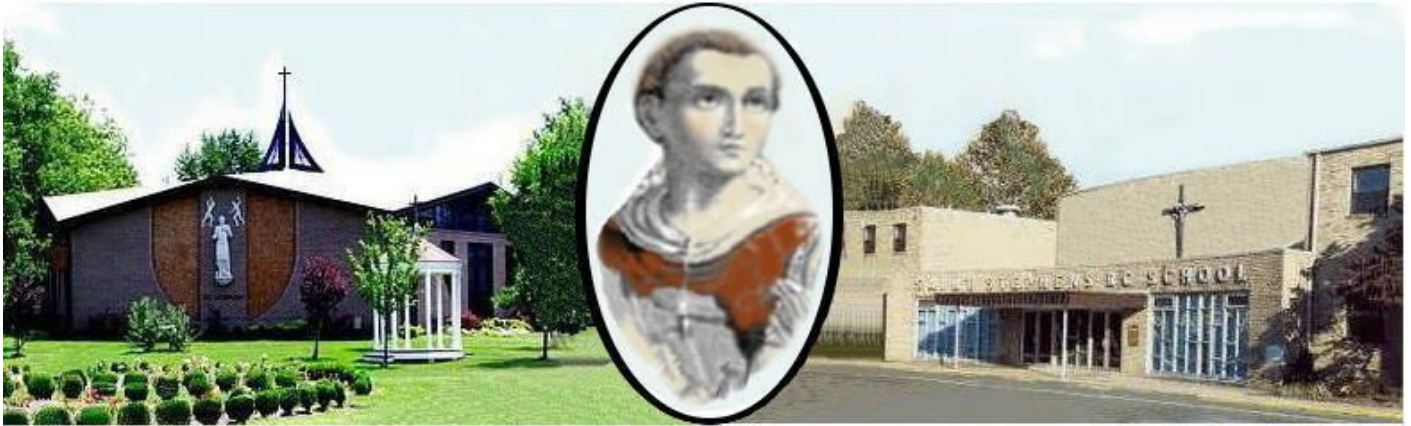


# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



*May 16, 2010 – The Seventh 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 @ 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, 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>May 17, 2010</b> Donald Benson r/b Mary Saetta
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 18, 2010</b> Rev. Gerald Clements r/b People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 19, 2010</b> Mildred Moffa (4-year Anniversary) r/b Daughter Rita
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>May 20, 2010</b> Vincent L. Buondonno r/b Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 21, 2010</b> Dolores Glander r/b Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>May 22, 2010</b> Lillian Ruscitelli r/b The Pandola Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 23, 2010</b> John Kirk r/b The Rosario Family
10:30am	SK Dominic Caruso r/b Bishop BJ Eustace Assembly 652 Margaret Brancato r/b Diane & Adrian

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
In Memory of Leonard Terranova.***

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.

May 8/9, 2010 Attendance/Collection	651/	\$6,337
May 9/10, 2009 Attendance/Collection	600/	\$5,616
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,706

Next Diocesan Second Collection:

**May 16, 2010: "Catholic Communication"**

**June 13, 2010: "Brazilian Mission"**

***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.**



*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, Patricia DeLorenzo, 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, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Helen Villanueva, Anthony Vocale, John Von Alex, Rita Weingard.**

*If you know that someone on the above sick list is no longer in need of prayers, please contact the rectory office at 662-9338, ext.6 so that we can remove their name. Thank you.*

***Ministry Schedule for May 22/23***

*(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** E. Mattera, M. Hobbs, M. North  
**EM's:** A. Knight, M. Nieves, L. Garofalo, The Pandola's  
**Lectors:** P. Krohn, J. Messina

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** C. Hearn, M. DiRico, W. McHugh  
**EM's:** S. Marano, L. Rosario, S. Mufalli, R. Davis, T. Scavuzzo  
**Lectors:** The Zieglers

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** The Coars  
**EM's:** L. Solano, L. Picknally, J. Messina, B. Taylor, L. D'Alessandro  
**Lectors:** C. Otto

***Assisted Listening Devices now available!***



Our sound system now supports individual assisted listening devices. These devices are available to individuals who have trouble hearing during Mass. An earpiece is connected to a small, easy to operate, portable receiver, which allows for greater clarity of the spoken word. The devices can be used wherever you sit during Mass, you have control over your own volume level **and you are welcome to use your personal earphone/plug with the device (1/8" plug).** Think of days-gone-by transistor radios and how easy they were to operate – one wheel controls both power and volume! **Please see an usher at least 15 minutes before Mass to reserve one of the four (4) units we have available.**

