

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Parish Clergy & Religious

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Permanent Deacon Raymond Ellis
Sister Bernadette Mary Leahy, S.S.J.

Parish Contact Information

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June 15, 2008 – 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule:

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am
Saturday – 4:30pm --- Sunday – 9:00am, 10:30am & 4:30pm
Youth Mass: 3rd Sunday of every month @ 4:30pm
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 of month @ 1pm.
Baptism – 3rd 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
Expanded hours Monday, Tuesday & Thursday until 7:00pm.

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 Priest will generally offer that Mass for the Universal Church.

- MONDAY June 16, 2008**
9:00am Good Intentions for Father's Day
- TUESDAY June 17, 2008**
9:00am Good Intentions for Father's Day
- WEDNESDAY June 18, 2008**
9:00am Good Intentions for Father's Day
- THURSDAY June 19, 2008 (Novena to follow)**
9:00am Good Intentions for Father's Day
- FRIDAY June 20, 2008**
9:00am Good Intentions for Father's Day
- SATURDAY June 21, 2008**
9:00am Good Intentions for Father's Day
4:30pm Frances Shea r/b The Monaco Family
Angelina Sangarolo r/b The Haas Family
- SUNDAY June 22, 2008**
9:00am Norman & Phyllis Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
Jennie Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am Susan Fitzpatrick r/b Family
Maria Fanelle r/b Daughter
Mass of Thanksgiving in Honor of
Mary & Tony Terzini's 60th Anniversary
4:30pm Frances Shea r/b The Riviello Family

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
Memory of Beatrice August.***

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.

Offertory Collection June 7/8, 2008:	\$6,610.65
Comparison June 9/10, 2007	\$6,248.15
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$7,200.00
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$6,490.72

House of Charity information: (856) 583-6128

House of Charity: YTD: \$54,880 (99.8% of \$55,000 Goal)

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.**



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:

- Dolly Angelastro, Marion Borreggine, Vincent Buondonno, Dominic Caruso, Mary Chandler, Dorothy Coyle, Marge Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Tom DiBenedetto, Jessie Dixon, Patricia Domer, Jennie Farmer, John Fitzpatrick, Joe Flacco, Robert Gottschall, Mary Gunderson, Thomas Holmes, Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Donna Krawchuk, Mary McNulty, John McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, Jennifer Osborn, Chris Picciano, Rita Picciano, Rosemarie Rosolia, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Mary Jo Stedrak, Frances Sullivan, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Anthony Vocale, Jean Wenstrom.**

	<p><i>Next 3 Young Adult Masses:</i> June 15, July 20 & August 17 All 3rd Sundays @ 4:30pm</p> <p><i>Info: Tery Mattera (856) 488-6357</i></p>
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Ministry Schedule for June 21/22

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Hobbs, S. Vance, G. Schwankert
EM's: L. Garofalo, P. Antonelli, T. Veneziani, The Monaco's
Lectors: P. Tryson, J. Messina

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M & C Hearn, P. Sapienza
EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, L. Rosario, R. Leone, S. Mufalli
Lectors: L. Modzier, L. Sperduto

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: R. Buchholz, Jr., N. Minkiewicz, D. Massie
EM's: D. Caruso, L. Solano, T. Link, C. Otto, B. Buffington
Lectors: M. Ogden, V. Tutwiler

Sunday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: W. McHugh, E. Pandola
EM's: P. Petronis, The Klecko's
Lectors: The McHughs

Next Special 2nd Collection:
 August 10, 2008: "Air Conditioning"

June 22nd bulletin deadline: June 16th @ Noon
 1-page Bulletin Inserts are due 9am Friday, 9 days before issue.

St. Vincent de Paul Hotline (856) 581-7980
New Playground Hotline (609) 238-9471

This Week @ St. Stephen's

6/16-Monday-9am Mass
 6/17-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 6/18-Wednesday-9am Mass
 6/19-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7:15pm Choir
 6/20-Friday-9am Mass
 6/21-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 6/22-Sunday-Masses @ 9am, 10:30am & 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 Maryann @ 235-1423 for the month of June.

Jesus replied,

"What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Giant Yard Sale II- Now Oct. 18

The Fundraising Committee will sponsor another Giant Parish Yard Sale on **October 18, 2008**. Pickups of donated stuff will begin in June. Please begin setting aside things you want to get rid of and feel free to call Nancy @ 665-0173 to get on the pickup list.

Introducing the formation of St. Stephen's

Rosary Makers for the Missions

If you would like to join this new ministry at our parish and work with a master rosary maker, Mr. Lester J. Fowler of Stonegate, please call Jim at the rectory (662-9338).

CCD NEWS

To allow for the ordering of new books, the deadline for CCD registration for the 2008-09 year will be July 31, 2008. Tuition will remain at \$125 per family. Any new registrants must bring their baptismal certificate. Also, anyone interested in being a teacher or CCD aide may call the rectory at 662-9338. Mrs. Adeline Gramlich, CRE

Expanded Rectory Hours

We are now open until 7pm Monday thru Friday for your "after work" convenience for Mass Cards, but feel free to call first to assure a volunteer is here to serve you.

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEES

Sister Ruthann will meet with all the Chairpersons for the Spiritual Life Committees after any one of the Masses Saturday, **June 21st or Sunday, June 22nd**. Meeting Place: Side Chapel in the church after Mass.

St Stephen's Young Adult Ministry

Upcoming Events

St Stephen's YAM, ages 21-40, will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

* The 2nd Friday will be a reflection and discussion on the upcoming weeks Gospel. The meeting starts at 7:00 in the Stonegate Great Room.

* On the 4th Friday, YAM will be hosting a movie night followed by a discussion. Upcoming presentations include:

June - "Bella"

July - "Amazing Grace"

August - "August Rush"

The group will gather in the Stonegate Conference room at 6:30 for light refreshments. The movie starts at 7:00.

For more information please call JD at 856-316-2598 or email us at saintstephens_yam@yahoo.com.

GRASS-CUTTING

The parish is accepting grass-cutting proposals. You are aware that in the past the grass has been cut and trimmed by **Joey Scavuzzo**, who has done an exceptional job. However, Joey also has other commitments (music, job, continuing education), which sometimes makes it impossible for him to cut so much grass at regular intervals. That coupled with ongoing lawnmower problems has led the parish to realize that we cannot depend on volunteers for a job of this magnitude. Therefore we are requesting that all interested parties submit a proposal for the remainder of the grass-cutting season. **All bids are to go to the rectory office addressed to Jim.**

CAR ALERT!

We are on the look out for a **dependable second hand car**, in good condition, w/ automatic transmission for **Sr. Bernadette**. The car that Sr. is currently driving was given to her by a good friend to assist her in her good works. It has many miles on it now and has a penchant for breaking down periodically. As you know, Sr. Bernadette is our Pastoral Associate and as such, visits the sick and handicapped on a daily basis. She also visits the nursing home residents along with traveling to various hospitals to bring the Eucharist to our sick and ailing parishioners. If you have a second car that you are not using and are thinking of getting rid of, please consider donating it to the parish for Sister's use. **You will be blessed many times over.**

NHM NEWS

"Every good we do for another is already a share in Jesus' glory"

The Nursing Home Ministry (NHM) and the Cooper River West residents thank **Dot Corbett** for her dedicated service. Dot took over as coordinator following the passing of our beloved **Betty Norris**. What was supposed to be a "few weeks" tenure stretched into years. Many blessings, Dot, for a job well done!

As a result of the Ministry Fair, we welcome nine parishioners who have expressed an interest in joining our NHM "faith-filled" volunteers.

You can place extra rosaries, holy cards, or other religious items for the nursing home residents in a box in the church vestibule. They enjoy receiving these gifts.

Lonnie and Mary Sharon Monaco

NHM Coordinators - 856-662-6049

Monacofamily4@comcast.net

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## Humor for Lexophiles (Lovers of Words)

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

Police were called to a day care center where a 3-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.

The butcher backed up into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

A thief who stole a calendar got 12 months.

A thief fell & broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, UCLA.

The dead batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.

A bicycle can't stand alone. It is two tired.

## Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Can you believe it? Today is Father's Day! What better way to honor our fathers who have been a blessing to us in so many ways by offering them the opportunity to share in the spiritual benefits offered during Masses celebrated in observance of Father's Day.

**Please use the Spiritual Bouquet envelope** and send it back to the Parish Office with your donation and the name of the special father. The envelope will be placed on the Altar and your Dad will be remembered at the Masses during the month of June.

**Father Vince**

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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

(A weekly continuing series)

III. Christ Jesus-Mediator & Fullness of All Revelation" God has said everything in His Word

65 "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son."²⁶ Christ, the Son of God made man, is the Father's one, perfect and unsurpassable Word. In him he has said everything; there will be no other word than this one. St. John of the Cross, among others, commented strikingly on *Hebrews* 1:1-2:

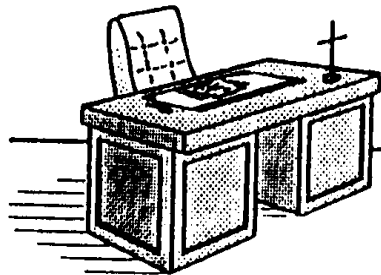
In giving us his Son, his only Word (for he possesses no other), he spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word - and he has no more to say... because what he spoke before to the prophets in parts, he has now spoken all at once by giving us the All Who is His Son. Any person questioning God or desiring some vision or revelation would be guilty not only of foolish behavior but also of offending him, by not fixing his eyes entirely upon Christ and by living with the desire for some other novelty.²⁷

There will be no further Revelation

66 "The Christian economy, therefore, since it is the new and definitive Covenant, will never pass away; and no new public revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ."²⁸ Yet even if Revelation is already complete, it has not been made completely explicit; it remains for Christian faith gradually to grasp its full significance over the course of the centuries.

67 Throughout the ages, there have been so-called "private" revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history. Guided by the Magisterium of the Church, the *sensus fidelium* knows how to discern and welcome in these revelations whatever constitutes an authentic call of Christ or his saints to the Church.

Christian faith cannot accept "revelations" that claim to surpass or correct the Revelation of which Christ is the fulfillment, as is the case in certain non-Christian religions and also in certain recent sects which base themselves on such "revelations".



*From the Desk of
Father Vincent Orum, AJ*

GENEROSITY IS A GIFT FROM GOD

The raffle 50/50 drawing was conducted on Saturday and thirteen people won different prizes! Congratulations to all those who won and for some like me who were not so fortunate, “hard luck!” and don’t you worry you and I may be fortunate next time! I am most grateful to all of you for participating in the raffle in order to contribute towards the Parish development. We have almost reached our Diocesan House of Charity Bishop’s Annual Appeal goal for the year 2008 and I believe that we may exceed our goals as a result of your generosity. I cannot thank you enough for your sacrifices even in our most trying economic times! **Remember that generosity is a Gift from above!**

Wednesday June 10, 2008 we read during the morning Mass from 1Kings 17:7-16 about a widow, who having only one meal left for herself and her son, meets Elijah the man of God at the time of drought and terrible hunger and he asks her to prepare the loaf of bread and give it to him. This widow, despite the last bit of food she had, feeds Elijah even though she is aware that it may mean death for her and her son. She does not question nor even doubt just because the man of God Elijah assured her that God will bless her. She is filled with trusts in God and Elijah the man of God and amazingly God intervenes! Something extraordinary happens! She receives an abundance of reward from God by making the pot of flour and oil to last until the time of rain and abundance of food. God’s generous blessing upon her again shows itself when her son dies and the man of God prays to God who restores the son back to life (1Kings17:17-24).

The story of this widow is similar to the poor widow Jesus praised in the Gospel because she gave not from the surplus of what she had but from the generosity of her poverty! Mark 12:41-44.

Is it not uncommon that sometimes we feel that being generous is difficult because we fear that we do not have enough?

This is but one of the many stories in the Scriptures that teaches us about the beauty and benefits of being generous! It’s amazing to read for instance the account of Abraham’s hospitality to a stranger that earned him a promise of a son Isaac even when Sarah his wife was past her menopause (Genesis 18:1-15). We also know how God looked with favor and accepted the gift of Abel due to his generosity and rejected Cain’s who grudgingly offered the least of what he had to God (Genesis 4:1-5) and he then killed his brother Abel of out envy.

Saint Paul in the entire Chapters eight and nine of his Second letter to the Galatians speaks of what I consider to be the **“Theology on generosity”**. I encourage you to take time and read through this great wealth of inspiration about why as Christians we are called to be generous, not as an obligation or command, but by our very nature as Christians called into new life by God through Christ: our vocation calls us to be generous. **2Galatians 8:1-15; 2:614**. When we look at generosity as a duty or obligation imposed on us either from the church or friends, we miss the point. Generosity becomes a burden other than a creative and rewarding action that comes from the depth of our being: creatures of God whose inner self mirrors God’s goodness and love imprinted in us created in His own image and likeness. Genesis 1:27

Let me conclude with a Quotation from Mathew,

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is righteous will receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple- amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward. Mt.10:40-42