

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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March 21, 2010 – Fifth 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.

The 2011 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	March 22, 2010 Richard Edwards r/b The North Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	March 23, 2010 Guy Adami (For Healing) r/b His Sister
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	March 24, 2010 Jean O'Brien r/b The McHugh Family
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	March 25, 2010 Vincent Buondonno r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
FRIDAY 9:00am	March 26, 2010 Thomas "Buddy" Donnelly r/b Shirley Quinton & Family
SATURDAY 9:00am 4:30pm	March 27, 2010 Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Michael Pietrafesa r/b Lucille Pacholski
SUNDAY 9:00am	March 28, 2010 Barbara Fallon r/b Family
10:30am	Louise Pigliacelli r/b Robert Golding Adeline Canalichio r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz Karl Stewart r/b Mom and Family

**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of Barbara Fallon.**

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.

March 13/14, 2010 Attendance/Collection	455/ \$5,294
March 14/15, 2009 Attendance/Collection	694/ \$7,390
March 13/14, 2010 Catholic Relief	\$ 754
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,670

Next Special Second Collection:
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 Pendleton, Rita Picciano, Jean Rooney, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Mary Jo Stedrak, Steven Stepanavage, 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 27/28
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: K. Sullivan, M. Hobbs, M. North
EM's: P. Krohn, T. Scavuzzo, L. Garofalo, S. Eisenhardt, The Heiningers
Lectors: J. Messina, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. DiRico, K. Starts, W. McHugh
EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, J. Rosario, N. Schmidt, T. Modzier
Lectors: The Zieglers

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: R&C Aleszczyk, C. Otto
EM's: T. Veneziani, C. Otto, L. Solano, M. Meloni, T. Link
Lectors: J. Terzini, M. Turan



Congratulations to Sr. Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ, who is being honored by the Township of Pennsauken on Wednesday, March 24th at 5:30PM at the Municipal Building. She is being recognized during "National Women's History Month" for her contributions to St. Stephen Parish and the Community!!

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 Parish

3/22-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Women's Bible Study @ Stonegate, 7pm Liturgy Committee, 7:30pm YAM
3/23-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Gospel Reflection
3/24-Wednesday-9am Mass, No School & CCD, 7pm Penance Service
3/25-Thursday-9am Mass, 11:30am Spiritual Life Meeting, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir
3/26-Friday- 9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross
3/27-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass, 3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass, YAM Movie Night
3/28-Palm Sunday-Masses at 9am & 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 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 1st and 3rd 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.**

First Annual Spring Social!

April 17th 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 11th.

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

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 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.

Attention Altar Servers!

All Altar Servers, above and beyond the 6 who are scheduled, are invited to participate in the processions for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

Jubilate Deo Chorale & Orchestra presents

"He Is Alive!"

Sunday, March 28th at 3:00pm

Paul VI Auditorium, Haddon Twp.

This annual Easter concert will present in a live, dramatic way the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord accompanied by a 60-voice Chorus and full symphonic orchestra. Tickets are priced at \$15, \$25 and \$30 and may be purchased by calling the JDCO office at 856-858-0693. Please consider making this concert part of your Lenten Journey.

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewards Gain Christ"

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (Philippians 3:8b)

Learning through our stewardship to see our material possessions as just so much rubbish, is an important step in growing closer to Jesus Christ. Then we are able to share our time, talent, and treasure more freely and joyfully.

The Season of Lent



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

One more Tuesday Night of Gospel Reflection
March 23rd at 7:30pm following the 7pm Rosary

Parish Penance Service
THIS Wednesday, March 24th at 7pm

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday in Lent @ 7:00pm
Last Stations' Theme: March 26th "Mary"

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010
Normal weekend schedule.

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"

**Sat. March 20 & Sun. March 21<sup>st</sup> both 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 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.



News from the 4th Grade!

As standardized testing came to an end, and the warm weather rolled in, fourth graders took a deep breath of the beautiful air, and enjoyed our latest academic week. We have been working through this season of Lent by making sacrifices and doing good deeds. This week, we split our charity in half and donated to the American Red Cross to support those who suffered in Haiti. The other half of our funds will be given to World Visions in order to feed those living in third world countries. On Wednesday, we celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation together with Fr. Rocco. We have also started creating our Stations of the Cross models at home.

In math, we have been learning about different types of graphs. In science, we have been studying changes to Earth's surface. We started our newest story in reading, Sarah, Plain and Tall, while we finished our grammar chapter on punctuation and capitalization. We are applying our newest SPICE element (Direct Quotations) to our SPICE writing assignment: *A St. Patrick's Day Story*. In social studies, we are currently learning about NJ post American Revolution. We have also received our NJ county cake template, and are excited about research for this year's County Cake Day.

