

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel Rocco, Pastor
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April 11, 2010 – Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

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.

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	April 12, 2010 Vincent Buondonno r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 13, 2010 Communion Service
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 14, 2010 Communion Service
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	April 15, 2010 Communion Service
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 16, 2010 Bill Buffington (1-year Anniversary) r/b Wife Lucille & Family
SATURDAY 9:00am	April 17, 2010 Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
(NOTE: Saturday April 24th will be the last 9am Saturday Mass) 4:30pm	Lucretia Paolino r/b Loving Daughters Marie & Theresa
SUNDAY 9:00am	April 18, 2010 John T. Leahy r/b Family
10:30am	Bill Buffington r/b Mrs. Pat Higgins and the Staff & Students of St. Stephen School Louise Marie Pigliacelli r/b Al & Fil Catalani Michael Pietrafesa r/b Mrs. Pat Higgins and the Staff & Students of St. Stephen School

**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of Louise Cirullo.**

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.

Easter, 2010 Collection	\$15,370
Easter, 2009 Collection	\$14,646
March 27/28, 2010 Star Herald Collection	\$1,344
March 27/28, 2010 Attendance/Collection	710/ \$5,535
March 28/29, 2009 Attendance/Collection	568/ \$4,876
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,666

Next Diocesan Second Collection:

April 25, 2010: "Catholic Home Missions"

2010 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D	\$22,430 (43%)
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 Alessandroni, Dolly Angelastro, Evelyn Capocetta, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Thomas Holmes Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, 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 Pendtleton, 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, Helen Villanueva, Anthony Vocale, John Von Alex, Rita Weingard, Jean Wenstrom.

Ministry Schedule for April 17/18

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: K. Hulsey, E. Mattera, K. Sullivan
EM's: L. Garofalo, P. Antonelli, P. Krohn, The Heiningers
Lectors: R. Taylor, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Children's Mass, TBA.
EM's: S. Marano, J. Rosario, T. Modzier, The Sapienza's
Lectors: D. Heck, J. Bowman

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Bowmans, N. Hughes
EM's: C. Otto, W. Delfin, L. Solano, T. Mattera, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, M. Turan

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

4/12-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Women's Bible Study @ Stonegate, 7pm RCIA, 7:30pm YAM
4/13-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
4/14-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD, 7pm Pastoral Council
4/15-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir
4/16-Friday-9am Mass
4/17-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass, 3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass, 7:30pm Spring Social
4/18-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 heidese@comcast.net for further info.

Art & Environment News

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.

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.**

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 Diane @ 308-8224 for April 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, is 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.**

Sr. B on Pennsauken TV!

Pennsauken TV Channel 19 is currently broadcasting, now thru April 16th, **Sr. Bernadette's** March 24th award presentation at the following times: **10am, 4pm, 7pm and 1am daily.**

Church Clean-up Day Thanks!

Our heartfelt thanks to the parishioners below who worked hard in beautifying our church before Holy Week. Your efforts are much appreciated!

Maryann Bufanio, Lucille Buffington, Rose Davis, Sr. Eleanora Faiola, Catherine Flacco, Maria Haas, Ann Knight, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, Gabriel Mattia, Mary McCarthy, Cecilia McGonigle, Liz McHugh, Mary Ann Meloni, Mary Sharon Monaco and Terry Scavuzzo.

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 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:

April 12 - Scripture - John 21:1-19

April 24 - Movie Night - "The Shawshank Redemption" (Not held at the rectory, location TBD)

April 26 - Saint Presentation - St. Faustina

May 22 - Movie Night - "The Miracle of Fatima" (Not held at the rectory, location TBD)

Please contact Rose at 856.663.9342 for more information.

Calling All Bulbs & Plants!

Please don't discard your Easter plants—we'll re-plant them on our church grounds! All plants may be dropped off at the rectory from 9am-4:30pm Monday thru Friday.



Advanced Directives: Power and Peace

They say that there are only two sure things in life: death and taxes. April 15th is fast approaching with the tax deadline, and April 16th is National Healthcare Decisions Day. Most Americans do not have an advanced directive for their medical care or a medical power of attorney so that someone can make decisions for them if they are unable. Having both of these is a great gift to yourself and to your family. **Please join us at Christ our Light, 402 N. Kings Highway, Cherry Hill on Sunday, April 18th from 2-4 pm in the auditorium at Resurrection School for an entire program on advanced planning.** The program includes presentations on advanced directives from legal and medical standpoints, Catholic funeral practices and funeral options. The program is free and open to anyone, but reservations are required so we have enough documents and refreshments on hand for everyone. To reserve your place, please call the parish office at 856-667-2440 x. 327 or reply by e-mail to parishoffice@christourlight.net.

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Energy Bill Assistance

Are you and your family being squeezed by these tough economic times? The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and New Jersey SHARES programs can help with your energy bill. To find out which of these programs will best meet your needs, call **1-800-510-3102** Monday thru Saturday, or visit www.pseg.com/help to learn more and where to apply.

