

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Vincent Orum, A.J., Administrator  
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## May 10, 2009 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Mass Schedule

**Daily:** Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am

**Weekend Obligation:**

Saturday – 4:30pm

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

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.

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 11, 2009</b> Bill Buffington r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 12, 2009</b> Madeline Tryson r/b Husband Paul
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 13, 2009</b> Bud Price r/b M/M Anthony Antonelli
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 14, 2009 (Novena to follow)</b> Marion Camarota r/b Bob Waite
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 15, 2009</b> Michael R. Pompeano r/b Pat Rubino
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00am 4:30pm	<b>May 16, 2009</b> Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Joseph Baratta r/b Lucy DiBenedetto Barbara Bock r/b Gerry Kozempel
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 17, 2009 (10:30am Children's Liturgy)</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for Albert Schiavo r/b Mother & Family Patricia Schmidt r/b Ed & Nancy Schmidt
10:30am	Paul P. McCarthy, Sr. r/b Mrs. Higgins and the Staff & Students of St. Stephen School Margaret English r/b Terry Carr

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Angie Pennestri.***

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.

<b>May 2/3, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>471 / \$6,116</b>
<b>May 3/4, 2008 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>488 / \$7,189</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,923</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$5,717</b>

***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](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.**

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



*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, Patricia Booth, Marion Borreggine, Vincent Buondonno, Dominic Caruso, Dorothy Coyle, Marge Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Jessie Dixon, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, John Heininger, Jr., Jean Heller, Thomas Holmes, Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Donna Krawchuk, Robert Leone, Nancy Loperfido, Vincent Marchese, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, John Meyer, 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 May 16/17**

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** K. Sullivan, K. Hulsey, E. Stemetzki  
**EM's:** P. Petronis, M. Novoa, Sr. Eleanora, The Monaco's  
**Lectors:** R. McKean, A. Yeager

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** K. Starts, P. Luthman, S. Morales  
**EM's:** S. Marano, J. Rosario, T. Modzier, The Sapienza's  
**Lectors:** L. Sperduto, J. Gerst

**Sunday, 10:30am – Children's Liturgy**

**Altar Servers:** TBA.  
**EM's:** T. Link, W. Delfin, M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler, L. D'Alessandro  
**Lectors:** TBA.

*Weekly Bulletin Deadline: Monday @ Noon*

*Next Special<sup>2nd</sup> Collection:*

**May 17, 2009 – "Catholic Communications"**



<b>2009 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$32,770 (60%)</b>
<b>2009 House of Charity Goal</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>
<b>Total Number of Family Pledges:</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Average Pledge per Family:</b>	<b>\$256</b>

Helping others reach for a new day rejuvenates us in ways that more stuff, a fatter resume, or a supersized house can't begin to. We want to feel useful. We want to find meaning. We want to feel this alive and on fire with possibility.

-Susan Skog

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 teach 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.**

### ***This Week @ St. Stephen's***

5/11-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA  
5/12-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm PTA  
5/13-Wednesday-9am Mass  
5/14-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15 Youth Music, 7:15 Choir  
5/15- Friday-9am Mass  
5/16-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
5/17-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am Children's Liturgy

### ***Art & Environment Ministry***

***Mother's Day altar flowers donated  
in memory of Teresa Wolf.***

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 Lois @ 665-1221 for May 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**

### ***St. Stephen's Rosary Makers***

Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Presentation:

**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!**  
**mikeg@romero-center.org or 856-964-9777**

### ***St. Stephen's RCIA Ministry***



**Have you been worshipping 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 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**.

# 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.

## St. Stephen's Musical May 28/29

St. Stephen School students will perform the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 7:30 PM on Thursday, May 28th and Friday, May 29th. Tickets are \$8 each and senior citizens are \$5. Ticket sales will help to offset some of the costs incurred in the production, including sets, the rights to use the play and costumes.

## 2010 CCD Registration is Underway!

*The fee remains at \$125 per family.*

*\$10 discount if registered by June 30, 2009*

*\$10 late fee if registered after September 9, 2009*

Registration forms are available at the rectory and on our parish website. **We are also in search of additional teachers, substitutes and teacher's aides.** Please call Adeline Gramlich at 662-9338 if you are interested in joining our CCD Team!

## Dressing in God's House

As we approach the forthcoming summer months of uncomfortable heat, let us please be mindful of our appearance in church. We generally leave an air-conditioned house, are transported in an air-conditioned car and end our journey in our air-conditioned church to worship as a parish family. Let us be careful not to be mistaken for a shore-destined vacationer!