### ***This Week @ St. Stephen Parish***

5/17-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Women's Bible Study, 7pm RCIA  
 5/18-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Pastoral Council  
 5/19-Wednesday-9am Mass  
 5/20-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 5pm Wedding Rehearsal,  
 6:15pm Youth Music, 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir  
 5/21-Friday-9am Mass  
 5/22-Sat-8am Men's Prayer Group, 2pm Wedding, 3:45 Confessions,  
 4:30pm Mass, YAM Movie Night  
 5/23-Sunday-Masses 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](mailto: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 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 Betty @ 662-6928 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**

#### ***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 \$42,460 (81%)**

**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 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:**

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.**

#### ***St. Stephen's PTA Presents***

### ***"Night at the Races"***

**Saturday, May 22, 2010, 7pm-?**

**\$20 per ticket on sale now!**

**Horses are on sale for \$10. If your horse wins, you win \$50!**

Further info/tickets/horses: Jayne Holmes @ 856-577-0247

### ***CCD REGISTRATION!***

Registration is underway for next Fall and the fee remains at \$125 per family (\$115 if registered by June 30, \$135 for late registrations after Sept. 8). Registration forms are available in the rectory and online on our church website's CCD page.

**The NEW TIME schedule on Wednesday nights for next year's classes will be 6:15pm-7:30pm.**

### ***Knights' Flea Market June 5<sup>th</sup>***

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Spring Flea Market at Mary Queen of All Saints (formerly St Cecilia's) schoolyard on Saturday, June 5, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. For table rentals, donations, or other information, please call Lonnie at 856 662-6049.

### ***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 special ministry, please call Joy Bowman at (856) 662-4803. Thank you.



*In Loving Memory of  
Virginia M. "Jean" Wenstrom  
February 18, 1926 – May 10, 2010*

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**Liturgy Action Plan: 2010-2011**

**Plan:** Critical Events: recognize liturgy and paraliturgies each liturgical season

**Implement: involvement – ministries:** School, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Musicians, Ushers, Altar Servers and Arts and Environment (preparation of lectors for all liturgies)

**Evaluate:** critique the past in order to evaluate the present and plan for the future

**Network:** parish and school via e-mail list  
Bereavement, Nursing Home; Youth and Adults; Music Ministry; Social Ministry/Justice; Youth Group; Young Adults and Children

**Parish Logo:** as a committee

**Courage:** to continue to listen and implement new ideas

**Wisdom:** to continue to research ideas to enhance liturgy

**Sacrifice:** to sacrifice the time involved to commit to liturgy

**Committee Contact Persons:**

Mary Ann Meloni #856-488-6143, [laurel5302@comcast.net](mailto:laurel5302@comcast.net)

Mary Sue Link #856-854-7120, [ms.link@comcast.net](mailto:ms.link@comcast.net)  
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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 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).



*In Loving Memory of  
Julian J. Terzini  
November 28, 1950 – May 9, 2010*

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**Catholic Communication Campaign**

Today we will hold the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This Collection funds media projects that spread the Good News through the Internet, radio, TV and print media. These projects evangelize, nourish the faithful, foster community and grant easy, direct access to thousands of Catholic resources. Help connect the world with God's Word! Support the Catholic Communication Campaign in today's Collection.  
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**Stewardship Reflection**

*Stewards Beginning to End*

**"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelations 22:13)**

These words from the very last chapter of the Bible are a final reminder for us to put God first in our lives. Putting God first means living a life of stewardship. Putting God first will mean giving our time, talent and treasure until our giving fills us with joy and contentment.  
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**Camden Catholic News**

The ARTS at CCHS presents the "Spring Concert & Art Exhibit" on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Choral & Instrumental Concert begins at 2pm followed by the Art Exhibit at 3:30pm. Admission is FREE! Visit [www.cchsarts.com](http://www.cchsarts.com) for more information about the concert, exhibit and other programs.  
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**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel News**

Our school is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a cocktail and hors d' oeuvres reception:

**Sunday, May 23, 2010, 4-7pm  
Tavistock Country Club**

**\$40 per person, includes wine & beer**

For further info contact Megan at 856-342-6707, ext 204.  
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**Stonegate Bus Trip June 15<sup>th</sup>!**

Destination: The Showboat Casino in Atlantic City

Cost: \$25 (with \$25 in slot bonus dollars returned!)

Call Marion at 663-5599 to reserve a spot.  
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***Saint Stephen Parish Community ~ Liturgy Committee Meeting Minutes ~ April 26, 2010***

Prior to the start of the meeting, Father asked to make two announcements: he thanked all ministries for their work on all Masses of the Triduum; he also asked that these meetings not run longer than 90 minutes. Then the regular meeting of the Liturgy Committee was called to order by Mary Ann Meloni and opened with a prayer for Spring.

