

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Vincent Orum, AJ, Administrator  
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence  
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Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal  
Mrs. Adeline Gramlich, CRE

## Parish Contact Information

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## June 14, 2009 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

### 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 Summer Hours** - Monday thru Thursday 9am-4:30pm

**Friday 9am-Noon** (thru Sept. 4)

### 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 15, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)  
9:00am Salvatore Scardino r/b Aunt Helen

**TUESDAY** June 16, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)  
9:00am John O'Connor r/b Wife Florence

**WEDNESDAY** June 17, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)  
9:00am Althea Shuld r/b Lynne Clarke & Family

**THURSDAY** June 18, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)  
9:00am + Novena Anthony Palazzo, Sr. r/b Pam Palazzo

**FRIDAY** June 19, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)  
9:00am Jean Heller r/b Lucille Buffington

**SATURDAY** June 20, 2009  
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish  
(Presider: Fr. Tom)

4:30pm Robert W. Kozempel & John F. Peberdy  
r/b Gerry Kozempel  
(Presider: TBA)

**SUNDAY** June 21, 2009 (Father's Day)  
9:00am Louis Buondonno  
r/b Daughter Rose Marie & Son Vincent  
Paul P. McCarthy, Sr. r/b The Mattera Family  
(Presider: Fr. Godfrey)

10:30am Joseph Baratta r/b Helen (Kaminski) Medes  
John Catrino r/b The Mattera Family  
(Presider: Fr. Tom)

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in  
Memory of Gabe & Rose Pucci.***

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.

June 6/7, 2009 Attendance/Collection	677 /	\$7,004
June 7/8, 2008 Attendance/Collection	502 /	\$6,611
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,923
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,733

Our chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is currently in need of a Chairperson for that ministry. If you are interested, kindly call the rectory at 662-9338.

**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, Jean Rooney, 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 20/21**

(Monthly schedules are available online on our church website)

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** R. Garofalo, M. DiRico, K. Hulsey  
**EM's:** P. Petronis, L. Garofalo, The Klecko's  
**Lectors:** D. Steinmetz, A. Yeager

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** R & R Buchholz, M & C Hearn  
**EM's:** S. Marano, L. Rosario, T. Modzier, L. McHugh  
**Lectors:** L. Modzier, M. Miller

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** C. Otto, L. Fagan, H. Atchison  
**EM's:** T. Link, J. Messina, W. Delfin, A. Mulholland  
**Lectors:** M. Turan, J. Terzini

*Weekly Bulletin Deadline: Monday @ Noon*

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

**August 9, 2009: "Air Conditioning Fund"**



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

6/15-Monday-9am Mass, Noon Dismissal for School  
 6/16-Tuesday-9am Mass, **Last Day of School**, 7pm Rosary  
 6/17-Wednesday-9am Mass  
 6/18-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir  
 6/19- Friday-9am Mass, **Rectory closes @ Noon** (Summer Fridays)  
 6/20-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass  
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 6/21-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

### Art & Environment Ministry

I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the Art & Environment Ministry members who helped to prepare our church for Pentecost and Ordinary Time. A special thank you to all the parishioners who recognize our work. Anyone wishing to join the A&E ministry may call Maria Haas 665-8393 (All are welcomed).

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass, please contact Maria Haas 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 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.



On March 16<sup>th</sup>, Pope Benedict XVI announced that the Church will celebrate a Year of the Priest beginning June 19, 2009 and concluding June 19, 2010. He named **Saint John Vianney** as the patron of this year. As a parish, we want to be a part of this celebration in a meaningful way. We believe this jubilee year is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and to honor all the priests in the Church and in our diocese, who touch and transform our lives, who bring us Christ in the holy sacraments, and who act in His place now on this earth. When was the last time you let the priest(s) in your life know how much their service and sacrifice has meant to you and to your family? We also hope that the year helps to foster an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Shortly each family in our parish will have an opportunity to pray for a particular priest in our diocese. We will also begin reciting a Prayer for Vocations at our liturgies. Since St. John Vianney is the patron for this celebration year, we will provide you with information about this saint and a list of suggested readings for adults and children. There will a Novena to St. John from July 27<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>.

We will announce any other events in conjunction with this jubilee year as plans are finalized Please join us in making this a special one as we honor our priests and pray for vocations.

St. Stephen's Liturgy Committee

### Service Hours Available

Anyone in need of service hours is asked to call the rectory at 662-9338. **Project: TLC for our rose garden!**

### 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.

### 2 Stonegate Bus Trips!

**Tuesday, June 23, 2009 to Philadelphia Park Casino**  
 Leave Stonegate at 10:45am, depart Casino at 3:45pm  
**\$18 per person includes \$10 in playcards, \$3 toward food.**  
**Deposit required, call Marianna @ 663-5599 to reserve!**

**Wednesday, July 15 to Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City**  
 Leave Stonegate at 10am, depart Casino at 5:30pm  
**\$45 per person includes \$20 in coins,**  
**the show "Fame" and buffet!**  
**Deposit required, call Marianna @ 663-5599 to reserve!**

# 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.

## N.H.M. News

Thank you for your support of the residents of Cooper River West with your prayers and donations of religious articles in the box in the church vestibule.

