

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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May 29, 2011 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Friday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm (**Reconciliation 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.

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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.

Tribunal Parish Advocate-Deacon Anthony Cioe-227-2154
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 weekend 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 church 10 minutes prior to Saturday/Sunday 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 2012 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	May 30, 2011 (Memorial Day) Our Deceased Military r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY 9:00am	May 31, 2011 Patricia Leeds r/b Elizabeth McHugh
WEDNESDAY 9:00am 7:00pm	June 1, 2011 (7pm Vigil for Ascension Thursday) Rev. Peter J. Pastore r/b People of the Parish People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena 7:00pm	June 2, 2011 (Ascension Thursday) Thomas A. Love, Jr. r/b M/M John Hoban, Sr. Rev. Brendan V. Sullivan r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY 9:00am	June 3, 2011 (First Friday Adoration) Maurice C. DeFeo (Birthday Remembrance) r/b The Rotondo Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	June 4, 2011 George Kneib r/b The Pandola Family
SUNDAY 9:00am 10:30am	June 5, 2011 Catherine & Philip Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri Catherine Magee r/b Family Walter Cerone (1-year anniversary) r/b His Wife, Dorothy

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of Kenneth Micarelli.***

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 21/22, 2011 Attendance/Collection	480/	\$5,124
May 22/23, 2010 Attendance/Collection	605/	\$5,696
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,673
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,814

Upcoming Special Collections:

June 2, 2011: "Feast of the Ascension"
June 5, 2011: "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 or you may pick up a form in the rectory.**



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, Victor Ambruso, Joe & Dolly Angelastro, Evelyn Capocetta, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Thomas Holmes Sr., Rita Insky, Ben Johnson, Lillian Kinee, Donna Krawchuk, Sandy Lepo, Joann Lunsford, Vincent Marchese, Harry Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, John Meyer, Michael & Family, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pendtleton, Rita Picciano, Declan Roberts, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Helen Villanueva, John Vindick, Anthony Vocale, 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 may remove their name. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule for June 1/2/4/5

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Wednesday, 7:00pm (Vigil for Ascension Thursday)

Altar Servers: TBA

EM's: M. Meloni, J. Bowman, B. Taylor, L. D'Alessandro

Lectors: L. Peischl, R. Taylor

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

Ascension Thursday, 7:00pm

Altar Servers: TBA

EM's: C. Otto, R. Davis, L. Heininger, P. Cioe

Lectors: C. Luthman, J. Melfi

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: D. Surgner, T. Mason, K. Sullivan

EM's: T. Angstman, P. Antonelli, The Heiningers, A. Knight

Lectors: P. Palazzo, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: W. McHugh, M. Ciarrocca, B. McHugh

EM's: S. Marano, The Monacos, L. McHugh, M. Miller

Lectors: J. Gerst, L. Sperduto

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: T. Albert, The Fagans

EM's: W. Delfin, The Fagans, M. Meloni,

Lectors: P. Cioe, L. Fagan

2011 House of Charity Appeal

2011 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D \$44,755 (86%)

2011 House of Charity Goal \$52,250

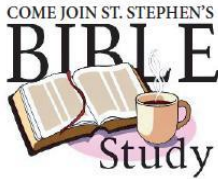
Let a gift to the House of Charity allow the fire of love to grow in you. Your donation helps ensure that vital programs continue, which not only give financial support but also teaches others how to improve their difficult situations and become more independent.

Thank you to the 128 families that have given generously thus far.

If you have not pledged as yet, extra pledge cards are available in the lobby of our church outside the Sacristy.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

5/30-Monday-9am Mass, School & Rectory closed Memorial Day
5/31-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
6/1- Wednesday-9am Mass, 7pm Vigil for Ascension Thursday,
6/2- Ascension Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Mass,
7pm Rosary Makers
6/3---First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
6/4---Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
6/5---Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



Every Monday @ 1pm
in the Stonegate
Conference Room

All ladies in the parish, and friends are welcome. Please contact Eileen Heide at heides@comcast.net or call (856) 662-8046 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

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.

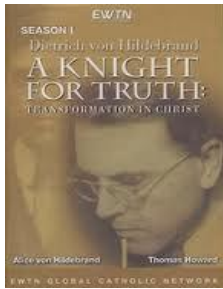
St. Stephen's Prayer Line: Belongs to You

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place.

Contact Michael @ 662-2543 for June requests.

**"You answered me when I called to you;
with your strength you strengthened me."**

Psalms 138:3



***St. Stephen's
Discussion Club***

Every Thursday night at 7pm in the Rectory we will be discussing

**"A Knight for Truth:
Transformation in Christ"**

All are welcome!

Art & Environment Ministry

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.

