

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel Rocco, Pastor  
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence  
Permanent Deacon Ernest Picknally  
Sister Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ  
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal  
Mrs. Adeline Gramlich, CRE

## Parish Contact Information

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## February 7, 2010 – Fifth 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 9, you may book a Mass thru 2/9/11.

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 8, 2010</b> Anthony Coco r/b Lenora & Frank Annibale
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 9, 2010</b> Rev. Joseph McGarvey r/b People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 10, 2010</b> <i>Unannounced Intention</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>February 11, 2010</b> Rev. James R. Plummer r/b People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 12, 2010</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00am 4:30pm	<b>February 13, 2010</b> Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Anna & Tom Sullivan r/b Sister Ann Thomas, SSJ
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 14, 2010</b> Mary Ellen Gerst r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst Loretta Vallone r/b Sister Krista Mote
10:30am	Francesca & Donato Vagliani r/b Children Donato Fanelle r/b Daughter

**The Sanctuary Candle this week is in  
Memory of the Earthquake Victims of Haiti.**

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.

<b>Jan. 30/31, 2010 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>688/ \$5,818</b>
<b>Jan. 31/1, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>689/ \$6,683</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,154</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$5,653</b>
<b>Updated 2009 Christmas Collection</b>	<b>\$18,361</b>
<b>2008 Christmas Collection</b>	<b>\$18,453</b>

**2009 Tax Statements Available**

Tax Statements for 2009 Family Contributions are now available. Please call the Rectory at 662-9338, ext. 6 to have your info sent out.

**Next Diocesan Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:**

February 17, 2010: "Church in Europe" (Ash Wednesday)

**Ushers' Meeting**

Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Rectory



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, Robert Leone, Nancy Loperfido, 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 13/14**  
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** R. Garofalo, K. North, T. Mason  
**EM's:** S. Eisenhardt, Sr. Eleanora, P. Antonelli, The Monaco's  
**Lectors:** L. Heininger, P. Tryson

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** H. Atchison, K. Starts, M. DiRico  
**EM's:** S. Marano, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, The Sapienza's  
**Lectors:** L. Modzier, M. McHugh

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** C. Otto, C&N Hughes  
**EM's:** T. Scavuzzo, J. Messina, M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler, L. D'Alessandro  
**Lectors:** M. Turan, K. Jakubowski



**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.

**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

2/8-Monday-9am Mass, 7pm Ushers, 7:15pm RCIA  
 2/9-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 2/10-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD, 7:30pm Finance Council  
 2/11-Thursday-9am Mass, 6:15 Youth Music,  
 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir  
 2/12-Friday- 9am Mass  
 2/13-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass, WMS Reception to follow  
 2/14-World Marriage Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am,  
 WMS Reception to follow

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

## Father Rocco's Welcome Receptions

All are invited to officially welcome our new pastor, Father Daniel Rocco after the 4:30pm Mass February 13<sup>th</sup> and after the 10:30am Mass on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Coinciding with World Marriage Sunday, the receptions will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Renewal of Vows will be recited at all Masses next Weekend.

## Stewardship Reflection

*"Stewards Answer Call"*

**Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am;" I said; "send me!" (Isaiah 6:8a)**

Every day – in little ways and in big ways – God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to serve in stewardship ministry or just someone to open a door for an overburdened stranger, God constantly looks to see if we are willing to respond with the eagerness that Isaiah showed when he answered, "Here I am, send me!"

## 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.**

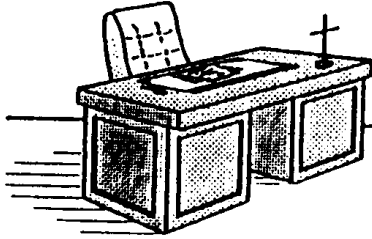
## St. Stephen's Rosary Makers

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.**

## 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.



From the Desk of  
Father Daniel Rocco

Dear Parishioners,

Let me extend the gratitude of St. Stephen Parish for your donation this past Christmas. It will be used wisely. May you and your families enjoy a Blessed 2010.

