

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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May 30, 2010 – The Most Holy Trinity

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 31, 2010 (Memorial Day-School/Rectory closed) Erasmus Marcozzi r/b Joe Ciarrocchi
TUESDAY 9:00am	June 1, 2010 Joseph Uzdziński r/b Mary Jane & Andy Salmonsén
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	June 2, 2010 Vincent L. Buondonno r/b Family
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	June 3, 2010 Dolores Glander r/b Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	June 4, 2010 (First Friday Adoration until 7pm) Charles Horn (4 th Anniversary) r/b His Sister Evelyn & Son-in-law Chuck
SATURDAY 4:30pm	June 5, 2010 Dolores Glander r/b Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	June 6, 2010 Catherine & Philip Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Catherine Magee r/b Family Jean Wenstrom r/b Louise D'Alessandro

**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 22/23, 2010 Attendance/Collection	605/	\$5,696
May 23/24, 2009 Attendance/Collection	527/	\$5,158
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,709

Next Diocesan Second Collection:
June 13, 2010: "Brazilian Mission"

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.**

RIDE NEEDED: To the June 3rd Rosary Makers @ Stonegate. Please call Joann on Beacon Ave. @ 663-6829 if you can help!



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 Alessandróni, Victor Ambruso, Dolly Angelastro, Evelyn Capaldi, Evelyn Capocetta, Walter Cerone, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Patricia Dómer, Joe Flacco, Thomas Holmes Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Donna Krawchuk, Sandy Lepo, Katherine Maggioncalda, Vincent Marchese, Marlene Matteó, Harry Mayer, Dolores McCollum, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, John Messina, John Meyer, Mark Newell, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pendtleton, Rita Picciano, Jean Rooney, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Helen Villanueva, 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 can remove their name. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule for June 5/6

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: The Pandola's, P. Krohn, P. Antonelli, Sr. Eleanora

Lectors: P. Palazzo, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, S. Mufalli, The Monaco's

Lectors: J. Gerst, L. Spurduto

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: W. Delfin, T. Link, L. D'Alessandro, G. Tutwiler, C. Otto

Lectors: The Links

Assisted Listening Devices now available!



Our sound system now supports individual assisted listening devices. These devices are available to individuals who have trouble hearing during Mass. An earpiece is connected to a small, easy to operate, portable receiver, which allows for greater clarity of the spoken word. The devices can be used wherever you sit during Mass, you have control over your own volume level **and you are welcome to use your personal earphone/plug with the device (1/8" plug), or you may purchase a set from us for \$2.** Think of days-gone-by transistor radios and how easy they were to operate – one wheel controls both power and volume! **Please see an usher at least 15 minutes before Mass to reserve one of the four (4) units we have available in the Sacristy.**

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

5/31-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, School/Rectorry Closed
6/1--Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
6/2--Wednesday-9am Mass
6/3--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music,
7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir
6/4--**First Friday**-9am Mass, **Adoration until 7pm**
6/5--Sat-8am Men's Prayer Group, 3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
6/6--Sunday-Masses 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 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.

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 **Linda @ 661-8045 for June 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 Rectorry Basement Meeting Room. **Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.**



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2010 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D \$42,460 (81%)

2010 House of Charity Goal \$52,250

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.

Stewardship Truths

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (John 16:13a)

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know the truth. So why not ask the Holy Spirit the truth about your stewardship? Are you sharing your time and talent with God and others? Do you give a fair amount of your treasure to do the work of the Lord? Can you hear the Spirit's answer to those questions in your heart now? What more is He calling you to do?

CCD REGISTRATION

Registration is underway for next Fall and the fee remains at \$125 per family (**\$115 if registered by June 30, \$135 for late registrations after Sept. 8**). Registration forms are available in the rectorry and online on our church website's CCD page.

The NEW TIME schedule on Wednesday nights for next year's classes will be 6:15pm-7:30pm.

Youth Enjoying Service!!!

The St. Stephen's Youth Group is here to help our Senior neighbors! If you need assistance with weeding, raking or planting your garden this year, please call on us to help! Leave your name and phone number with **Cindy** at the Rectorry (856) 662-9338, ext. 6 and we will set up a time to help.

Knights' Flea Market June 5th

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Spring Flea Market at **Mary Queen of All Saints** (formerly St Cecilia's) schoolyard on Saturday, June 5, from 8:30am-2:30pm. For table rentals, donations or other info, please call **Lonnie** at 662-6049.

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 special ministry, please call **Joy Bowman** at (856) 662-4803. Thank you.

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.

First Friday Adoration



This Friday, June 4th, is the first Friday of the Month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9am Mass and continue until 7pm.



Pastoral Council Nominations

There are positions open on the PPC. Filling those positions is done by two methods; Pastoral appointment and elected members. Nomination for those elected positions will begin this week. **All nominations are to be received by June 6th**; elections will take place June 26th and 27th and the results will be published July 4th.



Music Ministry Notes

Calling all Musicians and Singers of all ages!!!!

