

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel Rocco, Pastor
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence
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Parish Contact Information

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March 7, 2010 – Third 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 9:00am	March 8, 2010 Msgr. Charles P. Barth r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY 9:00am	March 9, 2010 John Cafagna r/b Wil Adames
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	March 10, 2010 Lawrence McCafferty r/b The Holmes Family
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	March 11, 2010 Mary Laxton r/b Shirley Quinton
FRIDAY 9:00am	March 12, 2010 Claire Holmes r/b The North Family
SATURDAY 9:00am 4:30pm	March 13, 2010 Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Evelyn Mary DiRenzo r/b Lenora & Frank Annibale
SUNDAY 9:00am	March 14, 2010 Mary Ellen Gerst r/b Michael Gerst & Kyungsook Choi Edward Karnish r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
10:30am	Jean Cliver r/b Mary Jane & Andy Salmonsens Louise Pigliacelli r/b Marie Kaminski Elena Melfi r/b Fanny DiBenedetto

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
 Memory of Msgr. Joseph F. O'Connell.***

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. 27/28, 2010 Attendance/Collection	522/ \$5,544
Feb. 28/1, 2009 Attendance/Collection	594/ \$6,313
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,641

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collections:

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



2010 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D \$ 9,195 (18%)
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, Katherine Maggioncalda, Vincent Marchese, Marlene Matteo, Harry Mayer, 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, 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 13/14
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: K. Hulsey, K. North, T. Mason
EM's: S. Eisenhardt, Sr. Eleanora, P. Antonelli, The Heiningers
Lectors: L. Heiningger, P. Tryson

Sunday, 9:00am

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

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Coars
EM's: C. Otto, J. Messina, M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: M. Turan, K. Jakubowski



In Loving Memory of Dolores M. Glander
April 27, 1931 – February 24, 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

3/8-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Women's Bible Study @ Stonegate
3/9-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Gospel Reflection
3/10-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD, 7:30pm Finance Council
3/11-Thursday-9am Mass, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir
3/12-Friday- 9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross
3/13-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass (Knights' Membership Drive)
3/14-2:00am Clocks Spring Forward One Hour
Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am (Knights' Membership Drive)

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 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 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.**

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**.

Our PTA's St. Patty Social!
Saturday, March 20th from 7-11pm in the Gym



Tickets are \$20 per person.

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

There's Snow Business like Snow Business!



Many thanks to the hard-working snow removal crews who have cleared the 80+ inches of record-setting snow this winter season:

Bill Jordan, Ray Costner, Chris Costner, Joey Scavuzzo and all the other "snow elves" that have contributed in keeping us all safe.

13 days to Spring. 28 days to Easter. 106 days to Summer!

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 20th

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 20th 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)

The Season of Lent



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

Woman at the Well Presentation: Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 1pm

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday in Lent @ 7:00pm

Stations' Themes: 3/12 Children, 3/19 Traditional, 3/26 Mary

3 Tuesday Nights of Gospel Reflection

March 9, 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



Please keep the following students, who received the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** on February 27th, in your prayers as they prepare for First Communion in April.

Nathaniel Arroliga
Christopher Buondonno
Michael Cellucci
Brooke Cornforth
Josephine Galante
Lucas Huntington
Waylon Kelleher
Joseph Leyman
Angela Nicdao
Darren Parker
Ashley Rubio
Michael Schmid
Joselyn Smith
Ciara Yambo

Skylar Bocchicchio
Matthew Cellucci
Katherine Coar
Carly Flynn
Kayleigh Heck
Quinn Keenan
Madison Leary
Zamarin Marlin
Sierra Osorio
Isabelle Rosario
Juliet Schlump
William Schweiker
Peter Stemetzki

We wish to thank Father Rocco, Father Coffee, their teachers and all who helped make this day so special for our students.



Second Grade News!

Second grade is bustling this week. We have been busily preparing for our First Penance and Reconciliation. We are looking forward to celebrating it on Saturday, February 27th. We are nervous and excited to participate in this very special sacrament. In Religion class we have been preparing for Reconciliation and talking about Lent. We are learning that we need to prepare for Easter just like we need to prepare to receive the sacraments.

In Math class we are working on double-digit subtraction with regrouping. This has been a challenge for us. But, we are rising to the challenge and finally getting the hang of it! We are starting a new unit in Science about matter. In Writing we are learning that describing words called adjectives make sentences more exciting and fun!

In Reading we read a new story titled *How I Spent My Summer Vacation*. The story is making us think of how we would like to spend our upcoming summer vacation. We can't believe that we are more than halfway through this very special year! This month is Black History Month and we have been learning about some very important people in history named Martin Luther King, Ruby Bridges, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, and President Barack Obama. We are anxiously waiting to celebrate our next sacrament of First Holy Communion in April.

Alumni Recognition!

