-Friday. Also call the 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.

The 2011 Mass Intentions Book is now available for Masses within 1 year, i.e. if you come into the Rectory on Feb. 16, you may book a Mass thru 2/16/11.

MONDAY 9:00am	February 15, 2010 Josephine Leahy r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	February 16, 2010 Rev. James R. Plummer r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am Noon 7:00pm	February 17, 2010 (Ash Wednesday) Matthew Marchione r/b Family Liturgical Service w/ Distribution of Ashes Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	February 18, 2010 John Ashwell, III r/b Fr. Daniel Rocco
FRIDAY 9:00am	February 19, 2010 Josephine Siciliano r/b Lucille Buffington
SATURDAY 9:00am 4:30pm	February 20, 2010 Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Louise Pigliacelli r/b M/M Richard Gentile
SUNDAY 9:00am	February 21, 2010 Victor Gerst, Jr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst Doris McDaniel r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
10:30am	Julia & Anthony Cavallo r/b Daughter-in-Law Gertrude Caroline Fanelle r/b Sister Lynne Cahill r/b The Miller & Markman Families

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.

Feb. 6/7, 2010 Attendance/Collection	25.5"/ \$3,428
Feb. 7/8, 2009 Attendance/Collection	563/ \$5,660
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,583

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collection:
February 17, 2010: "Church in Europe"
(Ash Wednesday)



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 Ackerman, Rose Alessandroni, Dolly Angelastro, Vincent Buondonno, Evelyn Capocetta, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Thomas Holmes Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Patricia James, Donna Krawchuk, Bonnie Leone, Katherine Maggioncalda, Vincent Marchese, Marlene Matteo, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, John Meyer, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pentleton, Rita Picciano, 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, Anthony Vocale, John Von Alex, Rita Weingard, Jean Wenstrom.

Ministry Schedule for February 17/20/21

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Ash Wednesday, 7:00pm (School covers 9am, Noon n/a)

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: P. Krohn, L. McHugh, T. Veneziani, T. Scavuzzo, A. Knight

Lectors: TBA.

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: K. Hulsey, E. Mattera, K. Sullivan

EM's: A. Knight, The Pandola's, The Klecko's

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, P. Palazzo

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Children's Mass, TBA.

EM's: S. Marano, L. McHugh, S. Mufalli, N. Schmidt, R. Leone

Lectors: J. Bowman, D. Heck

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Bowmans, H. Atchison

EM's: The Fagans, W. Delfin, T. Mattera, L. Picknally

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, C. Otto



Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick will be available in the Chapel after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturdays for those who are ill and/or facing surgery. **Prior notification is necessary** by calling the Rectory at 662-9338 ext. 6, Monday thru Friday. We also ask that you call the rectory if you know of anyone who is sick or homebound.

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***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. **In 2009 our parish's average weekly eGiving was \$337, or \$1,461 per month.** You may logon to [www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.

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

2/15-Monday-9am Mass, 1-7pm Blood Drive, 7:30pm YAM,  
 NO RCIA, School & Rectory Closed on Presidents Day  
 2/16-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Pastoral Council  
 2/17-Ash Wednesday-9am Mass, Noon Service, 7pm Mass, NO CCD  
 2/18-Thursday-9am Mass, 6:15 Youth Music,  
 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir  
 2/19-Friday- 9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross  
 2/20-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 2/21-Sunday-Masses at 9am (Children) & 10:30am, 6:30pm Youth

### ***Art & Environment Ministry***

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass may contact Maria Haas at 665-8393. Anyone who would like to make a donation for a tree to honor a deceased love one or would like to join the A & E Ministry may call Maria at the number listed 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 Bernice @ 662-4641 for February 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**

### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***Men's Retreat March 12-14***

**Gentlemen:** You are invited to Saint Joseph's In The Hills in Malvern Pa. for a 42-hour retreat. Our retreat will begin on Friday evening March 12 and conclude with Sunday morning Mass March 14. During this retreat you will have the opportunity to rest, focus on issues that are important to you, pray, celebrate the Eucharist with friends. For more info visit www.malvernretreat.com or contact Joe Fagan (c) 609-471-0753, (h) 662-5908, jfagan1982@comcast.net



### ***Presidents' Day Closings***

On Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> we will observe Presidents' Day, a National Holiday. The School & Rectory will be closed.

### ***Blood Drive Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>***

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on President's Day, February 15, 2010, at St Stephen's School from 1 pm to 7 pm. Sign-up sheets will be available in the back of the church after all Masses beginning on Saturday, February 6, or you can contact the rectory.

### ***Young Adult Ministry***

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**

February 15 - Scripture sharing (Luke 4:1-13)  
 February 22 - "Saints of the Sacred Heart" presented by Sr. Ruthann O'Mara  
 February 27 - Movie Night - "Song of Bernadette" (Not held at the rectory, location TBD)  
 March 15 - Scripture sharing (Jn 8:1-11)  
 March 22 - "Saints Joseph" presenter TBD  
 March 27 - Movie Night - "Pay It Forward" (Not held at the rectory, location TBD)

**Please contact Rose at 856.663.9342 for more information.**

### ***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.**

### ***Mary Queen of All Saints Parish***

### ***Irish Night, 2010***

Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 7-11pm  
 Msgr. Kavanagh Hall, 48<sup>th</sup> St. & Camden Ave. in Pennsauken  
 \$25 per person, great food & music, beer/byob,  
**Irish Music by Ballina, tickets & info: 662-2721**

