

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor  
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence  
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## May 9, 2010 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

### 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 10, 2010</b> Rev. Gerald Clements r/b People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 11, 2010</b> Betty Barlow (27 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b Daughters Bette Nicgorski & Miriam Gricco
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am 7:00pm	<b>May 12, 2010 (7pm Vigil for Ascension Thursday)</b> Dixie Laughlin r/b People of the Parish Madeline Tryson r/b Husband Paul
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena 7:00pm	<b>May 13, 2010 (Ascension Thursday)</b> Dolores Glander r/b Family Vincent L. Buondonno r/b Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 14, 2010</b> Tom Kelly r/b Albert & Antoinette D'Agostino
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>May 15, 2010</b> Michael Pietrafesa r/b Joseph & Annette Canal
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am 10:30am	<b>May 16, 2010</b> Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter Rose Marie Patricia Sweeney r/b Marie & Lenora Zinicola Kathryn Sullivan r/b Joe & Maria Haas

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
In Memory of Mary Rose Rotondo.***

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 1/2, 2010 Attendance/Collection	527/	\$5,487
May 2/3, 2009 Attendance/Collection	471/	\$6,116
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$6,154</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,691</b>

Next Diocesan Second Collection:  
**May 16, 2010: "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](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.



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, Evelyn Capocetta, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Thomas Holmes Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Donna Krawchuk, Bonnie Leone, Sandy Lepo, Katherine Maggioncalda, Vincent Marchese, Marlene Matto, Harry Mayer, Dolores McCollum, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, John Meyer, Mark Newell, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pentleton, Rita Picciano, Jean Rooney, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Steven Stepanavage, Julian Terzini, Mary Terzini, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Helen Villanueva, Anthony Vocale, John Von Alex, Rita Weingard, Jean Wenstrom.**

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 May 15/16**  
*(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** K. Sullivan, M. North, M. Hobbs  
**EM's:** P. Petronis, L. Garofalo, Sr. Eleanora, The Heiningers  
**Lectors:** R. Taylor, D. Steinmetz

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** Children's Mass – TBA.  
**EM's:** S. Marano, J. Rosario, T. Modzier, R. Davis, N. Schmidt  
**Lectors:** D. Heck, J. Bowman

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** The Fagans, H. Atchison  
**EM's:** M. Novoa, W. Delfin, C. Otto, The Fagans  
**Lectors:** J. Scavuzzo, M. Miller

***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, and you have control over your own volume level. 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 15 minutes before Mass to reserve and use one of the 4 units we now have available.**

### ***This Week @ St. Stephen Parish***

5/10-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Women's Bible Study, 7pm RCIA  
 5/11-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Finance Council  
 5/12-Wednesday-9am Mass, 7pm Vigil for Ascension Thursday  
 5/13-Ascension Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Mass  
 5/14-Friday-9am Mass  
 5/15-Sat-8am Men's Prayer Group, 3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass  
 5/16-Sunday-Masses 9am (Children) & 10:30am, 6pm Youth Group



**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](mailto:heides@comcast.net) for further info.

### ***Art & Environment News***

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Betty @ 662-6928 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**

### ***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 Rectory 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**

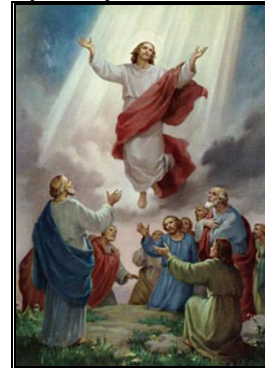
Let a gift to the House of Charity allow the fire of love to grow in you. Your donation helps ensure that vital programs continue, which not only give financial support but also teaches others how to improve their difficult situations and become more independent. **Thank you to all who have given so generously thus far this year. If you have not pledged as yet, extra pledge cards are available in the lobby of our church.**

### ***Ascension Thursday – May 13<sup>th</sup>***

*Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation:*

**Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>: 7pm Vigil**

**Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: 9am & 7pm**



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

### ***Young Adult Ministry***

St. Stephen's Young Adult Ministry, ages 21-40, will begin its **Faith and Tradition Series** on Monday nights in the rectory meeting room. Please arrive at 7:15. Presentation is from 7:30-8:30. Join us for either a reflection on the upcoming week's Gospel or a presentation on a saint of the church.

#### **Upcoming schedule:**

May 22 - Movie Night - "The Miracle of Fatima"

(Not held at the rectory, location TBD)

**Please contact Rose at 856.663.9342 for more information.**

*St. Stephen's PTA Presents*

### ***"Night at the Races"***

**Saturday, May 22, 2010, 7pm-?**

**\$20 per ticket on sale now!**

**Horses are on sale for \$10. If your horse wins, you win \$50!**

*Further info/tickets/horses: Jayne Holmes @ 856-577-0247*

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

# A Mother's Day Prayer

**Gracious God,**

*We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other.*

*Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers:*

- *who cared for us when we were helpless*
- *who comforted us when we were hurt*
- *whose love and care we often took for granted.*

