

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

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## March 14, 2010 – Fourth 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:** 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 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 15, 2010</b> Michael Pietrafesa r/b The North Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 16, 2010</b> Vincent Buondonno r/b Frank Pigliacelli
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 17, 2010</b> Angelina Pennestri (1-year Anniversary) r/b Jim & Janice Rotondo
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>March 18, 2010</b> Claire Holmes r/b Mary Jane Salmonsens
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 19, 2010</b> Dolores Glander r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00am 4:30pm	<b>March 20, 2010</b> Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Mauricio "Freddie" Soriano r/b The McKean Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 21, 2010</b> Theresa Eisenhardt r/b Terry & Joe Scavuzzo & Family Louise Pigliacelli r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
10:30am	Robert Gottschall r/b Jim & Janice Rotondo Evelyn (Pat) DiRenzo r/b Maria & Joe Haas Lawrence McCafferty r/b Amy & Walt Hatley & Sons

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers.***

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>March 6/7, 2010 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>698/ \$7,087</b>
<b>March 7/8, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>552/ \$4,714</b>
<b>March 6/7, 2010 Rice Bowl</b>	<b>\$1,159</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,154</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$5,681</b>

**Next Special Second Collections:**

March 14, 2010: "Catholic Relief"

March 28, 2010: "Star Herald"



**2010 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D**      **\$15,110 (29%)**  
**2010 House of Charity Goal**              **\$52,250**



*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, 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, Sandy Lepo, Katherine Maggioncalda, Vincent Marchese, Marlene Matteo, Harry Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, 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 20/21**

*(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** E. Mattera, K. Sullivan, M. Hobbs

**EM's:** M. Nieves, The Pandola's, The Monaco's

**Lectors:** D. Steinmetz, P. Palazzo

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** Children's Mass / TBA.

**EM's:** S. Marano, R. Davis, S. Mufalli, M. Miller, R. Leone

**Lectors:** J. Bowman, D. Heck

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** H. Atchison, The Fagans

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

**Lectors:** C. Otto, J. Scavuzzo



**In Loving Memory of Vincent L. Buondonno**

*August 5, 1931 – March 3, 2010*

***Bereavement Committee News***

The Bereavement Committee is seeking volunteers to help minister to those who've recently lost loved ones. If you would like to join this ministry, please call **Joy Bowman at (856) 662-4803**. Thank you.

***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.

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

3/15-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Women's Bible Study @ Stonegate, 7pm Pastoral Council, 7pm Confirmation Meeting, 7:30pm YAM  
3/16-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Gospel Reflection  
3/17-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD, 6:45pm CCD Confessions  
3/18-Thursday-9am Mass, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir  
3/19-Friday- 9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross  
3/20-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass, 12pm Chairpersons, 1-4pm Working Retreat, 3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass, 7pm St. Patty Social  
3/21-Sunday-Masses at 9am (Children's Mass) & 10:30am



**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.

**Art & Environment News**

Art & Environment is seeking volunteers to help clean the church in preparation for Holy Week. Parishioners and students looking for service hours will meet on **March 27th after the 9AM Mass**. Please call Maria Haas @856-665-8393 if you plan to attend.

**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.**

**Parish Appreciation Dinner!**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm -? in the School Gym**

Come for an evening of enjoyment and camaraderie in appreciation of the parishioners of St. Stephen's Church and School. **Invitation is open to ANY and ALL adults 21 years of age or older.** There will be dinner, wine and beer available, BYOB at your preference, DJ and dancing. Tickets are \$15 per person OR \$25 per couple. This is not a fundraiser, but a chance for all to meet and celebrate St. Stephen's family. Tickets are available after all weekend Masses in church and at the Rectory and School during the week, now thru April 11<sup>th</sup>.

*One lucky parishioner will go home with an LCD Wide screen TV set!*

**Confirmation Meeting March 15<sup>th</sup>**

All Parents of Confirmation Candidates for the Fall of 2010 will be meeting in the School Cafeteria at 7pm on Monday, March 15, 2010.

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

**NEXT Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 - "Saint 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.**

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"Stewardship Trust"*

**"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (Joshua 5:12b)**

Throughout the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, in our stewardship we will experience life changes, but we can trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

# The Season of Lent



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

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday in Lent @ 7:00pm  
**Stations' Themes:** 3/19 Traditional, 3/26 Mary

**2 more Tuesday Nights of Gospel Reflection**  
March 16 & 23 at 7:30pm following the 7pm Rosary

**Parish Penance Service**  
Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 7pm

**Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm.  
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

**Holy Saturday, April 3, 2010**  
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010**  
Masses: 9:00am & 10:30 am

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*St. Joan of Arc Parish proudly presents*  
**"God's Masterpiece"**

**Friday March 19, Sat. March 20 & Sun. March 21<sup>st</sup> all at 7:30pm at St. Joan of Arc Church located at 100 Willow Bend Road in Marlton.** This Passion play is a dramatic and musical reflection on our Lord's life, death and resurrection. The production features the talents of our WINGS teens along with our adult parishioners. Bring your entire family and friends to this free event as part of your Lenten preparation for Easter.

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Camden Catholic High School presents the musical GREASE. Performance dates are **March 19, 20, 26 & 27 at 7:30pm and March 21 & 28 at 2pm.** Tickets are \$10 and reserved seating is available. For more information visit [www.cchsarts.com](http://www.cchsarts.com).



