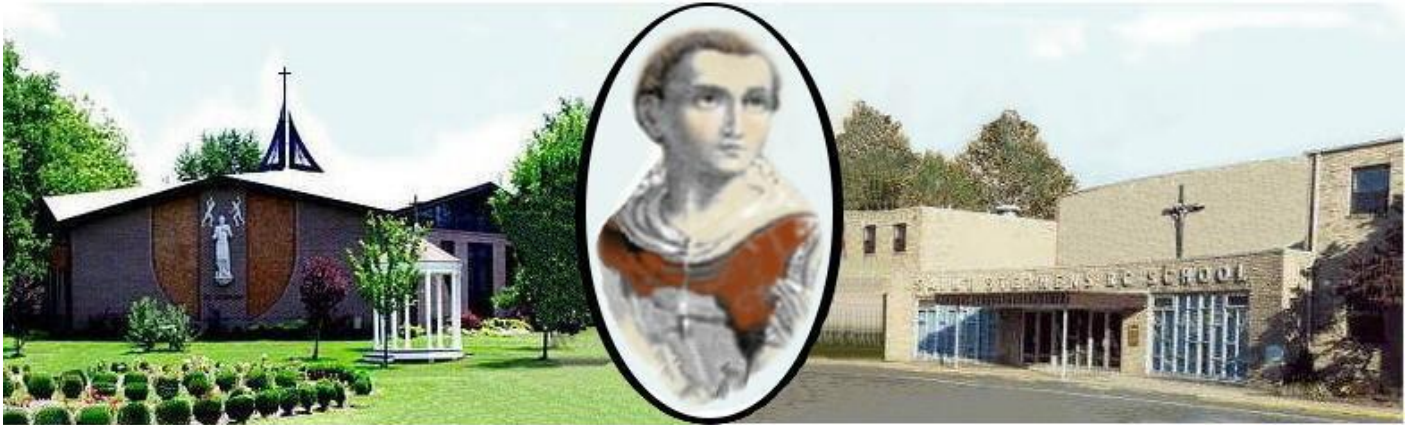


# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Parish Clergy & Religious

Reverend Vincent Orum, A.J., Administrator  
Permanent Deacon Ernest Picknally  
Permanent Deacon Raymond Ellis  
Sister Bernadette Mary Leahy, S.S.J.

## Parish Contact Information

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Convent: (856) 665-5227 School: (856) 662-5935  
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Website: [www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com)

## June 22, 2008 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule:

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am  
Saturday – 4:30pm --- Sunday – 9:00am, 10:30am & 4:30pm  
Youth Mass: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month @ 1pm.  
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  
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 23, 2008**  
9:00am Florence M. Marchione  
r/b Kenneth & Patricia Knight
- TUESDAY June 24, 2008**  
9:00am Betty Garber r/b Her Family
- WEDNESDAY June 25, 2008**  
9:00am Ottavio Pepa r/b Robert Pepa
- THURSDAY June 26, 2008 (Novena to follow)**  
9:00am The Lancieri Family r/b Robert Pepa
- FRIDAY June 27, 2008**  
9:00am Richard Stefanacci r/b The Fagan Family
- SATURDAY June 28, 2008**  
9:00am Betty Garber r/b Her Family  
4:30pm Mindy Jordan r/b Dolores August
- SUNDAY June 29, 2008**  
9:00am Msgr. Joe O'Connell r/b Jeanne & Joseph Gerst  
John Suppa r/b Lisa Rosario  
10:30am Florence M. Marchione r/b Kristina Parsons  
Donata Fanelle r/b Daughter  
4:30pm People of the Parish

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Thelma & Wally Baker.***

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>Offertory Collection June 14/15, 2008:</b>	<b>\$5,928.00</b>
<b>Comparison June 16/17, 2007</b>	<b>\$6,058.00</b>
<b>June 14/15 Air Conditioning:</b>	<b>\$ 999.00</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$6,479.68</b>

**House of Charity information: (856) 583-6128**

**House of Charity: YTD: \$56,075 (102% 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](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:

- 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 2 Young Adult Masses:</i>  <b>July 20 &amp; August 17</b>                  Both 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays @ 4:30pm</p> <p><i>Info: Tery Mattera (856) 488-6357</i></p>
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***Ministry Schedule for June 28/29***

