

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

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## May 17, 2009 – Sixth 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 18, 2009</b> Margaret Candidi r/b Jeri Harrington
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 19, 2009</b> Marie Baratta r/b Frank & Donna DeAngelis & Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am 7:00pm	<b>May 20, 2009 (7pm Vigil for Ascension Thur.)</b> Bill Buffington r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone Rita Skedzielewski r/b Catherine Hartson
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am 7:00pm	<b>May 21, 2009 (Ascension Thursday Holy Day)</b> Angie Pennestri r/b Millie Meyers Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 22, 2009</b> Carl Fuhrmeister, Jr. r/b Bob Waite
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00am 4:30pm	<b>May 23, 2009</b> Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Anthony & Philomena Gini r/b Family Richard Pacholski r/b Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am  10:30am	<b>May 24, 2009</b> Theresa Eisenhardt r/b Family Andrew Ott r/b Ed & Nancy Schmidt  Robert Gottschall r/b Lucille Buffington Helen O'Neill r/b John & Marie Kerwick

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Our Deceased Military.***

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 9/10, 2009 Attendance/Collection	600 /	\$5,616
May 10/11, 2008 Attendance/Collection	590 /	\$6,543
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,923
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,714

***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, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Anthony Vocale, Jean Wenstrom.**

**Ministry Schedule for May 23/24**

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** T. Mason, W. McHugh, M. Hobbs  
**EM's:** A. Knight, T. Scavuzzo, L. Garofalo, The Klecko's  
**Lectors:** The McKenna's

**Sunday, 9:00am**

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

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** L. Fagan, The Bowmans  
**EM's:** L. Solano, A. Mulholland, J. Messina, The Fagans  
**Lectors:** J. Scavuzzo, C. Otto

*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>\$34,891 (64%)</b>
<b>2009 House of Charity Goal</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>
<b>Total Number of Family Pledges:</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Average Pledge per Family:</b>	<b>\$246</b>

**"To love as Christ loves is to love both religiously and humanly, to share in God's own love and to extend it to others." -Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, O.P.**

The love you extend, in your charity to others, comes from God. Bring His love to the world in our Diocese with a gift to the House of Charity. Help change the lives of thousands with one gift. **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

5/18-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA  
 5/19-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 5/20-Wednesday-9am Mass, **7pm Vigil for Ascension Thursday**  
 5/21-Ascension Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Mass, **Rectory Closed.**  
 5/22- Friday-9am Mass – **Rectory Closed.**  
 5/23-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass, **2pm Wedding,**  
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass, **6:30pm YAM Movie**  
 5/24-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am



**In Loving Memory of Marie A. Baratta**  
 March 16, 1929 – April 29, 2009

### Art & Environment Ministry

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

### 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 info, 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!

### Attention all 6th graders who will be 7th Graders this Sept:

Our program of studies for Confirmation will be starting this Fall. This is a 2-year program.

Confirmation will be held in the 8th Grade.

## 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!

## Ascension Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation:

**VIGIL: Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Ascension Thursday: 9:00am & 7:00pm**

### Ministry Schedule for May 20/21

#### Wednesday Ascension Vigil, 7:00pm

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: The Klecko's, L. D'Alessandro, L. Garofalo, S. Eisenhardt

Lectors: TBA.

Ascension Thursday, 9:00am: School Faculty EM's/Lectors/Servers

#### Ascension Thursday, 7:00pm

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: C. Otto, The Pandola's, P. Krohn, S. Marano

Lectors: D. Heck

**The Rectory will be closed from Ascension Thursday thru Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## History of Camden Discussion

**May 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm**

**St. Mary's Parish Hall,**

**2001 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill 08003**

*Have you ever wondered how Camden changed from a booming industrial city to one of the poorest cities in the nation?*

*Do you want to know what's going on now to make Camden better?*

If so, please join **St. Mary's Social Justice Ministry** in the first in a series of discussions focused on making our community aware of social justice issues potentially affecting our lives.

**Speaker: Howard Gillette, a Rutgers-Camden professor,** author of *Camden After The Fall*. Professor Gillette is considered a leading scholar on Camden's redevelopment.

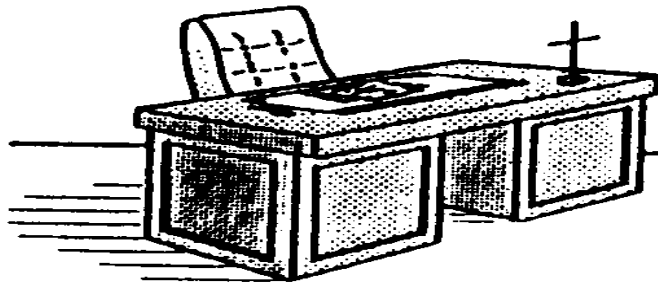
**All are Welcome to this FREE discussion.**

**For info call 856-465-9647.**

## 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.stpeterrec.com](http://www.stpeterrec.com) or by calling the rectory at 663-1373.



*From the Desk of  
Father Vincent Orum, AJ*

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, I will be leaving for six weeks to Uganda for my vacation, retreat and workshop. I have mixed feelings of excitement and anxiety as I plan for my journey home; almost one year since I lost my dad July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and over two years since my mum's death October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006. I am excited to be with the members of my family; my brothers, nephews, nieces, cousins and other far distant relatives who always have time for me whenever I am home on vacation for a family reunion. On the first anniversary of my dad's death, I will take time to have a memorial Mass for both my mum and dad with family and friends. It will be a unique experience for me just as it will be to celebrate my birthday on May 30<sup>th</sup> without my parents for the first time in 44 years, even though I know in faith they will always be there for me. But who cannot miss the physical presence of a loved one and especially a parent so dear? That's where my anxiety is grounded coupled with the long flight of 18 hours and almost a week's journey. As I leave Newark on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>, I will arrive at Entebbe Airport in Uganda on Wednesday received by my brother Silvio and friends. It will take me another six hours by road to my village in Giira, Paidha town in the Nebbi District. Nonetheless, I look forward to that time as everyone home seems to be very excited regardless of my anxiety! I plan to have a week of a silent retreat at Angal Penuel Center and a week's workshop at Katikamu Retreat center before I get back. I will ask you to keep my family and me in your prayers, as I will pray for you while at home. I will miss you for all these days I am home and look forward to coming back reenergized to embark on the most edifying job of serving you, God's people!

While at home, **Fr. Tom Kiely** and **Fr. Godfrey Amobi, AJ** will attend to your spiritual needs and I am grateful for both of them. I feel honored by the presence of Fr. Godfrey Amobi, AJ who will be arriving on Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 from Tanzania. Fr. Godfrey is a member of the Apostles of Jesus and currently helping in the formation of young men in our minor Seminary as a Director of Spirituality and a teacher. Godfrey and I knew each other a long time ago and it was at the time I was his Dean of Studies in Moroto Minor Seminary and assistant Direction of Formation. I am excited to have him here until the end of August when he will go back to our formation house to be with the young Seminarians.

It reminds me of the quality time I had with Godfrey and his classmates, most of whom are now priests in our Order or elsewhere. It's amazing to see how they have all grown up and one can only marvel at the wonders of God as I witness with pride this young priest, who not so long time ago was just a young boy whom we helped to discover the vocation to the priesthood in his early teen's life!

I ask you to extend our most cherish hospitality to him and make him feel at home in the United States. I believe this experience will be of great help to our young Seminarians, especially encouraging them to know that they are needed in this time when there are shortages of priests in our Church.

May God bless you all,  
Father Vince