

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel Rocco, Pastor
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence
Permanent Deacon Ernest Picknally
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Parish Contact Information

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February 28, 2010 – Second Sunday of Lent

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 the 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.

Effective March 28th per Diocesan Policy:
 One (1) Mass Intention limit per Mass except for 10:30am on Sunday, which now has a maximum of four (4) intentions.

MONDAY March 1, 2010
 9:00am Msgr. Charles P. Barth r/b People of the Parish

TUESDAY March 2, 2010
 9:00am Evelyn Baranosky r/b Wil Adames

WEDNESDAY March 3, 2010
 9:00am Margaret Friel r/b People of the Parish

THURSDAY March 4, 2010
 9:00am+Novena Nettie Colangelo r/b Maria & Joe Haas

FRIDAY March 5, 2010 (First Friday, Adoration until 6:30pm)
 9:00am Claire Holmes r/b The Faculty & Students of St. Stephen School

SATURDAY March 6, 2010
 9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
 4:30pm Rosemarie DePerro r/b Bob & Marie Hanna

SUNDAY March 7, 2010
 9:00am Angelina Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
 Marion Borreggine
 r/b Terry & Joe Scavuzzo & Family

10:30am Rose Marie Bucci r/b Ernest & Lois Picknally
 Louise Pigliacelli r/b M/M Ed Ciccarone
 Beth Sutcliffe r/b Her Husband, Jim

***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.

Feb. 20/21, 2010 Attendance/Collection	721/ \$6,456
Feb. 21/22, 2009 Attendance/Collection	764/ \$6,318
Winter Fuel Assistance Feb. 20/21	\$1,077
Black & Indian Missions Feb. 20/21	\$ 534
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,643

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collections:

March 7, 2010: "Rice Bowl"
 March 14, 2010: "Catholic Relief"



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 Inslay, Patricia James, Donna Krawchuk, Bonnie Leone, Katherine Maggioncalda, Vincent Marchese, Marlene Matte, Harry Mayer, Marie Melchiorre, 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 March 6/7
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm
Altar Servers: K. Sullivan, M. Hobbs, M. North
EM's: T. Veneziani, L. Garofalo, A. Knight, The Klecko's
Lectors: R. Taylor, P. Krohn

Sunday, 9:00am
Altar Servers: M. DiRico, K. Starts, W. McHugh
EM's: L. Rosario, S. Marano, R. Leone, The Monaco's
Lectors: J. Gerst, L. Sperduto

Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers: D. Saranchak, R & C Aleszczyk
EM's: W. Delfin, T. Link, L. Solano, The Fagans
Lectors: The Links



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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***First Friday Adoration March 5<sup>th</sup>***

This Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the Month. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will begin after the 9am Mass and continue until 6:30pm. Stations of the Cross will be held at 7pm.

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

- 3/1-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Women's Bible Study @ Stonegate
- 3/2-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Gospel Reflection
- 3/3-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
- 3/4-Thursday-9am Mass, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir
- 3/5-First Friday- 9am Mass, Adoration until 6:30pm, 5:45pm Soup Night, 7pm Stations of the Cross
- 3/6-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass, 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 3/7-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am, 1pm Woman at the Well

**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 above.

**New Women's Bible Study!**

**Every Monday @ 1pm – Stonegate Conference Room**  
All ladies of the parish are welcome, please bring your Bible if you have one. Call Eileen Heide at 662-8046 or Email [heides@comcast.net](mailto:heides@comcast.net) for further info.

**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 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.**

**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 *Mary Sharon @ 662-6049 for March 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**

**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](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or contact **Joe Fagan (c) 609-471-0753, (h) 662-5908, [jfagan1982@comcast.net](mailto:jfagan1982@comcast.net)**.

**Our PTA's St. Patty Social!**

March 20, 2010 from 7-11pm in the Gym



Tickets are \$20 per person.

For further info and tickets call Jane at (856) 577-0247

**Young Adult Ministry**

St. Stephen's Young Adult Ministry, ages 21-40, will begin its **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:**

- 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.**

**Pastoral Ministries Retreat March 20<sup>th</sup>**

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
- Senior Adult Ministry
- Social Ministry/Justice
- Vocations
- Women's Scripture
- Young Adults
- Youth Group

**Chairpersons**

- Joy Bowman
- Joe Fagan
- M/M Lonnie Monaco
- Lois Picknally/Bernice Taylor
- Donna Kane
- Rick Taylor
- John Messina
- Eileen Heide
- 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)



**Performed by Bishop Eustace Preparatory School**

Performances are **March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**. All shows are held at the historic Scottish Rite Auditorium, 315 White Horse Pike, Collingswood, NJ 08107. Doors open at 7:00pm with Vince Fontaine rockin' and rollin'. Tickets are available at the door, \$10 adults/\$8 students and seniors. All shows are general admission seating.

# The Season of Lent



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

## Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

**On a day of Fast**, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

**On a Day of Abstinence**, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2010 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 30, 2010.

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent @ 7:00pm

### Stations of the Cross Themes:

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

### 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



## First Grade News!

This week in first grade we have been working on our Readers' Theatre. Readers' Theatre gives the students an opportunity to perform children's books and improve their reading and fluency. We are working towards performing: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Wemberly Worried, and Where the Wild Things Are. We are hoping to have a performance in the next month.