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** E. Stemetzki, S. Ruff, E. Mattera  
**EM's:** J. Messina, S. Eisenhardt, M. Baratta, The Heiningers  
**Lectors:** M. Vance, M. Turan

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** P. Sapienza, D. Massie, M. DiRico  
**EM's:** S. Marano, T. Modzier, P. Krohn, The Sapienza's  
**Lectors:** K. Layton, G. Sapienza

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** B. Schuettrumpf, P. Luthman, C. Granate-Sharav  
**EM's:** M. Coar, L. D'Alessandro, A. Mulholland, The Fagans  
**Lectors:** J. Terzini, K. Jakobowski

**Sunday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** H. Morris, T. Miller  
**EM's:** T. Scavuzzo, T. Mattera, M. Novoa  
**Lectors:** S. Stehm, N. McKean

**Next Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:**  
 August 10, 2008: "Air Conditioning"

June 29<sup>th</sup> bulletin deadline: June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 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***

6/23-Monday-9am Mass  
 6/24-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 6/25-Wednesday-9am Mass  
 6/26-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7:15pm Choir  
 6/27-Friday-9am Mass  
 6/28-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 6/29-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***

The Fundraising Committee will sponsor another Giant Parish Yard Sale on **October 18, 2008**. To donate something you don't want to it, large or small, please call Nancy at 665-0173 to schedule a delivery or pickup. We also need more volunteers to help with pickups.

*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.

## ***Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mary & Tony!***

Congratulations to **Mary & Tony Terzini** who are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this Thursday, June 26, 2008. God Bless you both after 21,915 days of marital bliss! WOW!

## ***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](mailto:saintstephens_yam@yahoo.com).

## ***STAR HERALD***

We have been notified by the Diocese that beginning fiscal year July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009, St. Stephen parish will be billed for 708 copies of the Star Herald @ \$18.00 per copy. It is essential to the financial health of the parish that we recoup these costs. Prior to October 12<sup>th</sup> you will receive an envelope marked Star Herald and requested to send in to St. Stephen's the amount of \$18.00 which will cover the cost of your subscription for the year. **If you are currently receiving more than one copy of the Star Herald, please notify the rectory asap so that we can make the necessary corrections and reduce our billing.** Thank you for your attention.

## ***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.**

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***Your House of Charity Dollars at Work***

This year the parish received **\$5,481.00** back due to reaching/surpassing our goal for 2007.

Here is how those dollars are being spent:

**Convent Drainage repair/beautification - \$700**

**Two replacement windows for convent - \$ 800**

**Termite Extermination Church & Convent - \$2100.**

**Awning replacement Rectory patio - \$1020.**

**Replacement window treatments for Rectory - \$900.**

This is another reason for sending in your HoC contribution! Thank you to all who have already responded.

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**Humor for Lexophiles**

*(Lovers of Words – Part 2 of 2)*

A will is a dead giveaway.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France and resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.

You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

A calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours and 'taint mine.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory, which was never developed.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

When you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.

Acupuncture: a jab well done

***MORE 50/50 Raffle TEN TALL Club Members:***

**Tom & Denise McHugh**

**Patrick Magee**

**Catherine Broome**

**Bill Buffington**

**Ann & Keith Knight**

**Marcia & Larry Miller**

**Salvatore Marano**

**Shirley Burch**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To all who participated in the 50/50 Summer Cash Raffle!**

The parish realized a profit of \$16,000! Through your generosity the parish will be able to do some much needed repairs and maintenance, i.e., asphalt/concrete repairs/replacement, handicap access ramps and sealcoating. This year more than 53% of the parish took part in the raffle, that is 13% more than last year and twenty-seven parishioners sold/bought 10, 15, 25 or more tickets. You should all feel very proud of your accomplishment and the wonderful spirit of community that exists at St. Stephens. Congratulations!

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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**

**IN BRIEF**

**68** By love, God has revealed himself and given himself to man. He has thus provided the definitive, superabundant answer to the questions that man asks himself about the meaning and purpose of his life.