As a priest, it is edifying to experience the care, sensitivity and support of parishioners like you. Just as St. Paul was overwhelmed by the thought of his Philippian friends, I too give thanks to my God every time I think of you—which is constantly. (Phil 1:3) Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

With a promise of prayer for your intentions, I am  
Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Father Daniel M. Rocco  
Pastor

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**Catholic Relief Services**

If you missed our special collection 2 weeks ago and would like to donate toward relief for Haiti, please visit the website for Catholic Relief Services at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org). If you prefer to donate to Catholic Relief Services by phone, please call (800) 736-3467 between the hours of 8am and 11pm EST. You can also send in a donation by mailing a check to:

**Catholic Relief Services**  
P.O. Box 17090  
Baltimore, MD 21203-7090

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For February 6 & 7, 2009

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

Jesus was enjoying a moment of peace when the crowd “pressed in on Him” ending His quiet moment. Just when we think we can enjoy a peaceful moment at home, there is a demand for our time and presence. Notice Jesus did not get upset. Finding and enjoying time for self and family is an art worth planning and designing.

**Thank You from Father Vince**

Fr. Vincent Orum, A.J., wishes to sincerely thank the many St. Stephen's parishioners who gave him a warm farewell and gifts on his transfer from St. Stephen's to St. Charles Borromeo Church. In addition to gifts to him personally for his own needs, \$1,750.00 was donated to "Friends of Fr. Vincent" toward the construction of St. Luke Chapel in his home town, Giira Village, Uganda, and for that he is very grateful. All members of our parish will always be in his prayers as he continues his priestly ministry."

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**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**

We the Sisters are deeply grateful for your goodness and many kindnesses to us in the **Retirement Fund Collection** and with numerous **Christmas remembrances**. You give from the bottom of your hearts in so many ways. We are proud to be a part of this parish. You are daily in our prayers, and don't forget--God is never outdone in generosity.

Gratefully in St. Joseph,  
Sr. Bernadette, Sr. Rita Sr. Ruthann & Sr. Stella

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**Congratulations Alumni!**

We are pleased to announce that two of our school's alumni, **Luke Modzier & Sara Ziegler, Class of 2006**, have been named **Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars**. Students must achieve a minimum SAT score of 1260 and rank in the Top 10% of the class after junior year. Each scholar receives up to a \$1,000 annual award for college. Camden Catholic High School is proud to have eleven of these scholars.

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**CCHS Class of 2014**

**Registration Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Camden Catholic Cafeteria from 8am – 12 Noon**

Letters of acceptance have already been mailed out from the South Jersey Catholic college prep school according to Richard Crowell, Director of Admissions. Students with any questions regarding admission are encouraged to call the Admissions Office at 856-663-CCHS, ext. 54. Each year about 95% of the students from CCHS enroll in two and four year colleges. Since 1887 the Catholic co-educational college prep school has prepared more students for college than any other high school in South Jersey. Known for its academics, arts and athletics, it has about 850 students from 70 towns and cities in South Jersey.

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**Paul VI presents “Les Miserables”**

This year Paul VI High School will be performing “**Les Miserables**” as its annual musical. Tickets are \$10 each for general admission. Performances are February 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30pm, February 27<sup>th</sup> with a dinner theatre beginning at 5pm, and show beginning at 7:30pm, and February 28<sup>th</sup> matinee at 3pm. March 5<sup>th</sup>, and March 6<sup>th</sup> both beginning at 7:30pm.

To reserve tickets please contact  
Nicole Estrella at [nestrella@pvihs.org](mailto:nestrella@pvihs.org) or  
Sister Diana Higgins at [dhiggins@pvihs.org](mailto:dhiggins@pvihs.org)

# ***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,  
March 12 Children, 3/19 Traditional, 3/26 Mary,

## **Lenten Soup Night**

Friday, February 26, 2010 at 5:45pm

## **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