Ps. Our tadpole, Rocky, is still alive, but not yet a frog. We check to make sure he is still moving daily.

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## CCD Classes Update

Please note that there are no CCD classes the next 3 weeks:  
**March 24, March 31 and April 7.**  
Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

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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

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)

## **St. Stephen Parish Finance Council Meeting Wednesday, 3/10/10**

In Attendance: Fr. Daniel Rocco (Pastor), Joe Haas (Pastoral Council President), Keith Knight, Lonnie Monaco/Craig Otto (Trustees)

Father Rocco opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:05 PM.

Old Business: New windows have been installed on the first and second floors of the Rectory, replacing the original ones. The capital expense item of \$9,200 noted at last month's meeting reflected payment for the second floor windows and a down payment for the first floor windows. The \$15,960 item payable to the school represents the balance due from the parish for installation of the new kitchen fire suppression system and replacement of stalls in four school bathrooms. The work was done during the summer of 2009.

St. Stephen Convent: Father Rocco asked Keith Knight to take the lead for a thorough analysis of the long-term use of the convent by the parish (i.e. looking ahead five to ten years).

Lonnie Monaco reported on a review of the current condition of the convent:

- In general, the exterior is in good condition with no major repairs estimated to be needed for five to seven years.
- A total of 14 of the 25 convent windows have been replaced. Estimated cost for replacing the remaining windows is \$3,570.
- There was a problem with the roof caused by snow.
- Several air conditioners need to be replaced.
- Miscellaneous plumbing and electrical repairs are needed. Ray Costner is obtaining cost estimates.
- There is a need for additional parking spaces.

School Budget: Father Rocco provided copies of the budget for the 2010/2011 school year. Total expenses projected for the year are lower than was the case for the 2009/2010 school budget, despite mandated increases for items such as health insurance. The new budget calls for a smaller parish subsidy of \$99,000 than was included in the current school year budget. The 2010/2011 school year budget includes funds to hire a staff person to work on development (e.g., enrollment management and fund raising).

Maintenance Advisory Board: Father Rocco announced the formation of a Parish and School Maintenance Advisory Board. Its mandate is to advise to the Pastor regarding the maintenance and repair needs of both parish and school. Advisory board members are as follows: Lonnie Monaco (Trustee/Finance Council); Ray Costner (parish maintenance); Rita Vogt (School Board); and Bill Jordan (school maintenance).

Fundraising: St. Stephen plans to start a scrip program as a major ongoing parish fundraiser. Katy Fagan heads a planning committee working on this project. Income from the scrip program will be used by the parish to help pay our school subsidy. Thus, both parish and school will benefit. Scrip will be available for pickup after weekend Masses, at the rectory and thru the school's weekly brown envelope. Scrip will be sold for local markets, such as Acme, Pathmark and Shoprite, as well as other local retailers (e.g., CVS and Dunkin Donuts). In addition, scrip for many other national retailers will be made available via a national scrip clearinghouse (Great Lakes Scrip). More information about the scrip program will be provided to parishioners and school families in the near future.

Father Rocco was approached by TD Bank about having the parish join their Affinity Membership Program (a fund raising activity). Craig Otto will investigate and report back to the council.

A parishioner has suggested that the parish look into cell phone recycling as a fund raising activity. In light of the current emphasis on getting the scrip program started as a major parish fundraising activity, it was suggested that we should ask the PTA whether they might be interested in the cell phone recycling concept.

A question was raised about PTA fund raising. After the meeting, a summary of PTA fund raising activities during the 2008/2009 school year was provided to council members. Many thanks to the PTA members and to parishioners and school families who supported the PTA fundraisers which contributed over \$30,000 to the school last year! An update on current school year fundraising has been requested from the PTA.

Yard Sale Profit: A question was raised about what happened to the profits from the yard sale. Craig Otto will investigate and report back to the council.

Spring Social: Joe Haas reported that the First Annual Spring Social is scheduled for Saturday, April 17. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. H&H will cater the dinner which will include a buffet, as well as wine and beer. A flat-screen TV will be offered as a door prize. The Pastoral Council is sponsoring this evening of good food and fellowship.

Bonuses: A question was raised concerning staff bonuses. Discussion of this item was put off until a future council meeting.

The next regular monthly Finance Council meeting will be held on Wed., 4/14/10 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory basement meeting room.

Father Rocco closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:15 PM.

Please direct any questions about these notes to Craig Otto at [ottocp@comcast.net](mailto:ottocp@comcast.net) or 856-663-4955.

Respectfully submitted, Craig Otto - 3/12/10