

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Vincent Orum, A.J., Administrator  
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## Parish Contact Information

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## May 3, 2009 – Fourth 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 4, 2009</b> Carl Fuhrmeister, Jr. r/b Laura Montgomery
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 5, 2009</b> Good Intentions of Mike Cody Dees r/b Grandmother
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am <b>10:00am</b> <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>May 6, 2009</b> <b>Memorial Mass for Mr. Harry T. Wilson</b> <b>Final CCD Mass</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 7, 2009 (Novena to follow)</b> Marion Camarota r/b Laura Montgomery
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 8, 2009</b> John Sarich, Sr. r/b Dorothea Dodds
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00am 4:30pm	<b>May 9, 2009</b> Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Good Intentions of Sam & Nancy Loperfido on their 56 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary r/b Wanda Loperfido
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am  10:30am	<b>May 10, 2009 (Mother's Day)</b> Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter Rose Marie & Son Vincent Theresa Eisenhardt r/b Family  Stella Corroda r/b Fred & Anna Vicario Alice Schreiber r/b Lucy DiBenedetto

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in  
Memory of The Unborn Children.***

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.

<b>April 25/26, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>483 / \$5,170</b>
<b>April 26/27, 2008 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>546 / \$5,505</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,923</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$5,707</b>

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

**Ministry Schedule for May 9/10**

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** M. Hobbs, R. Garofalo, M. DiRico  
**EM's:** T. Veneziani, T. Angstman, S. Eisenhardt, The Klecko's  
**Lectors:** The Busch's

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** E. Corbett, H. Atchison, G. Schwankert  
**EM's:** N. Schmidt, S. Marano, R. Leone, R. Davis, L. McHugh  
**Lectors:** M. McHugh, L. Modzier

**Sunday, 10:30am**

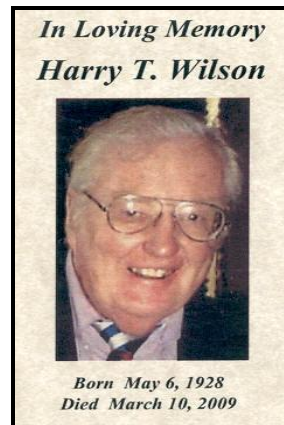
**Altar Servers:** C. Otto, S. Rosa  
**EM's:** T. Mattered, M. Miller, T. Scavuzzo, L. Solano, C. Otto  
**Lectors:** C. Otto, K. Jakubowski

*Next Special<sup>2nd</sup> Collection:*

**May 17, 2009 – "Catholic Communications"**



<b>2009 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$32,770 (60%)</b>
<b>2009 House of Charity Goal</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>
<b>Total Number of Family Pledges:</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Average Pledge per Family:</b>	<b>\$256</b>



### ***This Week @ St. Stephen's***

5/4-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA  
 5/5-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm School Board  
 5/6-Wednesday-9am Mass, **6:00pm CCD Final Mass,**  
**7pm Fundraising, 7pm Pastoral Council**  
 5/7-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15 Youth Music, 7:15 Choir  
 5/8- Friday-9am Mass, 7pm YAM (rectory)  
 5/9-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 5/10-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

### ***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.

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

### ***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 information, 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.

## Knights of Columbus Flea Market

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Spring Flea Market at St. Cecilia's on **Saturday, May 9** beginning at 8am. For information call Lonnie at 662-6049

## Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If this year, (January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009) you are celebrating your 25th Wedding Anniversary, 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more than 50 years of marriage, please join us on:

**Sunday, May 17, 2009 with 3:00 pm Mass**  
(light reception following)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
591 New Jersey Avenue, Absecon

Please call 856-583-6118 for further information.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Golf at the Beach"

Join us for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual *Golf at the Beach* to benefit the **retired Sisters of Saint Joseph** of Philadelphia, PA to be held at the Seaview Marriott Resort & Spa in Galloway, NJ on Monday, May 11, 2009. Tee-off is 8:30am, rain or shine. The day of golf includes continental breakfast, BBQ lunch, door prizes and great gifts. For more information, call Sr. Elizabeth Ferguson, SSJ at (800) 482-6510. Sponsorships are available, visit [www.ssiphila.org/golf.html](http://www.ssiphila.org/golf.html).

## Our First Holy Communicants

The following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of First Communion on April 25, 2009. Please keep these children in your prayers. We wish to thank Father Vince, Father Tom, Deacon Ernie, our Choir and wonderful teachers Nancy Lynch, Mary Novoa, Terry Scavuzzo, teacher's aide Jeanette Huntington and all those who helped make this celebration a blessed day for our First Holy Communicants.

