

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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May 24, 2009 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm

Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am

Children's Liturgy: 3rd 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, 2nd Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3rd 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.

- MONDAY** **May 25, 2009 (Memorial Day)**
9:00am Our Living and Deceased Military Personnel
- TUESDAY** **May 26, 2009**
9:00am Bill Buffington r/b Fred & Carmella Greene
- WEDNESDAY** **May 27, 2009**
9:00am Good Intentions and Healing of Jackie Valentino
r/b The Dionisio Family
- THURSDAY** **May 28, 2009 (Novena to follow)**
9:00am Carl Fuhrmeister, Jr.
r/b the Diocese of Camden Health Services Staff
- FRIDAY** **May 29, 2009**
9:00am Fran Sullivan r/b The Sullivan Family
- SATURDAY** **May 30, 2009**
9:00am Daniel Conway r/b Family
4:30pm Veronica Mosely r/b Carmen Chevere
Marion Camarota r/b Katherine Boyer
- SUNDAY** **May 31, 2009**
9:00am Theresa Eisenhardt r/b Family
Josephine Pisarczyk r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz
- 10:30am Catherine Magee r/b Family
Robert Gottschall r/b Hal & Marge Leone

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
Memory of Joseph Pandola, Sr.***

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 16/17, 2009 Attendance/Collection	575 /	\$6,580
May 17/18, 2008 Attendance/Collection	599 /	\$5,965
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,923
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,734

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.

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 30/31

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: R. Garofalo, T. Mason, E. Mattera
EM's: The Heiningers, T. Angstman, T. Mattera, T. Veneziani
Lectors: S. Stehm, P. Krohn

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: H. Atchison, K. Starts, P. Luthman
EM's: S. Marano, R. Leone, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, T. Scavuzzo
Lectors: M. Miller, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: R & R Buchholz, C. Otto
EM's: M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler, T. Link, C. Otto, M. Novoa
Lectors: The Links

Weekly Bulletin Deadline: Monday @ Noon

*Next Diocesan Special^{2nd} Collection:
June 7, 2009: "Brazilian Mission"*



2009 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D	\$34,891 (64%)
2009 House of Charity Goal	\$55,000
Total Number of Family Pledges:	142
Average Pledge per Family:	\$246

Pope Benedict XVI wrote that "by being useful, in being a person whom the world needs, our life becomes important and beautiful." Our world needs you. You can help make a better world right here, through a gift to the House of Charity that says, "I care."

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

5/25-Monday-9am Mass, Memorial Day (School/Rectory closed)
 5/26-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 5/27-Wednesday-9am Mass, **7pm Parish Council Joint Meeting with Finance Council, Church Staff, PTA and School Advisory Board**
 5/28-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm A&E décor,
 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir
 5/29- Friday-9am Mass
 5/30-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass, A&E décor,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 5/31-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am



*In Loving Memory of Rita Skedzielewski
1925-2009*

We will always fondly remember Rita and Ed ceremonially cutting the first slice of our Jubilee cake in 2002.

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 1st & 3rd 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.**

Parish Council Joint Meeting May 27th

7pm in the Stonegate Community Room

Includes Finance Council, Church Staff,

PTA and the School Advisory Board

(closed meeting to exclusively to the above ministries)

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## 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**

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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).

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## 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.**

# 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!

## Stewardship Reflection Stewardship Watch

**"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:11)**

Where will we be in our Stewardship journey when Jesus returns? We will be separated into sheep and goats depending on how much we have used our blessings to help those in need. Watch where you are going.

### Thank You for the Plants!

We truly appreciate everyone who has contributed their Easter bulbs and plants for our church grounds. They shall all make quite the dramatic appearance next Spring. Thank you!

## Ecumenical Prayer Service June 7<sup>th</sup>

**Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante, D.D., J.C.D., Bishop of Camden**, will participate in an Ecumenical Prayer Service to celebrate Christian Unity:

**Sunday, June 7, 2009 - 3:00 PM**

**Christ the King Church**

**200 Windsor Ave.**

**Haddonfield, NJ 08033**

The Ecumenical Prayer theme for 2009 is "That they may become one in your hand." Bishop Galante will join other Christian bishops, ministers and dignitaries from various denominations including Methodist Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar, Presbyterian Reverend Dr. Deborah G. Brincivalli, and others for an afternoon of united prayer.

