

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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June 27, 2010 – The Thirteenth 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: 3rd 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, 2nd Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3rd 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 25th thru Sept. 3rd)

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".

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| MONDAY 9:00am | June 28, 2010 Rev. Michael H. D'Amico r/b People of the Parish |
| TUESDAY 9:00am | June 29, 2010 Jim Towson (31 st Anniversary) r/b His Wife |
| WEDNESDAY 9:00am | June 30, 2010 Howard Buffington r/b Daughter-in-Law |
| THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena | July 1, 2010 Joseph & Elena Melfi r/b Janis Melfi & Lynne Vigilante |
| FRIDAY 9:00am | July 2, 2010 (Adoration until 3:00pm) Clara Buffington r/b Daughter-in-Law |
| SATURDAY 4:30pm | July 3, 2010 Jean Wenstrom r/b Rosina Midili & Family |
| SUNDAY 9:00am | July 4, 2010 Loretta T. Horn-Sauter r/b Jim Pennestri |
| 10:30am | S.K. Dominic Caruso r/b Bishop BJ Eustace, Assembly 652 Harry F. Best r/b Matthew Randisi Dante Meloni r/b Marie Zinicola |

**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.

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| June 19/20, 2010 Attendance/Collection | 502/ | \$5,471 |
| June 20/21, 2009 Attendance/Collection | 565/ | \$5,379 |
| Budgeted Weekly Collection: | | \$6,154 |
| Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average: | | \$5,674 |

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 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 July 3/4

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: R. Garofalo, K. Sullivan, T. Mason
EM's: The Pandola's, P. Krohn, A. Knight, Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: R. Taylor, P. Palazzo

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: H. Atchison, K. Starts, M. DiRico
EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, S. Mufalli, The Monaco's
Lectors: L. Sperduto, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K & K Bowman, C. Otto
EM's: W. Delfin, T. Link, L. D'Alessandro, G. Tutwiler, M. Bufanio
Lectors: The Links

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.**

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**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**

6/28--Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm EM Meeting  
6/29--Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
6/30--Wednesday-9am Mass  
7/1---Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Rosary Makers  
7/2---**First Friday**-9am Mass, **Adoration until 3:00pm**,  
Rectory Closed, **5pm Wedding Rehearsal**  
7/3---Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, **3pm Wedding**,  
3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass  
7/4---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.**

Contact **Maryann @ 235-1423 for July 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.

**Join the Team! We are in need of Teachers & Teacher's Aides. If interested, please call Mrs. Adeline Gramlich at 662-9338, ext. 7.**

**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.

## First Friday Adoration – July 2<sup>nd</sup>

July 2<sup>nd</sup> is the First Friday of the Month.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9am Mass and conclude at 3:00pm (not 7pm) due to the holiday weekend and a wedding rehearsal at 5pm.

## Summer Spirituality Offerings

Little Portion Spirituality Center - Collingswood, NJ.

Presenter: Sr. Ruthann, SSJ

- 1. Relaxation in Nature: July 13 & July 23 -11:30am-12 Noon
- 2. Friendship with God: August 5, 12 and September 9 from 11am - 12 Noon OR 7 PM - 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

## Catholic Divorce Ministry

The Catholic Divorce Ministry of the Office of Family Life Formation will hold a “Boot Camp” workshop and facilitator’s training for those interested in being a part of this ministry of outreach. On Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, Mary, Queen of All Saints Parish will host a leadership training at the St. Cecilia Campus rectory meeting room, 4824 Camden Avenue, Pennsauken, 08110, from 7:00PM to 9:00PM each evening. There will be an overview of the ministry and an explanation of the various roles that are part of a leadership team. There is no commitment attached to attending this workshop. To register for the CDM two evening “Boot Camp” please call Carol and Deacon Tom Jennings at 856, 663-8166 or e-mail: catholicdivorceministry@camdendiocese.org.

## CCHS Class of 1985!

Camden Catholic High School's Class of 1985 is celebrating its 25th Silver Anniversary Reunion on Saturday, July 10, 2010 at P.J. Whelihan's in Cherry Hill, NJ. Price is \$25/per person (includes buffet, soft drinks. Cash bar.) Class members, friends and teachers are invited to view details and RSVP for the event by joining the Class of 1985 Facebook Group at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=53769608453>. Still need more information? Email: cchs1985reunion@gmail.com

## Stewardship Reflection

### Stewardship Freedom

“For you were called for freedom, brothers. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love.” (Galatians 5:13)

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to “live the good life.” But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free and called us to stewardship so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God’s work here on earth.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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).

## 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).

## 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.camdenccatholicalumni.org](http://www.camdenccatholicalumni.org), or \$45 at the door. This is a 21 and over event.

## *Catholic Charities News*

### Assistance for Working or Unemployed Families

For a limited time, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden has the ability to assist low to middle income (up to \$74,000 for family of 4) families who are experiencing difficulty paying their rent, mortgage, and/or utility bills due to the economic recession. To be eligible a family must:

**-Currently be employed or be receiving unemployment benefits**

**-Live in Camden County**

**-Have children under 18 residing in the home**

**-Be able to document their current hardship; and**

**-Attend an information session Catholic Charities**

To learn when the next information session is, and what information to bring to the session call our recorded message at 856-342-8787.

## *Catholic Charities Employment*

### Case Manager Wanted

Looking to work for a mission driven agency? Looking to make an impact in the lives of the poor? Catholic Charities is looking for a professional case manager to work full-time in our very busy Welfare to Work program. This case manager will be responsible to assess and address the many barriers clients have that keep them from being able to engage fully in the world of work. A potential candidate must:

**-Possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree in social work or other human services field**

**-Be committed to Catholic Social Teaching**

**-Be highly motivated and organized**

**-Be able to recognize strengths in challenging people**

**-Be willing to make home visits to clients' homes**

**-Possess their own transportation**

**-Be willing to travel to all towns in Burlington County**

For more information call Sylvia Loumeau at 856-342-4162 or send resumes to [Sylvia.Loumeau@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Sylvia.Loumeau@camdendiocese.org)

Introducing

## *“No Excuse Sunday!”*

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday."

Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep."

Mass will begin fifteen minutes late for the late arrivals and end fifteen minutes early for the early departures.

Murine will be available in the holy water fonts for those with tired eyes from watching TV too late on Saturday night or having too much fun.

We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof will cave in if I ever come to church."

Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold & fans for those who think the church is too hot.

We will have hearing aids for those who think the preacher speaks too softly and cotton for those who think he preaches too loudly.

Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.

There will be T.V. dinners for those who can't go to church and cook dinner also.

One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to see God in nature and the foyer will be transformed into a putting green for those who say, "Sunday is the only day for golf."

Finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them!