## The Good News from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Mrs. Powers' third grade class took The Iowa Test for the very first time last week. There were many nervous stomachs in anticipation for the test. Once the tests were complete, everyone felt much better. The students are anxiously waiting to start their Stations of the Cross booklets. The booklets will consist of each station, complete with student interpretation and illustration. Once the booklets are complete they will be on display outside of the third grade classroom.

In Social Studies the students are busy learning about the first settlers of America. They are learning about the Native American tribe, the Powhatan. Pocahontas's father was the chief of this tribe. The students are also learning how Pocahontas helped the settlers survive the brutal winters of the 1600s. Multiplication and division is on our third graders' minds during math class. Using different techniques and memorization, the students are learning to use their tables to answer questions. The students listen to different songs like **Multiplication Rap** and **Multiplication!** to help reinforce the lessons they are working on. Also, different games like Bingo and Dice have been modified to help the students enjoy what they are learning.

Finally, in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, third grade will complete their own illustrations of Dr. Seuss' book, Marvin K. Moone - Will You Please Go Now! Mrs. Schuettrumpf, the art teacher, read the book to the students. They had to listen very carefully to all the words while keeping their eyes closed. After the story was completed, Mrs. Schuettrumpf instructed students to illustrate their favorite part. It looks like Dr. Seuss is going to have a run for his money. Third grade has some very creative minds.

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## Our Lady of Lourdes Wellness Center

**Location: Collingswood, NJ**

Lenten Programs are being offered at the Spirituality Center of Lourdes Wellness Center. For more information, check our parish website:

[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com)  
or call Sr. Ruthann at 856-869-3198.

*Day and evening programs are being offered.*

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## Good Works '10

Good Works '10, sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Joseph, SSJ Associates in Mission, and Chestnut Hill College, invites volunteers (19 years and older) to participate in a weekend of service, **March 26-28, 2010.** Through the SSJ Welcome Center, volunteers will serve our neighbors in the Kensington section of Philadelphia doing home repairs, painting, and cleaning. To participate in Good Works '10, register by March 19, 2010 by contacting:

**Rose Loughery, SSJ**  
9701 Germantown Ave.  
Phila, PA 19118-2694  
215-248-7239

[rlougherv@ssiphila.org](mailto:rlougherv@ssiphila.org)

# SPIRITUAL LIFE BOARD

The Spiritual Life Board met on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at Stonegate. The meeting agenda was to discuss a parish theme for 2010-2011. Two sources were used: Saint Stephen Parish Mission Statement and materials on the life of St. Stephen. After some conversation on the life of St. Stephen, the following themes were suggested:

### General Ideas

- Getting out of ourselves and giving to others:
- Be welcoming to others in and out of church
- Service
- Courage
- Wisdom
- Images: crown; martyr, various names (for St. Stephen)

### Sentence Theme Ideas

- Saint Stephen, a martyr, a person of courage and wisdom.
- How can we imitate Saint Stephen's courage and wisdom?
- Embracing our baptismal call, we, like St. Stephen, are here to serve.

Conclusion: One of the spiritual life board members will design logo samples using the words and images listed above to be used in the parish beginning Advent 2010.

Members Present for the February Meeting: Eileen Heidi, Linda Heininger, John Messina, Terry Modzier, Lois Picknally, Sister Ruthann O'Mara, SSJ (Chair)

Liaison from the Liturgy Board Present: Mary Sue Link

Next Meeting Date: March 25, 2010

Place: Stonegate Conference Room

## *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 at 12 noon March 20<sup>th</sup> in the School Music Room.**

<p><u>Committees</u>  Bereavement  Men's Prayer Group  Nursing Home  Prayer Line    Senior Adult Ministry  Social Ministry/Justice  Vocations  Women's Scripture  Young Adults  Youth Group</p> <p><u>Chairpersons</u>  Joy Bowman  Joe Fagan  M/M Lonnie Monaco  Lois Picknally  Bernice Taylor  Donna Kane  Rick Taylor  John Messina  Eileen Heidi  Ally Meloni  Cindy Pandola</p> <p>The <b>Liturgy and Spiritual Life Boards</b> will also participate in this working retreat:  <u>Liturgy:</u> Marianne Meloni and Mary Sue Link (Chairpersons)  <u>Spiritual Life:</u> Sister Ruthann O'Mara, SSJ (Chairperson)</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Saint Stephen Parish, Pennsauken, NJ --- Organizational Chart</b></p> <p>Trustees of the Parish ----- Pastor of the Parish</p> </div> <pre> graph TD     Root["Trustees of the Parish ----- Pastor of the Parish"]     Root --- Boards     Root --- Councils     Root --- Ministries     Root --- Other     Boards --- B1["Education Board"]     Boards --- B2["Liturgy Board"]     Boards --- B3["Spiritual Life Board"]     Councils --- C1["Finance Council"]     Councils --- C2["Pastoral Council"]     Ministries --- M1["Educational Ministries"]     Ministries --- M2["Liturgical Ministries"]     Ministries --- M3["Pastoral Ministries"]     Other --- O1["Knights of Columbus"]     Other --- O2["Stonegate Senior Residence"]   </pre> <p>Please check our website at <a href="http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com">www.StStephensPennsauken.com</a> for the full size version of our newly created Parish Organizational Charts.</p>
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