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### ***Italy Pilgrimage!***

Visiting

**Venice, Florence, Assisi & Rome**

Hosted by Fr. Ronald Falotico of St. Joe's in Hammonton

11 days: October 27<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

\$2,499 from Philadelphia

For more information call (856) 340-1427

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### **Information Sessions**

**Thursday, April 15 at 7 PM**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Absecon (Parish Hall)**

**Wednesday, April 28 at 7 PM**

**Holy Saviour, Westmont (McDaid Hall)**

#### **• Local classes offered by:**

- † Georgian Court University
- † College of St. Elizabeth
- † Neumann University
- † Center for Ministry Development
- † Northeast Hispanic Pastoral Center
- † University of Dayton
- † St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

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- † Youth Ministry † Faith Formation † Adult Faith Formation
- † Parish Life † Parish Administration † Young Adult Ministry
- † Pastoral Ministry † Liturgy † Hispanic Ministerial Leadership
- † Ministry to African-American Catholics. For more information, contact Kevin Connor or Nicole Hasson at 856.583.6123 or [nhasson@camdendiocese.org](mailto:nhasson@camdendiocese.org)

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Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/10 through 12/31/10) you are celebrating your 25th Wedding Anniversary, 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more than 50 years of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **Sunday, April 25, 2010, at 3:00 pm** Mass (light reception following) at St. Agnes Parish, 701 Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012. Please call 856-583-6164 for further information.

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### ***Engaged Encounter Weekend***

Planning to marry in the next year and need to register for a Marriage Preparation program? Consider an **Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The next weekend is **May 14-16, 2010** at the St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center in Blackwood. To learn more about Engaged Encounter Weekends, go to [www.engagedencounter.org](http://www.engagedencounter.org). To register for a weekend, go to the Diocesan web site [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org), or call Marie Rosney at 856-583-6164.

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Catholic Home Missions Appeal

This year, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal turns its focus to youth ministry, an essential component of the life and vibrancy of the Church. In youth ministry programs, young Catholics grow in faith and gain valuable leadership skills. Without this Appeal, poorer dioceses in the United States cannot sustain vital youth programs. **On April 25th we will take up a collection for this Appeal.** Please be generous and help strengthen the Church at home.

Spiritual Life Board Meeting: March 25, 2010 - Parish Report

The Spiritual Life Board held its March Meeting at the Stonegate Conference Room on Thursday, March 25, 2010. The following points were discussed and will continue on the April Meeting Agenda:

- **Pastoral Ministries Working Retreat, Saturday, March 20, 2010**
Parish Logo and Theme for 2010-2011 was shared with the committees' long-range planning session. Questions for discussion: Was the Parish Logo and Theme a finished design? Could the parish have more information on an Icon? More information forthcoming.
Clarification: Father Rocco asked the Spiritual Life Board to assume the task of designing a parish logo and theme (Refer to the parish website for Description of Parish Ministries .). The parish logo and theme are "in process".

- **St. Stephen Parish Ministry Flowchart in the March 14, Sunday Bulletin**
Question for Discussion: Does the Flowchart connect to the Spiritual Life Board?
Clarification: The Flowchart is simply a visual, organized design of the existing Pastoral Ministries List of St. Stephen's Parish. There was a note at the bottom of the flowchart to refer to the parish website for the full list of pastoral ministries. (The list is posted on the website.)

- **Program Planning for Advent 2010 and Lent 2011**
Potential ideas for spirituality programs next Advent and Lent were generated and discussed. Committee members will research some of the possibilities for further information. Discussion will continue at the April Meeting.

Persons attending the Spiritual Life Board Meeting in March: John Messina, Terry Modzier, Liz McHugh, Eileen Heidi, Mary Sue Link (pro tem liaison for Liturgy) and Sr. Ruthann, Chair.

St. Stephen Parish Ministries Working Retreat: March 20, 2010 - Parish Report

The Parish Ministries Working Retreat began on Saturday afternoon, March 20th with a Prayer Service and Faith sharing Session. The theme for the Prayer Service was "Discipleship" and the Faith sharing question: What motivates your ministry to the people of St. Stephen's Parish?
Why do you do what you do in pastoral ministry?

Following the small group sharing, the eleven (11) committees present discussed and outlined a long-range Action Plan for 2010-2011. According to the Feedback information, there was ample time for the committees to design their focus for next year.

Father Rocco encouraged the groups to continue to center their energy on the ways that they can make the spirit of Saint Stephen visible in the parish. He also encouraged members to invite other parishioners to join with them in pastoral ministry so that the committees would continue to grow and expand over the next year.

After the pastoral ministry committees shared their Action Plans with the entire group, the working retreat closed with prayer being mindful that we are called to be disciples of the Lord.