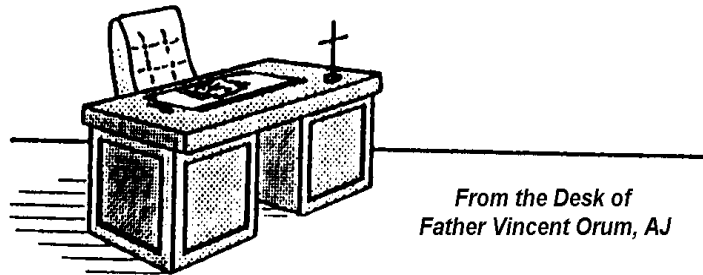
**69** God has revealed himself to man by gradually communicating his own mystery in deeds and in words.

**70** Beyond the witness to himself that God gives in created things, he manifested himself to our first parents, spoke to them and, after the fall, promised them salvation (cf. *Gen 3:15*) and offered them his covenant.

**71** God made an everlasting covenant with Noah and with all living beings (cf. *Gen 9:16*). It will remain in force as long as the world lasts.

**72** God chose Abraham and made a covenant with him and his descendants. By the covenant God formed his people and revealed his law to them through Moses. Through the prophets, he prepared them to accept the salvation destined for all humanity.

**73** God has revealed himself fully by sending his own Son, in whom he has established his covenant forever. The Son is his Father's definitive Word; so there will be no further Revelation after him.



*From the Desk of  
Father Vincent Orum, AJ*

## ***HOW WE CAN BENEFIT FROM WORSHIP/LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS***

In his Book, **The Spirit of The Liturgy**, Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict describes Liturgy as, “real relationship with Another (God) who reveals himself to us and gives our existence a new direction.” Liturgy implies the Assembly of God’s people for the purpose of Divine worship which finds itself more especially in the celebrations of the Mass, Sacraments, and the official prayers of the Church (Divine office).

Among the notable changes made by Vatican II in the church today is the call for the renewal of Liturgy as found in its document on Sacred Liturgy (*Sacro Sanctum Concilium*). In fact, this document was the first item in the council to be tackled in the order of priority because of the important place Liturgy holds in the life of the Church. Article No.10 observes that, “the Liturgy is the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fountain from which all her power flows”.

In other words, we as a community of believers, what makes us what we are and who we are finds its expressions and strength in Liturgical celebrations. Without Liturgy, we cannot be church and the community cannot find its self-expression and that’s why the way we conduct our Liturgy tells a lot about who we are and most importantly what our faith expression is like!

The reason why Liturgy is so vital to the life of the church is clearly expressed in the same article which notes that, **“from the liturgy, therefore, and especially from the Eucharist, as from a fountain, grace is channeled into us; and the sanctification of men in Christ and the glorification of God to which all other activities of the Church are directed as towards their goal, are most powerfully achieved.”**

For us to be able to benefit from the Liturgy, we need to avail ourselves and co-operate with the Spirit of God through proper dispositions. Our interior dispositions matter a lot because in creating us, God has given us Intellect and will that enable us to recognize what is good and freely choose the good. We can choose to allow God’s grace to impact us or by our disposition impede the effects of Divine Grace that comes in the liturgy. Whenever we do not get anything out of liturgical celebration, it would be worthwhile to question our disposition. This sometimes can be seen by the way we take part in the Liturgy. Are we fully present both in body and soul in the act of worship? Do we take active participation through singing, response and engaging our interior disposition with the one who comes to speak to us in the Word? Do we fully prepare prior to coming to church by reading the Sunday readings?

It’s no exaggeration that one can enter into a Church for worship and find oneself destructed by the environments: from lack of silence, inactive participations, unfamiliar music that do not invite the assembly to participate to a boring homily and uninspiring minister of the Liturgy!

Article No.11 puts it well, **“But in order that the sacred liturgy may produce its full effect, it is necessary that the faithful come to it with proper dispositions, that their thoughts match their words, and that they cooperate with Divine grace lest they receive it in vain.”**

It’s not uncommon that liturgy can become empty and meaningless symbols in one’s life despite regular attendance without any interior disposition. We all need the cooperation of one another so as to benefit from the immensity of God’s grace in the Liturgy as Saint Augustine once said, **“God who created you without you cannot save you without you!”**