

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Vincent Orum, AJ, Administrator  
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Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal  
Mrs. Adeline Gramlich, CRE

## Parish Contact Information

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## May 31, 2009 – Pentecost Sunday

### 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.

- MONDAY** June 1, 2009  
9:00am Carl Fuhrmesiter, Jr.  
r/b the Diocese of Camden Housing Services Staff  
Thelma & Wally Baker r/b Loving Daughter, Elaine
- TUESDAY** June 2, 2009  
9:00am Bill Buffington r/b Gene Leone
- WEDNESDAY** June 3, 2009  
9:00am Bill Buffington r/b Catherine Broome
- THURSDAY** June 4, 2009 (Novena to follow)  
9:00am Charles Horn (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
r/b Son-in-Law Chuck & Sister Evelyn
- FRIDAY** June 5, 2009 (First Friday of the Month)  
9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Alfreda Novak
- SATURDAY** June 6, 2009  
9:00am Blanca Solano r/b Lily Solano  
4:30pm Veronica Mosely r/b Carmen Chevere  
Mary Savich r/b Jean Baylor & Family
- SUNDAY** June 7, 2009  
9:00am Catherine & Philip Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri  
Theresa Eisenhardt r/b Family
- 10:30am James Cummings, Sr. r/b Margaret Cummings  
Joseph Baratta r/b Marie Kaminski & Family

***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 23/24, 2009 Attendance/Collection	527 /	\$5,158
May 24/25, 2008 Attendance/Collection	665 /	\$5,892
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,923
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,721

***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., 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 June 6/7**

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** K. Hulsey, E. Mattera,  
**EM's:** P. Krohn, Sr. Eleanora, The Monaco's  
**Lectors:** R. Taylor, J. Bowman

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** R & C Aleszczyk  
**EM's:** S. Marano, S. Mufalli, R. Davis, J. Rosario  
**Lectors:** D. Heck, J. Messina

**Sunday, 10:30am (Graduation Mass)**

**Altar Servers:** TBA for Graduation  
**EM's:** W. Delfin, L. D'Alessandro, G. Tutwiler, C. Otto  
**Lectors:** The Links

*Weekly Bulletin Deadline: Monday @ Noon*

*Next Diocesan Special<sup>2nd</sup> 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

***Our New Class of Altar Servers!***

We are now recruiting new altar servers for summer training. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server (grades 3-8), please call the rectory at 662-9338.

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

- 6/1-Monday-9am Mass, 6:30pm A&E décor
- 6/2-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm School Board
- 6/3-Wednesday-9am Mass, 7pm Parish Council Joint Meeting with  
All Ministry Chairpersons in GYM
- 6/4-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir
- 6/5- First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 6/6-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass, A&E décor,  
3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 6/7-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am Graduation Mass

### ***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

This Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the Month.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin  
after the 9am Mass and continue until 7pm.

### ***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 Bernice @ 662-4641 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**

### ***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 info, call Betty McWilliams @ 665-3202.



***In Loving Memory of Jean Heller  
1933 - 2009***

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### ***Parish Council & Ministry Chairpersons Meeting this Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>***

7pm in the School Gymnasium  
(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).

# 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.

## 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 Benefit

**"To each individual the manifestation of the spirit is given for some benefit."** (1Corinthians 12:7)

Our Stewardship calls us to use our giftedness for some benefit in God's plan. The sum total of the Stewardship of the body of believers helps fulfill God's plan. Each gift of time, talent, and treasure is promised to bless and to hereby, benefit us as we see God using us in his plan.

## 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.

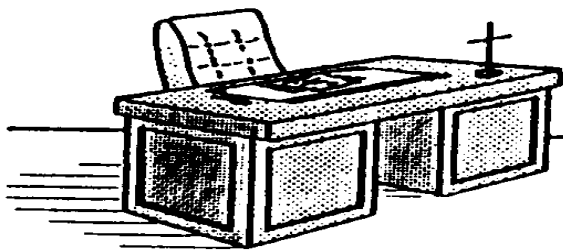
All are invited to attend the prayer service and refreshments will be provided in Morgan Hall (lower level of the church building) afterwards. For more information contact Sr. Rosaline at 856-429-1600.

## 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.

**The 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*

## *The Tasks and Mission of Envisioning the Parish*

On Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009, members of the Parish Council, Finance Committee, Parish staff, PTA and School Advisory Board Chairpersons and I met to begin the process of prayerfully reflecting and discerning where we are as a Parish and where we want to be. This process, which will eventually involve each and every one of us in the Parish, is meant to help all of us to participate in the mission of forming our parish vision in the years ahead of us.

On several occasions, some Parishioners have asked me about what my vision is for the Parish and where I see ourselves going!

It has been more than a year since we have been together and I have been following the method of **See-Judge- Act**. Even though I have acted in some areas, I have pretty much been observing and scanning our environments while waiting for opportune time to engage in envisioning for the Parish. We have concentrated among other things in re-organizing our leadership structure, establishing charter documents (operational guidelines), which I endorsed. This was followed by the official commissioning of the members of PPC and FC on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Mass.

It's my feeling that the moment is now that we can begin the process of envisioning for the Parish; a task which involves each one of us.

Much as we are determined by the vision of Christ and the Diocese of Camden, I feel that we **as the Parish of Saint Stephen's family are called by virtue of our Baptism to become a family where each and everyone of us baptized, relying on the Power of the Holy Spirit and Inspired by the Word of God, nourished by the Sacraments give back to God in gratitude the gift of our Talents, Time and Treasure (Vision).**

This vision to me is so essential, yet we need to have an input of each and every one in the Parish. It's a way in which we can answer the challenge by the diocese to become vibrant and dynamic. However, as Scott Snair said in his book (A good one to read), **Motivational Leadership, the Complete Idiot's Guide, pp 115,**

**"Don't set a vision for your team in a vacuum. You shouldn't lock yourself in a room with basic supplies, only to emerge a week later unshaven and unwashed with a grand vision. Setting a vision should involve input from your team members, your bosses, your peers, and your customers. The more contributions you get from others and the more involved they feel in the process, the more likely they are to buy in to the ultimate vision you offer them."**

Again he warns on Pg.117,

**"Remember that the more your team provides input toward the vision, the more energized they're going to be from it. Make sure that you don't put this vision together yourself--discuss it freely and frequently as you begin formulating it. Make sure that you genuinely and passionately listen to your team members as you gather their input."**

It's with this in mind that I have sent a Parish Survey Questionnaire to the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Parish Staff, PTA and School Advisory Board Chairpersons and the chairpersons of the different ministries in our Parish for a meeting to share and reflect on the status of our Parish now. I intend to have six meetings with different members of the Parish in September and October 2009 before we can formulate our plans and initiate them in 2010.

My intention and goal is to solicit the inputs of as many of our parishioners as possible as a way of determining where we are (The way things are Now) in order to formulate Strategic Priorities Agenda, Problem Solving Agenda, and Developmental Agenda to enable us achieve our vision for the future.

Relying on the help of God, we hope to make each one of us a part of this noble plan to make our Parish dynamic and vibrant as we each take active part in a goal and mission so noble. May God bless you all.