**The Knights of Columbus** collected **\$212.00** during last weekend's **Disabled Citizens' Drive** at Stephen's. Thank you for your generous support.

## "Wipe Out Lead" Program

**Catholic Charities** of the Diocese of Camden is working to Wipe Out Lead in Camden County. Even a small amount of lead can cause serious health problems in children, such as behavior problems, learning difficulties, hearing problems, brain damage, hyperactivity, anemia, and slowed growth and development. Through the Wipe Out Lead New Jersey Program, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Catholic Charities is offering **FREE** kits to families that test for the presence of lead dust in the home. A safe and healthy home is the right of all children, and is necessary for children to grow, thrive, and meet their full potential. To be eligible for a free kit, families must live in Camden County and live in a home or apartment build before 1978. The test kit will be completed in a 5-10 minute visit to your home and is analyzed by a professional laboratory. **To arrange to have a free test done in your home, contact Christine Polit at 856-278-2608.** Also, contact Ms. Polit if you would like a free lead education seminar for your parish or community group.

## ADORE 2009-May 22-24

*St. Peter Parish, Merchantville*

**Adore 2009 will be a weekend open to all youth between the ages of 13 and 22 in the Dioceses of Camden, Trenton, Wilmington and Philadelphia.** There will be workshops, live music, action songs, group dynamics and other activities. Adoration, Holy Mass, Confessions and a Living Rosary will be offered throughout the weekend in addition to an outside Eucharistic Procession thru the streets of Merchantville May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. Bishop Galante will celebrate the closing Mass Sunday at 3pm. Food and beverages will be provided for the \$25 registration fee, overnight accommodations can also be made at an additional cost. Further information can be found at [www.stpetercc.com](http://www.stpetercc.com) or by calling the rectory at 663-1373.

## Good Counsel Walk-a-thon – May 30<sup>th</sup>

The Good Counsel Walk-a-thon, will take place May 30th at Haddon Lake Park, 13th Ave and South Park Drive in Haddon Heights, to raise funds to open a Good Counsel Home in South Jersey. Good Counsel Homes were founded By Fr. Benedict Groeschel and Christopher Bell in 1985 to support women who are homeless and regnant. We need your help to open one in our diocese. For more information contact Mary Ellen Rooney at 56-829-2312 or at [merooney@juno.com](mailto:merooney@juno.com). If you cannot join us on this walk, but would like to sponsor a walker, please send checks made out to "Good Counsel-South Jersey" to Good Counsel Homes, c/o Brenda Quinn, 268 Genesee Rd., Clarksboro, NJ 08020. T-shirt sponsorships are now available. "Good Counsel Homes. Where the Gospel of Life meets the long-term needs of single mothers and babies during their time of greatest need."

**Please accept our apologies**, on behalf of our bulletin company in Trenton, as last week's Page 4 that listed our First Communicants, was not printed very clearly on the press. That page, as well as the pages from our last 58 bulletins, is available on our church website for reprint. In addition, we have created 70 extra First Communion programs for our First Communicants and their families. Thank you for your understanding in these "pressing" times.

# *From the Office of the Bishop*

## *Diocese of Camden*

May 1, 2009

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

During the past week, media attention has focused on a strain of the flu virus being called the **Swine Flu**. While there is no cause for alarm and while few cases have been reported locally, I ask that we exercise prudence and good judgment at such a time by taking several specific steps---**on a temporary basis**---to prevent further spread of this illness. Obviously, as the situation evolves, additional guidance will be provided if and when necessary.

- **First, no one experiencing flu-like symptoms should come to Mass. Catholics are not obligated to attend Mass under these circumstances.**
- **Priests and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should sanitize their hands before and after distributing Communion. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Divine Worship also recommends that ministers of the Eucharist avail themselves of an alcohol-based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Communion.**
- **Priests and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should avoid distributing Communion from the cup and should consider distributing Communion only under the form of the consecrated host and only in the hand.**
- **Priest celebrants may recommend that physical contact be avoided during the sign of peace, the Our Father, and any greeting taking place before, during, or after Mass. The faithful might be advised before Mass begins to extend a verbal sign of peace rather than a handshake or other direct contact.**

As we take these common-sense precautions based on local needs and circumstances, you may want to obtain additional information from the USCCB website at <http://usccb.org/liturgy/swineflu.shtml>. Information from the Centers for Disease Control can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/hln1flu/>.

Finally, the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services has opened a toll-free, 24-hour hotline to answer questions from the general public and New Jersey health care providers.

**The hotline number is 1-866-321-9571.**

May God continue to guide you and bless you.

Fraternally,

**Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante, D.D., J.C.D.**

**Bishop of Camden**