Parishioners are needed to join us on Wednesdays from 10am to Noon to bring the residents from their rooms to the Mass/Prayer Service. Eucharistic Ministers are also encouraged to serve at the Nursing Home. Prayerfully consider volunteering for one Wednesday a month.

Call or Email us for more info:

Lonnie & Mary Sharon – (856) 662-6049

[Monacofamily4@comcast.net](mailto:Monacofamily4@comcast.net)

## 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!

## Rectory Summer Office Hours

Effective June 15, 2009, the

Rectory Summer Office Hours will be

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm

Friday: 9:00am - Noon

Mark your Calendars!

**Parish Picnic,  
Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Parish Appreciation Dinner,  
Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>**

Anyone wishing to assist this planning committee is asked to call Liz McHugh at 486-4787.

## Free Housing Forum

Thursday, June 18, 2009 from 7-9pm

**Pennsauken Free Library Community Room**

Join Assemblyman Jack Connors, Mayor Bill Orth, representatives from NJ Home Ownership Preservation Effort and The Friends of Pennsauken Library to answer your questions about homeownership, credit, foreclosures, scams, trouble making mortgage payments and refinancing. For more information contact Tim Ellis at (856) 220-6312

## Year of St. Paul Concluding Mass

Sunday June 28, 2009 @ 4pm

Celebrant: Bishop Joseph A. Galante

Church of St. Paul

9910 Third Avenue – Stone Harbor, NJ

Those who are newly baptized or newly received into the Catholic Church are especially encouraged to participate in this Mass with their families and their parish RCIA teams.

More info: Stephen Obarski – (856) 583-2865

## Welcome Home Troops Parade

Sunday June 28, 2009 @ 1pm

Starting at Tait Builders on Westfield Avenue  
Ending at Merchantville Avenue, Veterans Memorial

**Wear Red, White & Blue!**

**Decorate your baby carriage!**

**Decorate your bike!**

Please join Mayor Bill Orth and the Township Committee in welcoming back our hometown troops returning from Iraq with a good-old fashioned patriotic parade!

## St. Mary's Annual Carnival June 22-27

32 Carrol Ave., Williamstown, NJ

Everyday from 6-10:30pm on the Church grounds

Games, rides, amusements, refreshments and fun for all ages. Tuesday & Wednesday Family Nights 7-10pm features unlimited rides for \$20 per person.

## *A Message from Fr. Vincent Orum, AJ and Fr. Godfrey Amobi, AJ*

*While I leave for Uganda, I have the pleasure of introducing Fr. Godfrey Amobi, AJ to you in his own words below. Fr. Godfrey brings to us his humility and sense of smile, laughter and the talents of playing Piano. Many times when you don't get him in the office, check the church. He may be playing piano! I will miss you when I am away and I will keep you in my prayers as I ask you to do the same for me!*

*Finally, thanks to Pat Higgins, the principal and the teachers for the wonderful graduation ceremony on Sunday. We wish our new graduates all the best.*

**Fr. Vince**

**Dear Parishioners of St. Stephens Catholic Church, Pennsauken,**

It is a blessing to have this opportune moment to share with you some of my experiences since I set foot on this blessed land, America.

I am Fr. Godfrey Amobi A.J. belonging to the order of the Apostles of Jesus.

I found myself here through the invitation of Fr. Vincent Orum A.J. your beloved pastor. I first met him in 1993 when I was 18 in our minor seminary (high school) in Moroto Uganda. Fr. Vince was such a good soccer player and coach who made us win the district soccer championships consecutively for two years-95 and 96 and a wonderful priest whom we loved as young Seminarians.

I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome I received when I first jetted in from Africa. In you I have found a home outside home. And you know what that means!

I work in Uru minor Seminary-Moshi-in Tanzania. A minor seminary is an equivalent of high school except that in the seminary, the students there aspire to become future Catholic priests. We have about 362 students counted from form one to six. I am there in the capacity of spiritual guider/counselor. In this capacity, students have always been so open to me to share their problems on their journey to the holy altar of the Lord. Some of the sharings include the following:

1. Having to be asked to leave the seminary because of their inability to meet the educational expenses.
2. The difficulties of living as orphans.
3. Difficulties at their homes such as hunger that affects their study at school.
4. The difficulties of feeding at the seminary.
5. Many confidential and private issues in regards to their physical, emotional and psychosexual growth and maturity.
6. Giving them conferences on various topics every week and organizing retreats, celebration of the Mass etc.

It is surprising when I reached here to be told by Fr. Vince how the needs of priests in the diocese are affecting parish life. Parishes have to be closed because of priest shortages! While in Africa and especially in our seminary, we have a big number of students desiring to become priests but some unfortunately drop out because their parents cannot afford tuition which is about \$500 a year!

I am learning a lot of things here to take home and share with the young men aspiring to become future priests and I want to thank my former formator and mentor Fr. Vince for giving me the opportunity to experience life here. Thank you for your hospitality and warm welcome for me.

God bless you all.

**Fr. Godfrey Amobi**