# The Season of Lent



**Remember man thou art dust  
and to dust thou shalt return**

**Ash Wednesday – February 17, 2010**

9am Mass, Noon Liturgical Service, 7pm Mass

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent @ 7:00pm beginning Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

### Stations of the Cross Themes:

2/19 Traditional, 2/26 Peace & Justice, 3/5 Seniors,  
3/12 Children, 3/19 Traditional, 3/26 Mary,

### Lenten Soup Night

March 5, 2010 at 5:45pm  
*(Rescheduled from Feb. 26)*

### 4 Tuesday Nights of Gospel Reflection

March 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7:30pm  
following the 7pm Rosary

### Woman at the Well Presentation

Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 1pm

This drama portrays the Scripture passages in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 4, Verses 3-30, 39-43. Gina Smith, a professional actor on stage and TV, has become dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus. Her portrayal of "The Woman at the Well" involved research of the history of the Samaritans, as well as the Mosaic Law. Gina wrote the script for this presentation, and she felt Jesus' healing love as she completed it. Fellowship to follow afterwards.

### Parish Penance Service

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 7pm

### Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm  
Repository Visit until Midnight

### Good Friday, April 2, 2010

Reading of the Psalms Noon-2:45pm  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 pm  
*(No Stations at 7pm)*

### Holy Saturday, April 3, 2010

Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 pm

### Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

Masses: 9:00am & 10:30 am



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade News!

This week, St. Stephen's seventh graders were busy expanding both their spirits and their minds as they prepared for Catholic Schools week. In language arts, they began a new poetry unit with Robert Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" and e. e. cummings's "in Just-." Budding mathematicians calculated percentages, while scientists compared ionic and covalent bonding in atoms. One group even got the hydrogen and oxygen atoms in water to separate!

In social studies, students focusing on the revolution wrote journal entries from the viewpoint of a soldier suffering at Valley Forge. Those poor soldiers certainly needed their faith and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which was the topic in religion class all week.

For those craving a challenge, Advanced Mathematics students studied scale models and scale factors, and Advanced Language Arts students read Bearstone and analyzed how an orphaned Ute boy came to find a sense of belonging in rural Colorado. All and all a busy week for all.

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Lourdes Wellness Center--NEW!!!

Programs and offerings at Our Lady of Lourdes Wellness Center in Collingswood, NJ, are now linked to our St. Stephen Parish Website. Take time to review the many and varied opportunities that are offered for very reasonable costs/donations.

Please note that Sr. Ruthann, SSJ, who lives here at St. Stephen's has posted a number of Spirituality Programs for the Lent 2010 Season

www.LourdesWellnessCenter.org

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February 13 and 14, 2010

## Stewardship Reflection

*Stewards Share Their Blessings*

**"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation."** (Luke 6:24)

Jesus' words to the crowd can seem harsh to all of us who enjoy the many blessings of living in one of the richest countries of the world. Yet, in reality the sin is not in being rich. The sin is in failing to share our blessings, to live in stewardship. When was the last time you looked at your income and determined what percentage you were giving to those who had less than you?

## ***SPIRITUAL LIFE BOARD***

The Spiritual Life Board met on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at Stonegate. Meeting outcomes are the following:

- Purpose of the Spiritual Life Board will be: to determine a Theme for the Parish with the cycle following the beginning of the liturgical year (Advent); to plan the Parish Mission/ Retreat and to plan parish offerings for Advent and Lent.
- Parish Theme: members of the SLB will be considering the life of St. Stephen, the parish patron, in preparation for naming the parish theme for 2010-2011.
- Meetings will be held generally once a month from September to May.
- Liturgy Board: Lent 2010 program planning was shared by Mary Sue Link. Mary Sue Link will remain the liaison for Liturgy until May 2010. (Sr. Ruthann will be the liaison on Liturgy beginning September 2010.)

Members Present for the January Meeting: Eileen Heidi, Liz McHugh, John Messina, Terry Modzier and Sr. Ruthann, SSJ (Chairperson)

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Stonegate

Agenda: Report from the Liturgy Board; Discuss and Decide Parish Theme 2010-2011

Submitted: February 3, 2010

## ***Pastoral Ministries***

There will be a working retreat for all the members of the parish pastoral ministries on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 1 PM to 4 PM in the School Auditorium. The main purpose of the working retreat: to develop an Action Plan for 2010-2011. The chairpersons of the following pastoral committees will be notifying their members on the details of the meeting.

**Chairpersons will meet with Sr. Ruthann: 12 noon March 20<sup>th</sup> in the School Music Room:**

### Committees

Bereavement  
Men's Prayer Group  
Nursing Home  
Prayer Line  
Social Ministry/Justice  
Vocations  
Women's Scripture  
Young Adults  
Youth Group

### Chairpersons

Joy Bowman  
Joe Fagan  
M/M Lonnie Monaco  
Lois Picknally/Bernice Taylor  
Rick Taylor  
John Messina  
Eileen Heidi  
Ally Meloni  
Cindy Pandola

The Liturgy and Spiritual Life Boards will also participate in this working retreat:

Liturgy: Marianne Meloni and Mary Sue Link (Chairpersons)

Spiritual Life: Sister Ruthann O'Mara, SSJ (Chairperson)