We have most recently reached our 100th Day of School. We have grown so much since the beginning of the year and cannot wait to grow even more over the next few months. Over the past few months we have read over 100 books, learned more than 100 new words, worked on addition facts, began to write creatively, and even more importantly have grown into a loving learning community. We try to make each day our best and as we count our way "to the very last day" we grow closer to achieving our classroom goals. Our first grade classroom is a family, we applaud our successes and we work towards improving our flaws.

Lastly, we have begun to think about our Lenten promises. We hope that during Lent we can prepare ourselves for Easter by helping others, being kind, and showing forgiveness. We hope that throughout this Lenten season we will continue to grow as a classroom learning community and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

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Lourdes Wellness Center

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:

Creating Sacred Space: Retreat Evening (\$10 per session)
Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 from 7:30-8:30 pm

Mondays with Mary
March 1,8, 15, 22 and 29 from 10:30-11:30 am (\$10 per session)

Joyce Rupp: Group Spiritual Direction
March 2, April 6, May 4 from 12-1 pm (\$10 per session)

“Leaning on God” Retreat Morning
March 6 from 10 am –12 pm (\$20 donation for the morning)

Thomas Merton: “Becoming Who You Already Are”
March 9, April 13, May 11 from 10:30-11:30 am (\$10 per session)

Desert Days: Days of Solitude
March 29 or 30 from 10 am to 3 pm \\
(\$25 for the day, includes Spiritual Direction Session)

To Register Ahead Call (856) 869-3125
Please refer to www.lourdeswellnesscenter.org
for descriptions of the above programs.

Lourdes Spirituality Center at the Little Portion
1049 Haddon Avenue, 2nd Floor, Collingswood, NJ 08108

St. Stephen Church

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes - February 16, 2010

Members Present: Fr. Dan Rocco, Joe Haas, Chris Hearn, Liz McHugh, Joey Scavuzzo, Ryan McCann, and Terry Modzier. **Ex Officio members:** Sr. Bernadette Leahy SSJ, Sr. Ruthann O' Mara SSJ, and Pat Higgins, Anthony Saranchak - Liaison from Finance Council

- Opening prayer by Fr. Dan Rocco
- Meeting called to order by Joe Haas at 7:40 pm
- Minutes Read and Approved by Committee members.
- **Old Business:**
Surveys - Joe Haas is still working on summarizing all the data.

Delegation of Ministries - Sr. Ruthann, with input from Fr. Rocco, has reviewed the numerous ministries and re-categorized them. There is a "Working Retreat" on Saturday March 20, 2010 for all parish pastoral ministries and further information will follow after that session. Potentially each ministry will be listed on the St. Stephen's web site, along with more in-depth information about the ministry.

St. Vincent de Paul Society - Jim will refer any calls received to St. Cecilia's parish. If there is any food left in the lobby of our church for this group, it will be taken to St. Cecilia's parish by Sr. Bernadette.

Fundraisers - Potential for restart up of the "Script" program. Three different types of programs were investigated by Katy Fagan. Fr. Rocco will meet with her to discuss her findings. Information to be shared at next PPC meeting.

School Board members - Mrs. Higgins reports there are ten new School Board Members. They will be attending training March 13, 2010 by the diocese.

Appreciation Dinner - Date of April 17th maintained. Joe Haas "volunteered" as chairperson and will receive assistance from Sr. Bernadette and Joey Scavuzzo. Joe will report back at next PPC meeting.

Youth Mass - Fr. Rocco received feedback from Fr. Chuck but there are still some concerns voiced. Fr. Rocco will meet with Fr. Chuck and Msgr. Martin (CCHS President). The results of the meeting will be brought to and discussed with the Liturgy Board.

- **New Business:**
Finance Council Update - Tony Saranchak, Chairperson gave Financial Report review. This report was published in the bulletin 2/21/10.
- Meeting adjourned @ 9:45 pm.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Rocco
- Next PPC meeting date yet to be determined.
Respectfully submitted, Terry Modzier

South Jersey Catholic Medical Association Communion Breakfast

The Annual Communion Breakfast sponsored by the South Jersey Catholic Medical Association of the Diocese of Camden will be held this year on **Sunday, March 14th at 9:00 AM** at the St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center in Blackwood. The **Most Rev. Joseph A. Galante**, Bishop of Camden will be the principal celebrant of the Mass preceding the breakfast.

The speaker at breakfast will be Msgr. Richard LaVerghetta Pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Marlton, NJ. He will discuss, "The Personality of Prayer"

Registration for the breakfast should be sent to the South Jersey Catholic Medical Association, 1845 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103. The fee is \$12.50 for members, and \$15.00 for non-members. The fee for children is \$9.00. **For further information, interested parties can call 856-342-4125 or email Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org.**

Alumni Honors!

Congratulations to 2 of St. Stephen's Alumni for achieving First Honors on the academic honor roll at St. Joseph's Prep School for the 1st semester of the school year:

**Maxwell W. Coar
Thomas M. Coar**