**Attendance:** Fr. Rocco, Sr Bernadette, Deacon Ernie Picknally, Sr. Ruthann, Mary Ann Meloni, Terry Scavuzzo, Pam Palazzo, Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Joey Scavuzzo, John Messina, Keith Knight, Maryann Bufanio, Adeline Gramlich, MarySue Link [absent: Maria Haas, Dennis Rooney]

**1. Critiques of Past Services:**

Mary Ann asked that when there is a change in format, e.g., Palm Sunday procession, it be announced the week before.

Father explained that such announcements can be made through a new telecommunication system, which is currently used in the school, and will soon include the parish.

Sr. Bernadette (and others) commended Father for instituting the beautiful new services during Holy Week and Easter.

MarySue asked if next year the chairs for the Washing of the Feet could be arranged differently to allow easier access to the ambo.

Nancy requested a change for the repository next year which would accommodate more people,

**2. New Business:**

a. Mary Ann asked if this committee would receive the questionnaire responses pertaining to liturgy so we could review and plan. Fr. said they were forthcoming.

b. The school May Crowning will take place after the First Friday Mass; the parish will hold theirs on Mothers Day after the 10:30 Mass. The choir will again lead the procession. Mary Ann at Adeline's request will send out a flyer inviting the First Communicants to participate.

c. Ascension Thursday (May 13<sup>th</sup>) will follow the same holy day schedule. Ministers will be assigned – none needed at 9:00 as school will handle that Mass.

d. Fr. would like to initiate a Pentecost Vigil (May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30 Mass) and he handed out the pertinent information. There will be extra readings and responses, the Sequence, and an Offertory procession of representatives from the various ministries. All participants need to be there by 4:00.

e. On Pentecost, the new members of all ministries will be commissioned during the 10:30 Mass.

For all Pentecost Masses, parishioners will be asked to wear red.

f. The Ministries Night to recruit new members will now take place in the Fall. Mary Ann has designed a card for interested parishioners to enroll.

g. To commemorate the closing of the Year of the Priest, Father suggested that the names of all those priests for whom the parishioners prayed be placed in a basket and presented at Mass (date TBA)

h. The Parish logo and theme were again questioned, and Sr. Ruthann explained that the Spiritual Life Board was still working on all areas. Maryann Bufanio offered a new picture (icon) of St. Stephen that she received in Greece for consideration.

i. Terry Scavuzzo will be resigning as Eucharistic Minister chair so she can devote more time to her work with the Youth Group. A new chair will be announced shortly.

**3. Reports:**

a. Fr. Rocco ~A new audio system is being installed with a CD component and hearing impaired equipment.

~A new theft-deterrent Poor Box will be added, along with a new vigil candle box.

~Fr. is getting a new pall for funeral which will match the Diocesan vestments, and it will be hung with the purple cross cover in the Reconciliation Room.

~Fr. wants to assign captains from the Eucharistic Ministers to administer communion to the sick, homebound, and dying. Terry and Mary Ann with Sr. Bernadette help will organize this.

b. Deacon Ernie: ~Questioned the composition of the statues in the vestibule since they are positioned over the lit candles. They are made of resin and will not burn.

~Would like to see better attendance at the Thursday novena. Fr. said next year the school children will take turns attending Thursday Mass & will stay for novena.

c. Sr. Ruthann: ~The Spiritual Life Board will continue planning for services for Advent and Lent.

d. John: ~A summer schedule for altar servers will be distributed.

~There will be a scholarship for altar servers at graduation.

~Mary Ann suggested doing something of a social aspect, and they will investigate either a Phillies or Riversharks night.

e. Maria: [absent, Mary Ann read her report]

~Maria has been questioned by brides about the new location of the Mary statue if they want to make a presentation. Father said the statue can be moved for any such occurrence: however, the brides should be discussing these things with the celebrant.

f. Pam: ~There are three new lectors.

~Pam will make contacts to secure readers for Ascension Thursday.

~Fr. said if there is only one lector, he/she should remain in the sanctuary for the psalm.

g. Nancy: ~The choir is purchasing goose-neck microphones for better sound quality.

~They are attempting to form an ensemble group for liturgies.

~New members will be recruited.

h. Joe: ~He will be away until October or November and asked if his absence should force his resignation. ~Board agreed to keep him on.

i. Adeline: ~Asked if altar could be in blue and white for graduation.

~Fr. and Mary Ann explained that if the graduation Mass is at a parish mass, then they must follow liturgical colors.

All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 and closed with a prayer. The next meeting will be on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Any questions should be referred to Mary Ann [laurel5302@comcast.net] 488-6143/ MarySue [ms.link@comcast.net] 854-7120

Respectfully submitted, MarySue Link