All are invited to attend the prayer service and refreshments will be provided in Morgan Hall (lower level of the church building) afterwards. For more information contact Sr. Rosaline at 856-429-1600.

## Bishop Eustace Athletic Camps

**Our Baseball Team** will hold the Scholastic Baseball Camp from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup> for students from the ages of 7 to 14, as well as hitting and pitching camps throughout the summer.

**Our Field Hockey Team** will host an Elite Week Camp from June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup> for students going into ninth thru twelfth grades. They will also offer an Instructional Camp for students entering seventh thru twelfth grades from July 13<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please call the Athletic Director's office at (856) 662-2160, ext. 248.

From the Desk of Father Vincent Orum, AJ

# “God Calls Us”

**God call us to a Life of Shining Generosity and Recreating Love!**

In Mathew 6:19-21 we read, “Do not store for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But rather store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” These words of our Lord ring in my mind as I present to you the cumulative statistics of our Parish family’s group and category contributions from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. I want to thank each one of you for the sacrifice you have made and your generosity to the Parish even at this trying time. You can see for yourselves how generous we are as a Parish and individuals through the prayerful sacrificial giving we received each Sundays through the envelopes. I am convinced that our Lord will certainly reward your generosity as Saint Paul reminds us, “Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have in abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’ The one who supplies seed for the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.” 2Corinthians 9:6-10.

**389 out of 450 families used their envelopes between Jan-May 7, 2009. 61 families did not.**

| Amount given | # of families within the Range | Amount given | # of families within the Range |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| \$1-5        | 8                              | \$155-160    | 7                              |
| \$6-10       | 14                             | \$163-170    | 9                              |
| \$15         | 5                              | \$174-180    | 16                             |
| \$19-20      | 11                             | \$185-200    | 10                             |
| \$22-25      | 5                              | \$204-250    | 27                             |
| \$28-30      | 11                             | \$255-260    | 4                              |
| \$31-35      | 4                              | \$267-270    | 4                              |
| \$39-40      | 4                              | \$275-280    | 5                              |
| \$40-45      | 7                              | \$285-300    | 3                              |
| \$47-50      | 10                             | \$305-310    | 5                              |
| \$53-55      | 3                              | \$317-350    | 19                             |
| \$59-60      | 10                             | \$355-400    | 16                             |
| \$65-70      | 13                             | \$400-447    | 21                             |
| \$71-75      | 6                              | \$452-470    | 5                              |
| \$80-85      | 10                             | \$472-490    | 7                              |
| \$90-95      | 14                             | \$495-550    | 17                             |
| \$97-100     | 10                             | \$558-650    | 8                              |
| \$104-105    | 4                              | \$660-690    | 8                              |
| \$110-115    | 8                              | \$720-780    | 6                              |
| \$119-120    | 9                              | \$810-875    | 8                              |
| \$124-125    | 5                              | \$900-996    | 4                              |
| \$130-135    | 8                              | \$1,077-1955 | 9                              |
| \$136-140    | 7                              | \$2,102.00   | 1                              |
| \$143-150    | 7                              |              |                                |

As we come to the end of our fiscal year, the Finance Council will soon present the financial report for 2008-2009. We have been current with our utility bills and assessments to the Diocese and I am happy to report that no additional debts have been incurred other than what we carried foreword before 2006 at the amount of approximately \$144,000 for the School and \$158,000 for the Parish.

**NB:** Finally, I am profoundly grateful to Jim Gilbride, the executor of Mr. Donald Gilbride’s Estate for honoring the incredible generosity of Mr. Donald Gilbride for Saint Stephen’s Parish. We shall always remain indebted to his extraordinary benevolence for our parish family and humbled by his faith to remember Saint Stephen’s in his will. May our gracious and loving God reward Mr. Donald Gilbride and Rest his Soul in Eternal Peace.