**God our Creator, we pray:**

*for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;*

*for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;*

*for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;*

*for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;*

*for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;*

*for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;*

*for those who have children they do not want;*

*for those who raise children on their own;*

*for those who have lost a child;*

*for those who care for the children of others;*

*for those whose children have left home;*

*and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.*

*Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.*

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**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).**

## The Collingswood Community Chorus Directed by Dale L. Carey Presents a FREE CONCERT AM/FM (before Ipods)

**Tuesday, May 11, 2010 @ 7pm**

**Scottish Rite Theater**

315 White Horse Pike, Collingswood

For Information: 856-854-6024

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## Camden Catholic News

The ARTS at CCHS presents the "Spring Concert & Art Exhibit" on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Choral & Instrumental Concert begins at 2pm followed by the Art Exhibit at 3:30pm. Admission is FREE! Visit [www.cchsarts.com](http://www.cchsarts.com) for more information about the concert, exhibit and other programs.

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## Mary, Queen of All Saints News

**YARD SALE: May 15, 2010, 8am-2pm**

**Location: St. Veronica's Parking Lot, Delair**

**Sundry Household Items**

**Rain Date: May 16, 2010, Noon-4pm**

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## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel News

Our school is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a cocktail and hors d' oeuvres reception:

**Sunday, May 23, 2010, 4-7pm**

**Tavistock Country Club**

**\$40 per person, includes wine & beer**

For further info contact Megan at 856-342-6707, ext 204.

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## Giant Flea Market

**Sat., June 19, 2010, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Giant Flea Market and Food Court, Mater Ecclesiae RC Church lot, 261 Cross Keys Rd., Berlin, NJ. Huge event with children's activities. Vendor space \$20, or \$35 double; bring your table.**

More at <http://memfleaemarket.googlepages.com/> or e-mail [memfleaemarket@yahoo.com](mailto:memfleaemarket@yahoo.com). Phone 9 am - 4 pm weekdays 856-753-3408. Donations can be dropped off Saturdays only 8 am - 4 pm in Bishop DeMarzio Hall vestibule. (Rain date June 26).

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## Stonegate Bus Trip June 15<sup>th</sup>!

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.

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## In-ground Lawn Sprinkler Parts

We have 100 feet of plastic water tubing, 4 pop-up spray nozzles and a battery-operated timer.

New, never used, asking \$50.

Call the rectory at 662-9338, ext 6 if interested.

## *St Stephen Parish Finance Council Meeting* *Wednesday, 4/21/10*

In Attendance: Fr. Daniel Rocco, Kathy Boyer, Keith Knight, Lonnie Monaco, Craig Otto, Gary Sapienza and Tony Saranchak

Fr. Rocco opened the meeting with prayer at 7:05 PM.

School Budget: The budget has been finalized for the 2010-1011 school year. It is based on a K-8 enrollment of 210 students. Currently, 200 students have registered for next year with more expected over the coming weeks. Both school operating expenses and the parish subsidy projected for next year are lower than previously projected for the current school year, despite the fact that health insurance and other costs have increased

Fundraising: Craig reported that he gave a short talk on the scrip program at the parish social. Short talks about scrip will be scheduled for weekend Masses in the near future. Also, feedback will be collected from parishioners and school families on which vendor's scrip should be kept in stock. Craig also briefed Council members on a fundraiser called "Affinity" sponsored by TD Bank. This idea was tabled for further discussion after the parish gets the scrip program fully underway.

Maintenance and Repairs: Lonnie met with Ray Costner and Pat Higgins on 3/22/10. Plans for possible replacement of some or all school windows were discussed, as well as were several other school repair and maintenance items. A follow-up meeting will be held on 6/14/10. Also, two church repair items will receive priority attention: the steeple and roof; and replacement of the two old church water heaters with modern, efficient appliances.

Financial Reports: Church and school financial reports, as well as the parish general ledger for March were reviewed and a few questions were raised and answered. Fr. Rocco noted that arrangements have been made to replace the sound system in the sanctuary in order to resolve the numerous problems experienced in recent weeks, as well as provide several enhancements, including assistance for the hearing impaired.

Communications: The parish is investigating a subscription to an automated phone messaging service (similar to the one used by the school). Fr. Rocco will obtain additional information and discuss this with the Pastoral Council.

Pastoral Council Update: Much of the last meeting was given over to preparations for the parish social. The Council is still working on the results of last year's survey. Time was spent discussing the spiritual life logo.

### Miscellaneous Items:

- Fr. Rocco will be meeting with representatives from Catholic Charities and the Housing Services Corporation to discuss possible uses for the property behind the school.
- The parish will dispose of Sr. Bernadette's old car either through sale or some other means.
- All profits from the yard sales have been transferred to the parish's regular operating account for use in payment of our normal obligations.
- Keith briefed the other Council members on the convent expenses for the first six months of the current fiscal year.
- PTA fundraising through the end of February has raised \$6,843 after expenses. The PTA held pizza and magazine sales in March and is currently selling spring flowers. The "Night at the Races" fundraiser is scheduled for 5/22/10.

Fr. Rocco concluded the meeting with prayer at 9:15 PM.

The next Finance Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5/11/10 at 7 PM in the Rectory basement meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Otto  
4/27/10