

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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April 19, 2009 – Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm

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

Seasonal Services are announced in bulletin.

Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist

Call Rectory if someone is sick or housebound.

Marriage – arrangements must be made with a priest.

Only individually registered parishioners of one year or more are eligible to be married here. This includes anyone still living at home with parents who should register individually.

Rectory Office 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.

MONDAY 9:00am	April 20, 2009
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 21, 2009
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 22, 2009
THURSDAY 9:00am	April 23, 2009 (Novena to follow) Arnold Black r/b The Fagan Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 24, 2009 Marion Camarota r/b Diocese of Camden Housing Services Corporation
SATURDAY 9:00am 11:00am 4:30pm	April 25, 2009 (9 & 11am First Communion Masses) Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Carolyn Clift Diorio r/b Madison Miller Joseph Siano r/b Lucy DiBenedetto Paul P. McCarthy, Sr. r/b Mrs. Petronis & Family
SUNDAY 9:00am 10:30am	April 26, 2009 Angela Fleck r/b Daughter Kathy Theresa Eisenhardt r/b Family Arnold Black r/b Barbara Brown Holtz Frances Shea (1 st Anniversary) r/b Walter Shea

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
Memory of Marion Kaminski.***

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 Collection, 2009 (<i>thus far, in the mail daily</i>)	\$13,608
Easter Collection, 2008	\$15,136
Easter Flowers 2009	\$1,537
April 4/5, 2009 Attendance/Collection	684 / \$7,867
April 5/6, 2008 Attendance/Collection	566 / \$8,019
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$6,923
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,735
2009 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D	\$18,595 (34%)
2009 House of Charity Goal	\$55,000

Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish is providing **Electronic Giving, or eGiving**, as a simple, secure and convenient method for making contributions. The eGiving option is being used by churches throughout the country and works similar to online bill paying. You may logon to www.StStephensPennsauken.com to set up your account.



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 Alessandrone, Dolly Angelastro, Patricia Booth, Marion Borreggine, Bill Buffington, Vincent Buondonno, Dominic Caruso, Dorothy Coyle, Marge Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Jessie Dixon, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, John Heining, Jr., Jean Heller, Thomas Holmes, Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Donna Krawchuk, Robert Leone, Nancy Loperfido, Vincent Marchese, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Rita Picciano, Leonard Rebilas, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Mary Jo Stedrak, Emilio Terzini, Julian Terzini, Mary Terzini, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Anthony Vocale, Jean Wenstrom.

Ministry Schedule for April 25/26

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. DiRico, R. Garofalo, K. Hulsey
EM's: P. Petronis, T. Angstman, T. Veneziani, The Klecko's
Lectors: The McKenna's

Sunday, 9:00am

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

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Coars
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, J. Messina, The Fagans
Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, C. Otto

Next Special 2nd Collection: April 26, 2009 – "Home Mission"

Opportunities for Unemployed Parishioners

If you are currently unemployed during these difficult times, we have earning opportunities at St. Stephen's in the areas of maintenance and grounds. Please call the rectory at 662-9338 if you are interested.

Stewardship Reflection

Stewards Give Back

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possession was his own, but they had everything in common." (Acts 4:32)

Stewardship calls us to recognize, just as the early Christians did, that none of our possessions is our own. All that we have – our health, our education, our skills, our talents, and our livelihood – are gifts from God. How do we give back of our time, talent and treasure to God?

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, April 19th from 9am-1pm in St. Cecilia's Gym
Adults are \$6, Children are \$3, pay at the door.

St. Vincent de Paul Helpline (856) 581-7980

This Week @ St. Stephen's

4/20-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA
 4/21-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm PTA
 4/22-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
 4/23-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15 Youth Music, 7:15 Choir
 4/24-Friday-9am Mass
 4/25-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, **9am/11am 1st Communion**,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass, 6:30pm YAM Movie
 4/26-Sunday-Masses: 9am & 10:30am

Youth Group Meeting April 19th

6-7:30pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room
 8th – 12th graders welcome, bring a friend!