Congratulations to St. Stephen School Alumni **Paul Catrino (grade 11) & Richard McKean (grade 12)** who have received either 1st or 2nd Honors at Paul VI High School for the past semester!

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.

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
rloughery@ssjphila.org

Saint Stephen Parish Community
Liturgy Committee Meeting ~ February 22, 2010 Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Liturgy Committee was called to order by Mary Ann Meloni at 7:00 P.M. The session began with a prayer.

ATTENDANCE: Fr. Rocco, Sr. Bernadette, Mary Ann Meloni, Terry Scavuzzo, Pam Palazzo, Nancy Werner-Kaiser, John Messina, Keith Knight, Joe Scavuzzo, Maria Haas, Adeline Gramlich, Maryann Bufanio, MarySue Link [absent: Deacon Ernie Picknally, Dennis Rooney]

BUSINESS:

- Mary Ann reviewed the remaining stations and the themes for each, as is listed in the Lenten Pamphlet. She urged people to come to the Wed. (2/24) prayer service because it was not well publicized. The choir will sing for the Prayer Service, Peace, and Mary's Stations. Sr. will play for the Older Adult stations and the choir. Children will sing for the Children's Stations. Father said the ambo may be used for these readings and the Seniors may use the lectern in the choir area.
- Lenten Soup Night has been changed to March 5th because the school needed the kitchen on Feb. 26th.
- Although Fr. will discuss Holy Week, it was agreed that there will be a procession of palms at the 10:30 Mass on Palm Sunday.
- Mary Ann sent letters inviting people to participate in the Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet and is receiving responses.
- Mary Ann asked Father if he could start supporting services from the "pulpit" in order to motivate the congregation, and he agreed. Several of the committee believes that most of the bulletin is unread. MarySue asked that the rectory/school get all email address of the parishioners so that email blasts can be sent to promote activities.
- Mary Ann has begun to compile all music that is not in the *Gather* hymnal into a booklet, which will remain in the pews. She thanked Maryann Bufanio for getting all the originals finished.

FATHER ROCCO:

- ❖ Father passed on a letter from the wood carpenters from Bethlehem, who would like to showcase their work. He also read a letter from Fr. Collozzi regarding a possible 7:00 P.M. Mass for Youth on Sundays. There were many variables and Fr. Rocco will present them to Fr. C.
- ❖ Father began an explanation of the Holy Week services:
 - The RCIA scrutinies have begun, and they will continue at the 9:00 Mass on March 7th, 14th, 21st, and Palm Sunday. They will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Fr. will explain to the congregation what is occurring.
 - The outside cross will be set up, but the ground has been too hard. The cloth colors will go from purple during Lent, to red for Good Fri., and white for Easter.
 - Holy Thursday: Gloria is sung. Washing of the Feet – will try to do on the altar so everyone can see (we will measure the area for seating.) There will be a special collection for the poor and the youth are being trained to do the collecting.
 - Father would like to see the Repository moved to a new location – possibly in the school – to allow more room for Adoration. There would be a procession of the congregation to the new location after the Mass.
 - Good Friday: the reading of the psalms will occur between noon and 2:45. All readers have been assigned their time slot. Fr. asked how the Adoration of the Cross had been done, and he will review procedures with all involved. The large cross on the altar will be covered after Holy Thursday until Holy Saturday.
 - Easter Vigil: the lighting of the new fire will take place outdoors in the circle, and the congregation will be there. All candles will be lit and the people will process into church. Fr. wants 6 readings all except Ezekiel. The readings will take place in the dark (w/small lights for readers) and Baruch will be proclaimed from the rear of the church. The RCIA candidates will be in the back of the church and will come forward at the time of the Baptism. They will also bring up the gifts. Fr. will have a rehearsal of all those involved with this service on Holy Saturday at 9:00am

Chair Reports:

- Altar Servers: John will invite all servers to participate in Holy Week.
- Arts and Environment: Maria will meet with her committee to make preparations for Holy Week.
- Eucharistic Ministers: Terry will keep scheduling 5 for each Mass to cover for anyone who is absent. She will email all about Holy Week.
- Music: Nancy will work with musicians and singers for all services. The choir will also be at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. Sr. Bernadette and Dennis will cover the 9:00.
- School Liaison: Adeline announced that First Reconciliation will take place Sat., Feb. 27th, with practice on Wed. at 6:00. She said that the Children's Mass on Feb. 21st was not well attended.
- Lectors: Pam will assign lectors for Holy Week. Wants to revise our training program.
- Ushers: Keith said new bulletin board is being used.
- Youth Music: Joe will collect application forms and assemble the new group for practices. He also announced that Pastoral Council will hold Appreciation Night on April 17th. He wants our committee to prepare a prayer for that night.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 9:15. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 22nd.

Respectfully submitted by MarySue Link