

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Vincent Orum, AJ, Administrator  
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## Parish Contact Information

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## June 28, 2009 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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 29, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)  
9:00am Fran Sullivan r/b The Sullivan Family
- TUESDAY** June 30, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)  
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
- WEDNESDAY** July 1, 2009 (Presider: TBA)  
9:00am Terry Horn-Sauter (Birthday Remembrance)  
r/b Chuck
- THURSDAY** July 2, 2009 (Presider: TBA)  
9:00am + Novena Good Intentions of Cody Dees r/b Grandmother
- FRIDAY** July 3, 2009 (Presider: TBA) No Adoration.  
9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Alfreda Novak
- SATURDAY** July 4, 2009 (Independence Day)  
9:00am Matthew Marchione r/b Family  
(Presider: TBA)
- 4:30pm Helen Palazzo r/b Pam Palazzo  
Bill Buffington r/b Rosemarie & Frank Rosolia  
(Presider: TBA)
- SUNDAY** July 5, 2009  
9:00am Loretta T. Horn-Sauter r/b Jim Pennestri  
Deceased Members of the Marano Family  
r/b Sal Marano, Jr.  
(Presider: TBA)
- 10:30am James Cummings, Sr. r/b Margaret Cummings  
Bill Buffington r/b Fiore Troncone & Family  
(Presider: TBA)

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is for the Good Intentions of Carmella Scrivani.***

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 20/21, 2009 Attendance/Collection	565 / \$5,379
June 21/22, 2008 Attendance/Collection	Not Taken/ \$5,726
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$6,923
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,707

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, Frank & Louise Pigliacelli,  
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 July 4/5**

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** K. Hulsey, R. Garofalo, M. DiRico  
**EM's:** The Pandola's, T. Scavuzzo, Sr. Eleanora, L. Garofalo  
**Lectors:** TBA

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** R. Buchholz, G. Schwankert, H. Atchison  
**EM's:** The Monaco's, S. Marano, J. Rosario, L. McHugh  
**Lectors:** TBA

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** K & K Bowman  
**EM's:** W. Delfin, T. Link, C. Otto, J. Messina, M. Novoa  
**Lectors:** TBA

Weekly Bulletin Deadline: **Monday @ Noon**  
Full-page 1-sided Bulletin Inserts: **10 days before (Friday, 10am)**

Next Special<sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> Collection:  
**August 9, 2009: "Air Conditioning Fund"**



2009 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D	\$35,726 (65%)
2009 House of Charity Goal	\$55,000
Total Number of Family Pledges:	151
Average Pledge per Family:	\$237

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been canceled for July 3<sup>rd</sup> as it lands on a National Holiday.**  
*We will resume Adoration on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.*

***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***

6/29-Monday-9am Mass  
6/30-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
7/1-Wednesday-9am Mass  
7/2-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena  
7/3-Friday-9am Mass, **Rectory closed for Independence Day.**  
7/4-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
7/5-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

### ***Independence Day Observed Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>***

The Rectory and all Diocesan Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

### ***Lost & Found Alert***

Lost a **bracelet** recently? Call Dennis at (856) 745-3162.

### ***Art & Environment Ministry***

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an **Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass**, please contact Maria Haas at 665-8393. **All are welcome to join the A&E ministry by calling 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 Prayer Line***

**The Prayer Line belongs to you.**

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place. *Contact Mary Sharon @ 662-6049 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**

### ***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.**

## ***Family Fun Night Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30pm Cooper River Park Stadium To benefit "Build Jake's Place" Admission is free, all are invited.***

Stilt Walkers, Pictures with "Finley" from the River Sharks, prizes, raffles, fire trucks, motorcycles, inflatables, Marlton Special Needs Karate Club demonstration, face painting, magicians, clowns, live music and lots of food.

The evening will benefit Build Jake's Place, a New Jersey non-profit which exists to build playgrounds where children of every ability can play. There are no such playgrounds in our area, yet one of every 10 South Jersey children cannot play on even an ADA approved playground.