Wanted: Non-Working LCD

Flat Panel TV Sets 20 inches or smaller

May be dropped off at the Rectory or call the Rectory at 662-9338, ext. 6 to arrange a pickup.
(For educational purposes)

Memorial Day, May 30th

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

On Monday, May 30th we will observe Memorial Day, a national holiday. The school and rectory will be closed.

Ascension Thursday – June 2nd

Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation:

Wednesday, June 1st: 7pm Vigil

Thursday, June 2nd: 9am & 7pm



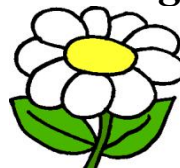
The Rectory & All Diocesan Offices will be closed Ascension Thursday.

First Friday Adoration, June 3rd



**This Friday, June 3rd, is the first Friday of the Month.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin
after the 9am Mass and continue until 7pm.**

Calling All Bulbs & Plants!



Please don't discard your Easter plants—we'll re-plant them on our church grounds! All plants may be dropped off at the rectory from 9am-4:30pm Monday thru Friday.



Week of May 29th – June 4th
(Memorial Day observed May 30th)

KINDERGARTEN NEWS – The parents of the students attending St. Stephen’s 1st Grade in 2011-2012 had the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Smith, the 1st Grade teacher to learn what 1st grade will be all about. Mrs. Smith just recently earned her Master’s degree in Teacher Leadership and Special Education. She brings many talents to her 1st grade class and the parents were very excited to hear what their children can expect next year. The current 1st grade students all made cards for the children welcoming them to 1st grade and letting them know what they can expect. The Kindergarten students experienced for themselves what to expect in 1st grade. On Tuesday, the 24th they “Stepped-up” to 1st grade and spent time with Mrs. Smith as their teacher.

PreK4 News–While Kindergarten was “stepping up” to 1st grade the PreK 4 students were “stepping up” to Kindergarten, learning what it is like to be a Kindergartener. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Tutwiler enjoyed meeting their 2011-2012 Kindergarten class.

OPEN HOUSE NEWS – On May 17th we held our Spring Open House. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped us. We had alumni from 1967 through 2002 helping out. We had grandparents and parents of graduates and of current students helping out. Our 8th grade Student Council members were also on hand to serve as tour guides. The prospective families enjoyed learning about St. Stephen’s and we hope to see them in September!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

ALUMNI NEWS – Congratulations to some of our alumni who were inducted into various Honor Societies at CCHS on May 12, 2011. They include: **Class of 2008:** Gabe Mattia, Charles Moton, Christina Rosario and Andrew Randisi. **Class of 2009:** Elise Corbett and Melissa Hearn.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

PTA UPCOMING EVENTS!

Rivershark Tickets on sale through June 3rd. Please see website for ticket order form or call the school.

Sat. June 4th Walk-a-thon - Registration form and sponsor Forms are available on our website or through the school. **PLEASE COME AND WALK WITH US!** For questions please call Susan McGuirl, (215) 779-7425.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

If you have alumni information to share please contact:
advancement@ststephenspennsauken.com

Scrip News

Our Scrip program has been in place for one year and the good news is we have earned over \$7500 in profit from our loyal base of 30-40 customers.

Imagine what we could do if more people participated!

We would like to continue offering scrip after all the Masses *but* **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Fortunately we have had a handful of faithful volunteers selling Scrip this past year but are in need of more. All we are asking is for you to give 15 minutes of your time after the Mass you are already attending. It is easy and it helps to keep our program alive! We are especially in need of volunteers for the 4:30 Saturday Mass. Please consider this opportunity to volunteer. You may call the Rectory or Katy Fagan at our school (662-5935) if you are willing to volunteer or have any questions. **THANK YOU!!**

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## *Let us place you on our Email distribution list!*

Receive in-depth information about what's happening in our parish and our diocese. Learn about social events, diocesan programs, ongoing faith formation, and much, much more. Just complete the form below and drop it into the collection basket, or return it to the Parish Office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Interested in Becoming Catholic?

--Have you been worshiping 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).

Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Camden

May 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Communication Campaign supports Catholic media projects for the radio, television, Internet, and print in our diocese and all over the United States. We will take up the Collection in parishes the **weekend of June 4 - 5**. Half the proceeds from this Collection in our diocese stay in our diocese to support our local communication efforts.

In today's world, it is essential for the Catholic voice to be where the people are: whether that is sharing on social networking sites, listening to MP3 players, or reading a newspaper.

In his message for the 2009 World Communications Day, Pope Benedict XVI said, "I ask you to introduce into the culture of this new environment of communications and information technology the values on which you have built your lives."

Please help us bring this witness. The Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign is how the Good News gets around . . . to you.

May God continue to guide you and bless you.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Galante". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante, D.D., J.C.D.
Bishop of Camden