

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel Rocco, Pastor  
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## Parish Contact Information

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## April 18, 2010 – The Third Sunday of Easter

### Mass Schedule

**Daily:** Monday thru Friday – 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.

**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".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>April 19, 2010</b> Dolores Glander r/b Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>April 20, 2010</b> Lavinia Orsi r/b Rev. Daniel M. Rocco
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>April 21, 2010</b> Msgr. Charles Barth r/b The Meyer Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>April 22, 2010</b> Francesco Saverio (Saver) Muscat r/b Rev. Daniel M. Rocco
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>April 23, 2010</b> Vincent L. Buondonno r/b Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>April 24, 2010</b> Elena Melfi r/b Janis Melfi and Lynne & Nick Vigilante
<b>(NOTE: <u>Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> will be the last 9am Saturday Mass</u>)</b>	
SAT 4:30pm	Helen & Harry Selser r/b Sr. Ann Thomas, SSJ
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>April 25, 2010</b> Louise Pigiaccelli r/b Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer
10:30am	Mauricio Soriano r/b The Faculty & Students of St. Stephen School Patricia Sweeney r/b Louise D'Alessandro Elena Melfi r/b Anna Bond

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
In Memory of Irene Wildes.***

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.

April 10/11, 2010 Attendance/Collection	562/ \$7,089
April 11/12, 2009 Attendance/Collection	(Easter)
Easter, 2010 Collection (updated, still coming in)	\$20,849
Easter, 2009 Collection	\$14,646
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,702

Next Diocesan Second Collection:  
**April 25, 2010: "Catholic Home Missions"**

***Youth Group Meeting!***  
**Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm in the Rectory**  
**All youth grades 6-12 are invited!**



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 24/25**  
*(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** E. Mattera, T. Mason, M. Hobbs  
**EM's:** P. Petronis, T. Angstman, T. Veneziani, The Klecko's  
**Lectors:** P. Krohn, J. Messina

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** M. DiRico, K. Starts, C. Hearn  
**EM's:** S. Marano, L. Rosario, S. Mufalli, R. Davis, N. Schmidt  
**Lectors:** The Zieglers

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** H. Atchison, C & R Aleszczyk  
**EM's:** L. Picknally, M. Meloni, J. Messina, The Fagans  
**Lectors:** C. Otto, K. Jakubowski

***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**

4/19-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Women's Bible Study, 7pm RCIA  
4/20-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
4/21-Wednesday-9am Mass, **6pm First Communion Practice**,  
6:30pm CCD, **7pm Finance Council**  
4/22-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, **11:30am Spiritual Life Board**,  
6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir  
4/23-Friday-9am Mass  
4/24-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass, **11am First Communion**, 3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass, **YAM Movie Night**  
4/25-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](mailto: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 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.**

**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.**



**HOUSE OF CHARITY**  
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**2010 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D \$32,800 (69%)**

**2010 House of Charity Goal \$52,250**

Let a gift to the House of Charity allow the fire of love to grow in you. Your donation helps ensure that vital programs continue, which not only give financial support but also teaches others how to improve their difficult situations and become more independent. **Thank you to all who have given so generously thus far this year. If you have not pledged as yet, extra pledge cards are available in the lobby of our church.**

**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:**

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.**

**In Appreciation**

*We would like to recognize the following parishioners for their contributions toward our Holy Week liturgies and activities:*

**Mary McCarthy, Many Ann Meloni, Barbara Meidt, Carol Girardi, Ceil McGonigle, Sister Bernadette, Eileen & Joe Ziegler, Rick Taylor, Joey Scavuzzo, Joe Haas, Joe Fagan, Ray & Chris Costner, and Keith Knight.**

**PTA Flower Sale & Friendly's Night!**

**PTA Flower Sale is ongoing now until April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

See today's bulletin insert for order form and details.

**The PTA's Friendly's Fundraiser**, Route 130 in Cinnaminson, will be held on **Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-9pm.**

Come out for some delicious food and fellowship while supporting St. Stephen School!

Contact Jeanette Huntington at 856-520-1202 for more info.

**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

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:parishoffice@christourlight.net).

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When someone becomes seriously ill, it can be difficult to know what type of care is best...or where to turn for help.

Vitas Innovative Hospice Care has been ministering to families since 1978 and our services are available 24/7. Our name comes from the Latin word for lives. Our goal is to do everything we can to improve the quality of life for our patients and their loved ones with our specially trained nurses, social workers, physicians and home health aides.

#### Quality, Compassionate Care at the End of Life.

For further information: 1-800-93VITAS

[www.VITAS.com](http://www.VITAS.com)

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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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### 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

## LAY MINISTRY FORMATION DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

### Next Information Session

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

• In-class and on-line courses that lead to a graduate or undergraduate degree, ministry certificate at SIGNIFICANTLY reduced tuition costs

#### Areas of concentration:

- † 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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### CALLING ALL CREATIVE SPIRITS

Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Mary by the Sea, Cape May Point, NJ, the Sisters of Saint Joseph are inviting painters, poets, writers and photographers to a creative art weekend, June 4-6, 2010.

The "Lifting the Creative Spirit: Tapping the Artist Within" weekend will offer a variety of workshops including drawing, photography, gouache, watercolor, figure drawing, collage, and creative writing/ poetry for both beginner and intermediate levels. All the presenters are professional artists. The weekend will integrate prayer, reflection and workshops to nourish your creative spirit. What makes this experience even more unique is the chance to work with models attired in Victorian Dress and some Sisters in their original habits.

Space will be limited. You may attend the entire weekend or come just for the day. If you would like more information or a brochure, please e-mail [celestemssi@Msn.com](mailto:celestemssi@Msn.com) or call (609) 923-3112.

# *Office of the Bishop*

## *Diocese of Camden*

April 2010

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** will be taken up in parishes of the Diocese of Camden on **April 24-25**.

The Appeal was created in 1998 to assist and support the pastoral needs of U.S. mission dioceses and U.S. mission territories. The Appeal funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization activities, religious education, ministry training and support of poor parishes across the country. Over 93 cents of every dollar donated to the Appeal goes out to the missions.

Currently, about 95 dioceses and U.S. territories rely on the grants made available through the Appeal, and last year alone, more than 300 different programs were funded. Having been devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Diocese of Biloxi, for example, was one of five dioceses that received a total of \$3 million in emergency funds. Ten churches received major damage from wind and flooding; six schools were destroyed and another four received major damage. As the rebuilding continues, Catholic Home Missions is determined to assist fellow Catholics in need.

With gratitude for your past support of the Home Missions Appeal, I invite you again this year to do what you can to assist Catholic communities in areas of the country where the need is especially great.

May God continue to guide you and bless you.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Galante". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante, D.D., J.C.D.  
Bishop of Camden