

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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May 2, 2010 – The Fifth 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	May 3, 2010 Joe Priest r/b The Schlump Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	May 4, 2010 Dolores Glander r/b Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	May 5, 2010 Mark Bisbing r/b Freda Novak
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	May 6, 2010 Vincent L. Buondonno r/b Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 7, 2010 (First Friday Adoration until 7pm) Catherine Aloï r/b Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 8, 2010 Mary Rotondo r/b Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 9, 2010 Angie Pennestri (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Millie Meyers
10:30am	Louise Pigliacelli r/b Judy Gildea Harry Wilson r/b Wife Katherine

**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of Patricia Sweeney.**

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 24/25, 2010 Attendance/Collection	528/	\$5,250
April 25/26, 2009 Attendance/Collection	483/	\$5,170
April 24/25 Home Missions Collection		\$ 687
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,696

Next Diocesan Second Collection:
May 16, 2010: "Catholic Communication"

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 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.

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 8/9

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, R. Garofalo, K. Hulsey
EM's: T. Veneziani, T. Angstman, S. Eisenhardt, The Klecko's
Lectors: P. Tryson, L. Heiningar

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: W. McHugh, C. Hearn, K. Starts
EM's: N. Schmidt, S. Marano, R. Leone, R. Davis, L. McHugh
Lectors: M. McHugh, L. Modzier

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Bowmans, C. Hughes
EM's: T. Mattered, M. Miller, T. Scavuzzo, L. Solano, B. Taylor
Lectors: K. Jakubowski, M. Turan

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

5/3-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Women's Bible Study, 7pm RCIA
 5/4-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 5/5-Wednesday-9am Mass, **6:30pm Final CCD Mass**
 5/6-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music,
 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir
 5/7-**First Friday**-9am Mass, **Adoration until 7pm**
 5/8-Sat-8am Men's Prayer Group, 3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass,
6:30pm Comedy Knight (6:30pm dinner, 8pm show)
 5/9-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 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 \$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.**

First Friday Adoration



This Friday, May 7th is the first Friday of the Month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9am Mass and continue until 7pm.

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:

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!

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

Stonegate Bus Trip June 15th!

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.

Our First Holy Communicants

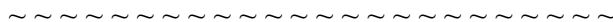
The following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on April 24, 2010. We wish to thank Father Rocco, Deacon Ernie, our Choir and teachers Nancy Lynch and Terry Scavuzzo, and all those who helped make this celebration a blessed day for our First Holy Communicants. Please keep these children in your prayers.

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| Nathaniel Arroliga | Zemyara Berrios |
| Skylar Bocchicchio | Christopher Buondonno |
| Matthew Cellucci | Michael Cellucci |
| Katherine Coar | Brooke Cornforth |
| Carly Flynn | Josephine Galante |
| Kayleigh Heck | Lucas Huntington |
| Quinn Keenan | Waylon Kelleher |
| Madison Leary | Joseph Leyman |
| Zamarin Marlin | Angela Nicdao |
| Sierra Osorio | Darren Parker |
| Alexandra Rivera | Isabelle Rosario |
| Ashley Rubio | Juliet Schlump |
| Michael Schmid | William Schweiker |
| Joselyn Smith | Peter Stemetzki |



Bulldog's Penn Relay Results!

Congratulations to Saint Stephen's track team members **Cecelia Austin, Michaela Heide, Gianna Flacco and Yazmin Williams** for coming in third place at the Penn Relays. The girls ran the 4x100 relay in 57.45 seconds. They beat out five other teams to take the bronze medal in the 116th running of the relays at Franklin Field. Way to go girls! Mrs. Higgins, Fr. Rocco, the school and parish community are very proud of you! **Go Bulldogs!**



Service Hours at Cape May Pt., NJ

Saint Stephen's Youth Group and Team Members volunteered to help Sr. Dorothy Annis, SSJ (front row, first from right) prepare the Sisters of St. Joseph Retreat House for the Summer of 2010.

Photo galleries of our Youth Group and our Spring Social are now viewable at www.StStephensPennsauken.com.



Welcome to the 7th grade at Saint Stephen's School. Here are some highlights of our class.

All students are working on increasing their vocabulary and improving their grammar. Language Arts students are reciting poetry while accelerated Language Arts students are reading a favorite-The Outsiders.

Geometry is the focus in Math as students work on computing surface area. Accelerated Math students continue with Algebra as they solve multi-step equations.

In Science, the students are learning about the weather and budding meteorologists are attempting to predict the path of a hurricane.

The students are writing a first person essay account of a mill worker's life during the Industrial Revolution. This Social Studies exercise will help us appreciate our adventure to Historic Batsto Village for a field trip in May.

The students have begun working on their contributions to the school wide essay project on the importance of Mary in the Church and in our lives. To honor Mary, the results will be posted throughout the school during the month of May.

The student athletes have been competing on Saint Stephen's softball and track teams. This year we have a girl's team running in the world recognized Penn Relay.

Lastly, we have begun our preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students are reflecting on the meaning of this commitment. We are giving serious thought to our new names and the saints that inspire us. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we grow in our faith.



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).

St. Stephen Church
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
April 14, 2010

Members Present: Joe Haas, Liz McHugh, Joey Scavuzzo, Chris Hearn, Tony Saranchak (Finance Council Liaison), and Terry Modzier.

Ex Officio members: Sr. Bernadette Leahy SSJ.

- Opening prayer by Sr. Bernadette
- Meeting called to order by Joe Haas at 7:15 pm
- Minutes Read and Approved by Committee members.

- **Old Business:**

-Parish Surveys - Item tabled until such time as Fr. Rocco is in attendance.

-Delegation of Ministries for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) - Item tabled until such time as the Ministry / Parish Organizational Chart is completed, and both Fr. Rocco and Sr. Ruthann O'Mara SSJ are in attendance.

-Fundraisers - A brief presentation of the SCRIP information will be shared by Craig Otto from Finance Council, at the Spring Social on April 17, 2010. Fr. Rocco has met with Katie Fagan and reviewed all the information she had gathered. Information will be shared in the Church Bulletin as this program continues to be finalized. Again, this is a "Win - Win" situation for all involved and the church / school will directly benefit with each order sold.

-Spring Social - This event is scheduled for this Saturday, April 17th in the School Gymnasium. The details for this event discussed at length. Approximately 130 to 140 tickets sold thus far.

-Youth Mass - Fr. Rocco is awaiting a reply from a letter sent to Fr. Chuck regarding scheduling a meeting to discuss the multiple logistics in having a Youth Mass.

- **New Business:**

-Finance Report - Tony Saranchak (Finance Council Liaison) reports the Budget is in the process of being finalized, based on a realistic number of students attending. The Finance Council Meeting scheduled for next week.

-Pastoral Council Membership - Effective immediately Ryan P. McCann has resigned from Pastoral Council due to personal reasons. We wish him well and Thank him for his commitment to this Council. Subsequently, there was discussion on how the membership is to be increased. Implementation of the nomination process discussed for a start in May. Will be discussed at next meeting.

-St Stephen's Logo - discussion of the Logo development process. There are questions / details that need to be discussed with Fr. Rocco. Item tabled until Fr. Rocco is in attendance.

- Meeting adjourned @ 8:40 pm.
- Closing prayer by Sr. Bernadette.
- Next PPC meeting: Tentative for **TUESDAY MAY 18, 2010 AT 7:30PM, AFTER THE ROSARY**, in the Rectory Basement Meeting room.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Modzier