### 2nd Grade & CCD

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| Dominic Barrett, Jr. | Ethan Bindig             |
| Julianna Bindig      | Sara Caban               |
| Christian Cornforth  | James Crew               |
| Colin Daidone        | Joseph Fitzpatrick       |
| Vincent Foley        | Sebastian Fuentes        |
| Nicholas Garcia      | Brandon Gibson           |
| Morgan Hicks         | Colin Hughes             |
| Megan Hulsey         | Joseph Huntington        |
| Vincent Lamancusa    | Braeden McHugh           |
| Nicholas Nieves      | Kerin North              |
| Areceli Novoa        | Genene Padalino          |
| Carlos Padua         | Hayley Pierson           |
| Stephen Przychowicz  | Eliezer David Reyes, Jr. |
| Nathaniel Rivera     | Corinne Rukas            |
| Morgan Schuler       | Katelyn Sitkowski        |
| Flex Stevens         | William Stow, Jr.        |
| Sarah Surgner        | Chance Warner            |
| Matthew Wheeler      | Danielle Wsocki          |

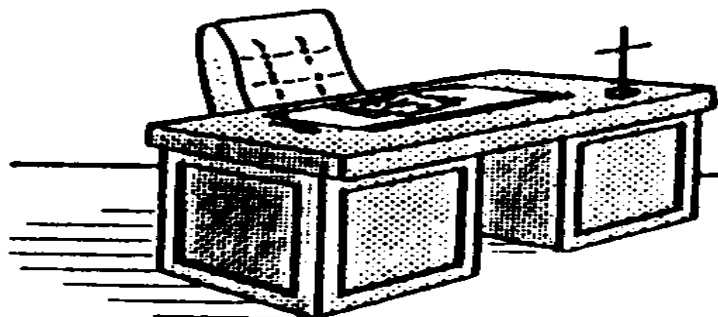
### 3rd Grade

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| Ruben Arroliga      | Justin Bui           |
| Robert Buondonno    | Patrick Corbett      |
| Lyana Crespo        | Lauren Davis         |
| Kevin Jee Fagan     | Victoria Flacco      |
| Owen Gerold         | Joseph Giannone      |
| Olivia Graff        | Amelia Hiller        |
| Nathan Hobbs        | Christopher Holmes   |
| Nicholas Hughes     | Christopher Kozempel |
| Liam Krohn          | John Robert Kueny    |
| Santo Loperfido     | Madison Miller       |
| Andraya Przychowicz | Leonard J. Rebilas   |
| Raiza Rosa          | Leticia Rosa         |
| Anais Rubio         | Victoria Ruiz        |
| Frank Schlegel, Jr. | William Sullivan     |
| Chase Turner        |                      |

Adeline Gramlich, CRE  
Patricia Higgins, School Principal

## 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.



*From the Desk of  
Father Vincent Orum, AJ*

## *A Reminder on the Month of May Dedicated to the Blessed Mother*

As we begin the month of May, allow me to remind ourselves that this month is dedicated to the Blessed Mother and we are encouraged to have devotions to the Blessed Mother. It will be important for us as a community and family to pray the Rosary daily at a convenient time for us and as a church before the beginning of Mass.

Especially at this point in time where a good number of Christian denominations and some Catholics who feel less attracted and convinced to recourse to her intercession is not lacking, we need to emphasize on the importance of our Catholic tradition to recourse to her.

In the history of our Mother Church and her traditions, the devotions to the Blessed Mother were always upheld among other forms of devotions. There was never a time that Mary's Role in the plan of salvation was downplayed or looked at with contempt. It follows then that all of us who are faithful to Mary's Son must feel the need to recourse to her through the devotions and prayers that our Catholic traditions have promoted along the Centuries.

In The Documents of the Vatican Council II, Chapter VIII on the Church, (**Lumen Gentium**) is dedicated to the Blessed Mother with the title, "**The Role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, In the Mystery of Christ and the Church.**"

From Article Nos.52-68, about 18 articles speak about the Blessed Mother at the time in which the Council fathers wanted a new outlook and understanding of the Church and its mission in the world. This was by no means by chance but rather an attempt to link the role and importance of the Blessed Mother in our Economy of Salvation. In their own words they said,

**"Rightly therefore the holy fathers see her as used by God not merely in a passive way, but as cooperating in the work of human salvation through free faith and obedience." LG No.56.**

Due to this understanding of Mary's role in the redemptive action of God, the Catholic church has always encouraged devotions to her including Vatican II, which at times is wrongly quoted to justify attitude of reluctances and negligence to her. The Document on the Church No.67 states, "**This most holy Synod deliberately teaches this Catholic doctrine. At the same time, it admonishes all sons of the Church that the cult, especially the liturgical cult, of the Blessed Virgin, be generously fostered. It charges that practices and exercises of devotion toward her be treasured as recommended by the teaching authority of the Church in the course of centuries, and that those decrees issued in earlier times regarding the veneration of images of Christ, the Blessed Virgin, and the saints, be religiously observed.**" LG No.67

I therefore, urge you as a Parish family and indeed in particular as a domestic Church at home, to find time in the month of May to encourage the devotions to the Blessed Mother either by saying a prayer to our Lady, Rosaries, a visit to our Church grotto etc. May the Lord Bless you through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary. Amen.