Altar Flower Donations

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass, please contact Maria Haas @ 665-8393.

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

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 Prayer Line

The Prayer Line belongs to you.

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place. **Contact Connie @ 662-3819 for April requests.**

St. Stephen's Rosary Makers

Meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday @ 7pm at Stonegate.

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.**

Crocheters/Knitters

Crocheted or knitted squares (7" wide x 9" long) are needed for the ongoing **"Warm-up America"** program.

The squares are joined to make afghans that are given to various charitable organizations--Ronald McDonald House, Shelters, Crossroads, and the Military Support Group of New Jersey and Pennsylvania for our enlisted personnel at medical sites overseas and stateside.

For more information, call Betty McWilliams @ 665-3202.

St. Stephen's

Young Adult Ministry, ages 21-40

The Young Adult Faith & Film Series

Saturday Nights at 6:30, location to be determined

Upcoming Presentations include:

April 25th - The Bucket List

May 23rd - A Time for Miracles: Story of Mother Seton

The evening will include dinner and a short discussion period following the film.

Please call JD at 856.316.2598 for information.

YOUNG ADULT INVITATION

Many young adults (18-40) are looking for ways to make the world a better place. Often, they find themselves looking for jobs with meaning, relationships that challenge them, or they may just want to continue the kind of faith community they encountered while in college or high school—liturgically uplifting, service oriented, welcoming, and seeking faith-based justice in the world.

I am writing to personally invite you to prayerfully consider being a part of a small faith-sharing group of Young Adults whose focus will be talking about and doing faith-based social justice work. This group will be different from other Young Adult groups in that it will specifically focus on justice issues.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE PART IN!
mikey@romero-center.org or 856-964-9777

St. Stephen's RCIA Ministry



Have you been worshiping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been away from the church...and have now returned, but want to know more?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism; Confirmation; and Eucharist?

Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you in your journey! Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions, perhaps you should extend an invitation to them!

Please contact Father Vincent Orum at (856) 662-9338 or Loretta Steinmetz, RCIA Team Leader at (856) 227-4627 for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

GIANT YARD SALE III

This year's Giant Yard Sale will be on October 3, 2009. We are again seeking whatever things you don't want that have any value, except that we cannot take any clothing or toys. If you want to volunteer to help or have things to donate, please call 482-6882 or 662-9338.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If this year, (January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009) you are celebrating your 25th Wedding Anniversary, 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more than 50 years of marriage, please join us on:

Sunday, May 17, 2009 with 3:00 pm Mass
(light reception following)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
591 New Jersey Avenue, Absecon

Please call 856-583-6118 for further information.

Lay Ministry Information Sessions

Monday, April 20th @ 7pm
St. Peter Celestine, Cherry Hill

Sunday, April 26th @ 1:30pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Absecon

The purpose of these sessions is to disseminate specific comprehensive information regarding the program and to allow attendees to speak directly to representatives from the academic institutions who are offering these courses that can be a very powerful and profound long-term formation experience. **Areas of concentration: Youth & Young Adults, Religious Education, Parish Life & Administration, Charity & Justice, Hispanic & African-American Ministries.** For more information, call Kevin Connor at (856) 583-6122.

5th Annual "Golf at the Beach"

Join us for the 5th annual *Golf at the Beach* to benefit the retired Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, PA to be held at the Seaview Marriott Resort & Spa in Galloway, NJ on Monday, May 11, 2009. Tee-off is 8:30am, rain or shine. The day of golf includes continental breakfast, BBQ lunch, door prizes and great gifts. For more information, call Sr. Elizabeth Ferguson, SSJ at (800) 482-6510. Sponsorships are available, visit www.ssiphila.org/golf.html.

The End of a Recycling Era

The Paper-Recycling Program for St. Stephen School has been discontinued by the company in Philadelphia due to the high costs of truck tolls (weight) and transportation. Thank you all for your support of this cause for the past several years.