**Jacob Myles Cummings-Nasto**, "Baby Jake", a beautiful fun-loving little boy who loved playgrounds is the inspiration to build these playgrounds. Baby Jake had serious medical problems and often could only watch while other children played at a playground. Baby Jake died before his third birthday. **The smiles, learning and laughter of other children will be the legacy of his life.**

More information may be found at

[www.buildjakesplace.org](http://www.buildjakesplace.org).

### ***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.**

### ***Stonegate Bus Trip!***

**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.

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Mark your Calendars!

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

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

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

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**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.

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**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)

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**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!

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**Rectory Summer Office Hours**

Effective now thru Sept. 4, 2009,  
the Rectory Summer Office Hours are  
**Monday thru Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm**  
**Friday: 9:00am – Noon**

## 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 for such a wonderful cause.**

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**Paul VI Alumni News**

Join the Paul VI High School Alumni Association for a day in North Wildwood for the annual **Eagles in the WILD.**

All Proceeds will go directly to student scholarships for incoming students at Paul VI High School.

**When: August 2, 2009 (first Sunday in August)**

**Where: Flip Flopz Bar & Grille  
in North Wildwood**

**Time: 2pm-6pm**

**Price: \$20.00**

Includes buffet, discounted drinks, one hour open bar from 2-3pm., and entertainment from PVI alumni band – Screamin Matilda

**Contact: Dominic Vesper Jr**

**Alumni President at [vesperfamily@comcast.net](mailto:vesperfamily@comcast.net)**

**\*\* No one under 21 permitted.**

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**CCHS Class of '67 40+2 Reunion**

**Three day event beginning October 2 - 4, 2009.**

The dinner dance is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom at the Double Tree Guests Suites, 515 Fellowship Road North, Mt. Laurel. The cost of the dinner dance is \$75 pp.

**For further information contact  
Sue Kay Crane at 856-662-8095 or 856-816-2604  
or visit our web site at  
[cchsclasof67@yahoo.com](mailto:cchsclasof67@yahoo.com).**

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**Mass Times for  
Traveling Catholics**

Logon to [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org)  
for Mass times for Catholic Churches  
all over the country while you're on vacation.

## ***Pastoral Reflection on our Call to Christian Discipleship***

We should not forget in all these that whatever we have and are come from God's benevolent blessings as the book of Deuteronomy reminds us:

***“Otherwise you say to yourselves, it is my own power and the strength of my own hand that has obtained for me this wealth. Remember then it is the lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth by fulfilling as he has now done, the covenant which he swore to your fathers. But if you forget the Lord, your God, and follow other gods, serving and worshipping them, I forewarn you this day that you will perish utterly.” Deuteronomy 8:17-19***

The book of Deuteronomy reminds us not to be complacent and create the attitude of self-centeredness in the faces of prosperity that alienates us from recognizing God as the source and provider of what we have:

***“For the Lord God is bringing you into a good country, a land with streams of water, with springs and fountains welling up in the hills and valleys, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, of Olive trees and honey, a land where you can eat bread without stint and where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones contain iron and in whose hills can mine copper. But when you have eaten your fill, you must bless the Lord, your God, for the good Country he has given you.” Deutronomy 8:7-10***

The following text is very compelling and seems to describe the situation of our society today. A good number of people have indeed forgotten the role of God in their prosperity and basically trust in themselves! Others enjoy their prosperity without returning to God in gratitude or reluctantly give back the minimum requirement. ***“Be careful not to forget the Lord, your God by neglecting his commandments and decrees and statutes which I enjoin on you today: lest when you have eaten your fill, and have built fine houses and lived in them, and have increased your herds and flocks, your silver and gold, and all your property, you then become haughty of heart and unmindful of the Lord, your God.” Deutronomy 8:11-14***

Moreover, without him, we are naught as our Lord reminds us in Mt.6:26-27: **“Are you not more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?”** Yet by his own providence and love, God provides for us free of charge. None of us can claim authority over these gifts we have received from God and we should be grateful and give back to God in the measure he has given us. *(to be continued next week)*