

St. Stephen Parish

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April 25, 2010 – The Fourth 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: 3rd Sunday @ 9:00am

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 26, 2010 Edgar H. Burton r/b Rev. Daniel M. Rocco
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 27, 2010 Dolores Glander (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 28, 2010 Thomas A. Lane r/b John & Ann Marie Meyer
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	April 29, 2010 Rev. Gerald Clements r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 30, 2010 Vincent L. Buondonno r/b Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 1, 2010 Anthony Kalvaitis (1-year Anniversary) r/b Wife Rose
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 2, 2010 Michael Szalagiewicz r/b Jeanne & Joseph Gerst
10:30am	Patricia Sweeney r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone Michael Pietrafesa r/b Rosina Midili & Family

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of the Unborn Children.***

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 17/18, 2010 Attendance/Collection	629/	\$5,905
April 18/19, 2009 Attendance/Collection	568/	\$4,918
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,707

Next Diocesan Second Collections:

April 25, 2010: "Catholic Home Missions"
May 16, 2010: "Catholic Communication"

Automatic eGiving

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 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, Dolores McCollum, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, John Meyer, Mark Newell, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pentleton, 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 May 1/2

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: The Pandola's, P. Krohn, P. Antonelli, Sr. Eleanora

Lectors: R. Taylor, P. Palazzo

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, S. Mufalli, The Monaco's

Lectors: L. Sperduto, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: W. Delfin, T. Link, L. D'Alessandro, G. Tutwiler, M. Meloni

Lectors: The Links

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

4/26-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Women's Bible Study, 7pm RCIA,
7pm Liturgy Committee, 7:30pm YAM
4/27-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
4/28-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
4/29-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir
4/30-Friday-9am Mass
5/1-Sat-8am Men's Prayer Group, 3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
5/2-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

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.**



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2010 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D \$32,800 (63%)

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.**

Our Sincere Thanks

The Pastoral Council would like to thank everyone who attended our 1st Annual Spring Social on Saturday, April 17th in the school hall. Approximately 160 people attended and everyone had a wonderful time. We would especially like to thank **Wil Delfin and his lovely wife**, who provided great music and dance lessons. We intend to make this an annual event so please convey to all who missed the event to join us next year. **Sincerely, Pastoral Council**

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 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.

Our PTA's Fundraisers

"Night at the Races"

Saturday, May 22, 2010, 7pm-?, \$20 per ticket on sale now!

"Flower Sale" - Ongoing until April 30th.

Order forms are available at the school.

Contact Jayne Holmes @ 856-577-0247 or any member of the PTA for tickets and further info on the above fundraisers.

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.



Jubilee Mass May 11th

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 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 27 Kresson-Gibbsboro Road, Gibbsboro.** 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. Jose Ainikkal, CMI
- Rev. Timothy E. Byerley
- Rev. Perry A. Cherubini
- Rev. Robert Longo
- Rev. Cadmus D. Mazzarella
- Rev. Joseph D. Wallace

40 Years

- Rev. Carmen A. Carlone
- Rev. Msgr. John T. Frey
- Rev. Anthony L. Minniti
- Rev. Robert J. Nolan, SAC
- Rev. Msgr. Joseph W. Pokusa

50 Years

- Rev. Msgr. Edward D. Alleyne
- Rev. John F. Bourke
- Rev. Joseph H. Burns
- Rev. Anthony Cataudo, OP
- Rev. Msgr. Eugene J. Fitzsimmons
- Rev. Msgr. Ciaran P. O Mearain

60 Years

- Rev. Boniface Hanley, OFM
- Rev. Ireneo L. Tovar

Italy Pilgrimage!

Visiting

Venice, Florence, Assisi & Rome

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

11 days: October 27th – November 6th, 2010

\$2,499 from Philadelphia

For more information call (856) 340-1427



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 Daniel Rocco 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).

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***"I Am A Christian" by Maya Angelou***

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'!"  
I'm whispering "I was lost,  
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble  
and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed  
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect,  
My flaws are far too visible  
But, God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches  
So I call upon His name.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not holier than thou,  
I'm just a simple sinner

Who received God's good grace, somehow!

## **Parish Ministry Working Retreat, March 20, 2010: Feedback/ Comments**

On Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Pastoral Committees had a Working Retreat. The main purpose of the gathering was to meet in a retreat atmosphere for prayer, conversation and planning. The Feedback and Comments on the Parish Working Retreat are shared below for your review:

### **1. What was *most* helpful about the parish working retreat?**

- working in small groups
- the structure
- it provided an opportunity for planning and to redevelop our action plan. the willingness of people to dedicate their time to serving their religious community
- others showing up and helping me not feel alone
- sharing various thoughts about different aspects of ministry.
- everything was wonderful: the Prayer Service, the company, the food – the ideas and the stories and laughter – the planning.
- getting feedback from others and information and suggestions from Chuck, from the Men’s Prayer group at Mary , Queen of All Saints
- Father Rocco’s knowledge of previous committees in regards to bereavement. Great ideas that put the process into perspective. Bouncing ideas off each other; enthusiasm from the committee and facilitator
- support, information
- sharing ideas and activities with other ministries
- including prayer and linking to other parish groups
- having the time-and NOT being rushed – to talk with the members, to share concerns and stories
- sharing our feelings and thoughts about our ministry and offering suggestions
- It gave me an opportunity to listen, learn and suggest ideas regarding the Liturgy Committee. Hopefully our thoughts and ideas will be implemented.
- Discussing views with others – hearing what others think.
- Working in small groups. Listening to suggestions within the group.
- Being able to bounce ideas off of one another was creative.
- to see how the other ministries have plans- to increase their actions.
- spending time and sharing ideas with other members of our ministry group. Also, learning what the other ministries do and how the ministries can network together.
- Nice to meet with our members. Being able to think of a new plan
- It was very well structured and organized. I think the retreat atmosphere really added to the enrichment and productivity of the day.

### **2. Do you have any suggestions? General comments?**

- No. (2) Nice job.
- It was a very good and successful session.
- It’s a great way to come together to share ideas and form different ministries that create ideal ways to serve God and promote Catholic Awareness.
- Each group has something to offer or needs something from another ministry, co-operation-cross communication. How?
- Maybe to continually invite parishioners to join one of the parish ministries.
- Each committee be given a copy of each Action Plan so each committee may support each other.
- All were discussed. Getting a list of parishioners who are using Hospice Care.
- Need access to school on the weekends and summer months
- With the logo, it is beautiful and it is nice to finally see St. Stephen!
- It was a productive retreat!
- Meet again in the summer? to plan for the fall and winter with each committee.
- Only that we as a community + we need to keep each other informed by way of the chair people. Communication is key. Thank you for the day; I enjoyed being part of the day.
- We need to do this once a year.
- Follow up contact with individual heads of the groups.
- This was a good idea.
- Have these mini-retreats once a year so we can connect, regroup and share ideas with each other.
- Good job!