We are in the process of developing new musical groups at St. Stephen and you are invited to an **informational meeting on Thursday evening, June 10th at 6:15pm**. God has blessed our parish with so many talented people. Won't you consider sharing your talents with your parish family??? We will be discussing the formation of a music ensemble, as well as the youth choir. Please join us for more information. See you on the 10th. *Nancy Werner-Kaiser (Music Director)*



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).



First Grade News!

First grade has been working hard! We have learned about plants and began to grow our own flowers. We gave these flowers to our mothers for Mother's Day! We are hoping that the flowers have bloomed with love.

We are really enjoying our last month together in first grade. We have read so many new books. We have learned about Earth Day in science class. We have been busy learning how to tell time, count money and lots of math facts.

Many of our parents have been coming in to read to us in our Mystery Reader program on Friday afternoons. It is always a great surprise to find out who will be our next mystery reader. After our book, we get to create some fun craft projects. We made pirate masks and even our own Rainbow fish.

We really enjoyed our "pajamas, pottery and pizza day"! The girls got to paint banks shaped like hippopotamus' while the boys painted robot banks. You should have seen those creative designs. We had a lot of fun! After enjoying our pizza picnic in the grass, we watched Robin Hood in our cozy pajamas and snuggled up with our favorite stuffed animals.

We have all learned how to read and work together as a group. Watch out second grade, we are ready for you.



Nite at the Races Results!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT SUPPORTED ST. STEPHENS FIRST "NITE AT THE RACES". EVERYONE HAD A FUN TIME; WE CAN'T WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR.

FOR THOSE WHO OWNED HORSES, THIS IS THE LIST OF OUR WINNERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THEM.

- RACE #1-A DEUCE ON THE LOOSE-THE ALESZCZYKS
- RACE #1-B IMPOSSIBLE DREAM – BETSY MASON
- RACE #2-A JOE 3 – JOE MILLER
- RACE #2-B KOOKY KARLY – GREENBERG
- RACE #3-A ELLE'S FOLLY – TERI MATTERA
- RACE #3-B CRAZY 4 PITTSBURGH – MRS. HIGGINS
- RACE #4-A STIR IT UP – KYLA BOUCHER
- RACE #4-B LUKE'S PRIDE – THE HUNTINGTON'S
- RACE #5-A JAKERS – KATHY WELLS
- RACE #5-B THE HONEYMOONER – MAURA AUSTIN
- RACE #6 SNOWY – DECEMBER HOLMES
- RACE #7 BLUEBERRY – KERIN NORTH
- RACE #8 DONKEY – B. MORRISON
- RACE #9 PAUL REVERE – ANITA PUNDURS
- RACE #10 MISSA MISSA – LINDA HEARN

St. Stephen Church
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
May 18, 2010

Members Present: Fr. Daniel Rocco, Liz McHugh, Joey Scavuzzo, Chris Hearn, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Craig Otto (Finance Council), and Terry Modzier.

Ex Officio members: Sr. Bernadette Leahy SSJ, Sr. Ruthann O'Mara SSJ,

- Opening prayer by Fr. Rocco
- Meeting called to order by Liz McHugh at 7:30 pm
- Minutes Read and Approved by Committee members.

- **Old Business:**

Organizational Chart - The chart that was published in the bulletin a few weeks ago was a Ministerial Organizational Chart and not a Parish Organizational Chart. As it related to a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) member sitting on all other Councils / Ministries, this is felt to be unnecessary. With the publishing of the minutes from other Councils / Ministries, the transparency that was requested, has been established.

Scrip - An account has been set-up and steps are being actively worked on for all the various aspects of the program. Awaiting return of the applications and surveys.

Spring Social - Overview of event revealed that it was a huge success! A fun time was had by all. A Thank You was sent to H&H Caters and our DJ, Wil Delfin, for sharing his Time, Talent and Treasure with the parish of St. Stephen's.

- **New Business:**

Parish Surveys - The final data from the surveys was reviewed. The consensus of the Council is, a large majority of the areas of concern have already been addressed / resolved a few of which are: Language barrier with Celebrants, the inability of some of the parishioners to hear clearly - (currently there are four Assisted Listening Devices available for use, information in bulletin 5/23), and the ongoing Woman's Bible Study program.

Pastoral Council Nominations - There are positions open on the PPC. Filling those positions is done by two methods; Pastoral appointment and elected members. Nomination for those elected positions will begin this week. All nominations are to be received by June 6th; elections will take place June 26th and 27th and the results will be published July 4th.

Finance Report - Craig Otto, (Finance Council) reviewed the Finance Council report, as was published in the bulletin 5/23.

St Stephen's Parish Logo - The Spiritual Life Board has developed the theme of "Serve One Another in Love". The theme and the logo of St. Stephen, for the Liturgical year 2010-2011, to be inaugurated in November.

Information folder for new parishioners - Item tabled until such time as Joe Haas is available.

- Meeting adjourned @ 8:50 pm.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Rocco
- Next PPC meeting: Wednesday June 9, 2010, place TBD.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Modzier