GIANT RAFFLE III



St. Stephen's Annual 50/50 Raffle is a major parish fundraiser. There are 16 prizes and someone is going to hit the jackpot! All parishioners have received 5 tickets to sell. Please put your returns in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope marked "Raffle" or leave them off at the rectory. More tickets are available at the rectory or by calling 662-9338. The drawing will be on **June 14, 2009.**

Diocesan Jubilee Mass May 5th

Bishop Joseph Galante will be the principal celebrant at a special Mass honoring priests in the Diocese of Camden who will celebrate a special jubilee this year. The Jubilee Mass for our Priests will be held on:

Tuesday evening, May 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church,
591 New Jersey Avenue, Absecon

All the people of the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass. Come and celebrate with the priests of our diocese. We celebrate the following Jubilarians...

25 years

- Rev. James O. Dabrowski
- Rev. Edward F. Heintzelman
- Rev. Timothy L. Hubbs
- Rev. Robert B. Matysik

40 Years

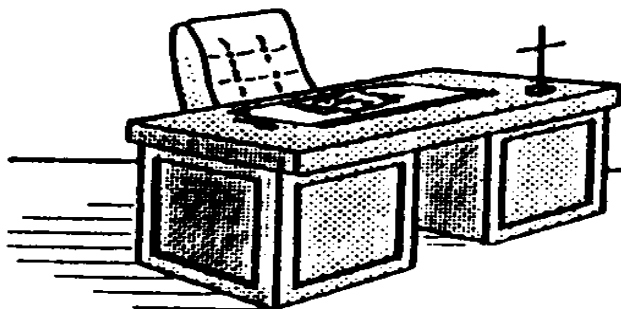
- Rev. John A. Del Duca
- Rev. Ronald S. Falotico
- Rev. Robert J. Gregorio
- Rev. Frederick G. Link
- Rev. Richard J. Lodge
- Rev. Msgr. Robert T. McDermott
- Rev. William F. Moore
- Rev. Edward F. Sobolewski
- Rev. John J. Tumosa

50 Years

- Rev. Msgr. John A. Clarke
- Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Doyle
- Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Kennedy
- Rev. John C. Killeen

60 Years

- Rev. Msgr. Eugene J. Kernan
- Rev. Msgr. William F. Poyatt
- Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Stoerlein



*From the Desk of
Father Vincent Orum, AJ*

A WORD OF GRATITUDE

As we continue with the celebration of Easter, allow me to express my gratitude to so many of you who made our celebration a success! I know that members of our Choir and the Arts and Environment committee did a commendable job in beautifying our Liturgical space and the mood of worship. They put so much of their time, talents and energy to make it fantastic! Thanks to the ushers, the Altar servers, Liturgical committee members, Eucharistic Ministers and the Lectors for your participation.

We welcome to our Eucharistic table the new neophytes Paula and Kandy who were received into the Waters of Baptism and confirmation respectively. May the Light of Christ continue to illuminate your path.

Thanks for all those who prepared the delicious soup for Good Friday and my appreciation for all who made it so that we could be together that evening not only in Church, but at the table.

I would like in a special way to acknowledge the sacrifice, commitment and dedication of Mrs. Lucille Buffington who, in spite of her husband being in hospice care, gave her time to play the piano at all the Masses during the Triduum and Easter Sunday! I was deeply touched by her example of carrying her cross with Jesus willingly and at the same time giving what many could not do for the Holy Week. We keep Bill Buffington in our prayers and thoughts!

The Celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil were very moving and inspiring! We could not help but strike a conversation with Fr. Tom about it. We felt blessed and honored to be a part of the Assembly as well as leading you to God on these memorable days. It was very exciting to see how each one of you was holding a lighted candle while the Lectors were reading and the coincidental light coming on at the same time the reader said, " **And God said, Let their be light and it was!**" **I felt like, yes, the Lord is right here and now speaking to us! What a blessing for all of us here present tonight!**

Of course, we felt saddened for all who could not be with us even though they would have loved to do so. Our hearts and prayers went to you all.

Let us continue with our love, dedication and commitment, not only during Easter, but all the days of our lives! Our presence, availability and participation is what makes us a family. May God bless you all.