

# 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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## June 29, 2008 – St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles

### 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-7pm

### 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 30, 2008**  
9:00am Mary Lou Hoffman r/b Sam Recchia
- TUESDAY July 1, 2008**  
9:00am Terri Horn-Sauter (Birthday)  
r/b Her Friend, Joan Bruno
- WEDNESDAY July 2, 2008**  
9:00am Anna Dippolito r/b Family
- THURSDAY July 3, 2008 (Novena to follow)**  
9:00am Joseph Crew r/b The Fagan Family  
Edward Gunderson r/b Family
- FRIDAY July 4, 2008 (Independence Day-No Adoration)**  
9:00am Salvatore & Julia DiPaolo r/b Daughter
- SATURDAY July 5, 2008**  
9:00am Helen Palazzo r/b Pam  
4:30pm Special Intention r/b The Pandola Family
- SUNDAY July 6, 2008**  
9:00am Loretta T. Horn-Sauter r/b Jim Pennestri  
Salvatore Lomardo r/b M/M Bill Humes
- 10:30am Jim Cummings, Sr. r/b Marge Cummings  
Leonardo Faiola r/b Sr. Eleanora
- 4:30pm People of the Parish

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in  
Memory of Joe Pandola, Sr.***

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 21/22, 2008: \$5,726.15**  
**Comparison June 23/24, 2007 \$5,139.30**  
**Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$7,200.00**  
**Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average: \$6,465.19**

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.**

	<i>Next 2 Young Adult Masses:</i> <b>July 20 &amp; August 17</b> Both 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays @ 4:30pm
	<i>Info: Tery Mattera (856) 488-6357</i>

***Ministry Schedule for July 5/6***

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** E. Stemetzki, M. Hobbs, H. Morris  
**EM's:** A. Knight, T. Angstman, L. Garofalo, P. Krohn, T. Veneziani  
**Lectors:** P. Palazzo, R. Taylor

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** L. Fagan, S. Morales, M. DiRico  
**EM's:** S. Marano, A. DiGiacomo, R. Davis, R. Leone, L. Picknally  
**Lectors:** The Sapienza's

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** C. Otto, S & S Rosa  
**EM's:** B. Buffington, J. Messina, T. Link, G. Tutwiler, L. Solano  
**Lectors:** C. Otto, M. Link

**Sunday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** E. Mattera, W. McHugh, S. Miller  
**EM's:** T. Scavuzzo, L. McHugh, T. Mattera  
**Lectors:** The McHughs

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

July 6<sup>th</sup> bulletin deadline: June 30<sup>th</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*

6/30-Monday-9am Mass  
 7/1-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 7/2-Wednesday-9am Mass  
 7/3-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena  
 7/4-Friday-9am Mass – **Rectory is Closed for the Holiday.**  
**There will be no Adoration on Independence Day.**  
 7/5-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 7/6-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 Connie @ 662-3819 for the month of July.

**Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." – Luke 18:27**

### *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.

## *Our Heartfelt Thanks*

Dear Friends and Families of St. Stephen's School & Parish, I want to thank everyone involved in the beef and beer, as well as, the many generous gifts we have received for **Joe Flacco**. I would like to especially thank, **Tery & Jack Mattera, Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Jim & Kathy Crew, Pat & Matt Petronis, Father Vincent Orum, Sister Bernadette, the families and friends of St. Stephen's School, Parish and Stonegate**. Joe and I have been blessed to be a part of such a caring and giving parish. I know a lot of work went into the planning of the beef and beer. Your thoughtfulness knows no bounds. