

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

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## June 20, 2010 – The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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 Summer Hours**-Monday thru Thursday 9am-4:30pm  
(Closed every Friday from June 25<sup>th</sup> thru Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### 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>June 21, 2010</b> Rev. Michael H. D'Amico r/b People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 22, 2010</b> Rev. Michael H. D'Amico r/b People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 23, 2010</b> Salvatore DiPaolo r/b Daughter
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>June 24, 2010</b> Jean Peel (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) r/b Sr. Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 25, 2010</b> Teresa Brining r/b Gene & Sue Whittaker
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>June 26, 2010</b> Margaret Brancato r/b Her Niece Marion
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 27, 2010</b> Louis Buondonno r/b Daughter Rose Marie
10:30am	In Memory of Charles O'Brien on his 85 <sup>th</sup> Birthday -- Love, His Family Jean Wenstrom r/b Denise, Mike & Alyssa Chico Julian Terzini r/b Maryann Bufanio Veronica Moseley r/b Family

**The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
In Memory of Frank Caruso.**

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.

<b>June 12/13, 2010 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>438/</b>	<b>\$4,862</b>
<b>June 13/14, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>580/</b>	<b>\$4,762</b>
<b>June 12/13, 2010 Brazilian Missions Collection</b>		<b>\$ 449</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$6,154</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,678</b>

Next Special Second Collection:  
**August 8, 2010: "Air Conditioning Assistance"**

**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 Alessandrone, Victor Ambruso, Dolly Angelastro, Evelyn Capaldi, Evelyn Capocetta, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Thomas Holmes Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Ben Johnson, Donna Krawchuk, Sandy Lepo, Katherine Maggioncalda, Vincent Marchese, John Marchione, Marlene Matteo, Harry Mayer, Dolores McCollum, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, John Messina, John Meyer, Mark Newell, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pendleton, 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 may remove their name. Thank you.

**Ministry Schedule for June 26/27**  
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** E. Mattered, M. Hobbs, M. North  
**EM's:** M. Nieves, The Pandola's, The Sapienza's  
**Lectors:** J. Messina, P. Krohn

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** C. Hearn, W. McHugh  
**EM's:** S. Marano, L. Rosario, S. Mufalli, R. Davis, R. Leone  
**Lectors:** The Zieglers

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** The Coars  
**EM's:** K. Fagan, L. Picknally, G. Tutwiler, T. Scavuzzo, L. D'Alessandro  
**Lectors:** C. Otto

**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.

**FULL PAGE BULLETIN INSERTS** are to be submitted to the rectory by 9am Thursday morning, 10 days before the issue date. Once approved, our bulletin company, as a courtesy, will copy & insert these for our church, thus saving us the cost of paper and copying.

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

6/21--Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study  
6/22--Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
6/23--Wednesday-9am Mass, **7pm Youth Ministry Board**  
6/24--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena  
6/25--Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed Fridays during the Summer  
6/26--Sat-8am Men's Prayer Group, 3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass  
6/27--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](mailto: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 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 **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 Rectory Basement Meeting Room. **Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.**



## HOUSE OF CHARITY

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**2010 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D \$43,847 (84%)**

**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.

### ***Attention EM's!***

There will be a Mandatory Eucharistic Ministers Meeting with Fr. Rocco on **Monday, June 28th at 7pm in the Rectory.**

### ***Rectory Office Summer Hours***

**Monday thru Thursday – 9am-4:30pm**

**Closed every Friday from June 25<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### ***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 rectory 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 Rectory (856) 662-9338, ext. 6 and we will set up a time to help.

### ***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.

### ***Collectibles For Sale***

Several collectible items were salvaged from the recent Yard Sale donations. These include a group of **Longaberger baskets, P. Buckley Moss brooches, Dynasty, Brinn's, and Heritage Collectible dolls, and 2 single lens reflex cameras and accessories.** They were set-aside in the hopes of selling them on eBay, but were not, due to the poor economy. If anyone is interested in purchasing them or knows of a person or business that would be willing to buy them at a reasonable price, please contact Lonnie or Mary Sharon at 662-6049. All proceeds benefit St Stephen's.

## YEAR OF THE PRIEST 2009-2010

The Year of the Priest will end on June 19<sup>th</sup>. At the Masses on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, the names of all the priests in our Diocese will be offered at the Offertory procession, and will be included in the intentions of that liturgy. It would be a nice gesture for all of us to contact the priests for whom we prayed this year, and let them know of these intentions. You may also want to let them know that you will continue to keep them in your prayers.

All of our priests need us to pray for them – the faithful and fervent ones, as well as the tepid or doubting ones. We need to pray for our priests here in our Diocese and our country, and those who minister in distant lands. The young, the old, the dying, and those in purgatory – they all need us. Ask Jesus, to keep them all close to his heart, and to bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

## SCHOOL ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR

*Saint Stephen School* is currently seeking a full-time, year-round Advancement Director to plan, coordinate, and manage marketing, admissions and fundraising programs for the school. The Advancement Director will have the following responsibilities: Enrollment Management, Development, Communications, Constituent Relations, Operations & Strategic Planning. He/she will report to the Principal and work closely with the Pastor, School Board and PTA. It is a full time, 12-month position.

### Qualifications are:

- Strong knowledge of the community preferred
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Strong managerial skills and the ability to balance numerous ongoing projects
- Excellent time management and planning skills
- Strong leadership and team building skills
- Ability to appreciate and communicate a passion for Catholic elementary education
- Understanding of Catholic Identity
- Bachelor's degree
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office and the Internet

Interested candidates should email a current resume to Mrs. Pat Higgins at [principal@ststephenspennsauken.com](mailto:principal@ststephenspennsauken.com).

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## Summer Spirituality Offerings

Little Portion Spirituality Center - Collingswood, NJ.

**Presenter:** Sr. Ruthann, SSJ

1. **Garden Meditation:** June 23 & 29 from 11:30am-12noon
2. **Living the Spiritual Life: Everyday Discernment of Spirits:** June 22 from 7 PM – 8 PM
3. **Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes**  
June 24 and July 1 from 7 PM – 8 PM
4. **Relaxation in Nature:** July 13 and July 23 from 11:30 AM to 12 Noon
5. **Friendship with God:** August 5, 12 and September 9 from 11 AM to 12 Noon OR 7 PM to 8 PM

**Donations: \$5.00 for ½ hour; \$10.00 for one hr.**

Descriptions are on: [www.lourdeswellnesscenter.org](http://www.lourdeswellnesscenter.org)

Interested? PLEASE register in advance: 856-869-3125

## Welcome New Parishioners!

New parishioners may find registration forms at the rectory, outside the Sacristy, and online on our parish website. **Registration** is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish and is essential for arranging baptisms, weddings, offertory envelopes and receiving Certificates of Eligibility regarding sponsorships for the Sacraments.

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## St. Stephen's SCRIP Program

We are on our way! Only two weeks into the program and we have generated \$450 in profit! (Thank you to the 8th grade room moms who purchased Barnes and Noble gift cards through the program!) Please consider purchasing scrip for your everyday needs (e.g. grocery shopping, CVS, dining out, Home Depot). We now have \$25 American Express cards available in-stock! Any questions feel free to call the Rectory (662-9338, ext. 6).

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## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

-Have you been worshiping 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).

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## CCHS Host Families Needed

Host families are needed for several international students who will be attending Camden Catholic High School for the upcoming school year. These F-1 visa students speak English, are fully insured, and have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board and receive a generous monthly hosting stipend. For more information, please contact Cecelia LaPlaca at 215-584-7751 or [cecelaplaca@verion.net](mailto:cecelaplaca@verion.net).

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## Irish at the Shore

Camden Catholic High School's All-School Reunion "Irish at the Shore", will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2010 from 3-7pm at LaCosta Bar in Sea Isle City, NJ. Tickets are \$35 when purchased online at [www.camdenccatholicalummi.org](http://www.camdenccatholicalummi.org), or \$45 at the door. This is a 21 and over event.

## *St Stephen School Legacy Program*

*A Legacy of CARING and a Lesson in GIVING that will survive transitioning.*

St Stephen Parish and St Stephen School announces the formation of the Legacy Scholarship Program – a program developed to preserve St. Stephen School and its wonderful tradition.

Perhaps your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews are attending St. Stephen's or are graduates of our school. Perhaps you are a graduate of St. Stephen's. Whatever the case may be and by whatever means you have learned about our school, through neighbors or friends, we are sure you realize the many benefits derived from having a parish school so conveniently located. A school that is open to all, which has produced so many fine citizens and Catholics through its excellent teachings and the caring formation of young minds.

We invite you to participate in the Legacy Program by providing scholarships that will enable our youngsters to dream and hope of a better future; that will encourage our students to seek higher levels of education; that will guide them toward becoming leaders in a world that desperately needs outstanding individuals qualified to lead and by assisting those students who do not have the means to continue to acquire an education based on solid values and principles.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution in your name or that of a loved one. What better way to preserve a deceased loved one's memory than in the hearts and minds of our students. You may choose the Legacy Scholarship Award (students excelling in scholastic achievement), or the Legacy Leadership Award (students displaying outstanding leadership qualities) or the Legacy of Hope (deserving students who qualify for assistance). You may designate which of the three Legacy scholarships you wish your contribution to support. You may fund a partial scholarship in your name or in memory of a deceased family member or friend, or a total scholarship which will allow your name to be attached to the award, i.e., John R. Smith Leadership Award.

By contributing to the Legacy Program you will provide encouragement and support to our students; you will assist in preserving St. Stephen's School and your name will live on in the hearts and minds of many grateful families.

For more information or to make a contribution to the Legacy Program, please visit our website: [www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com). Or contact: Jim Rotondo at the Rectory Office (856) 662-9338, x6 or Tery Mattera at the School Office (856) 662-5935.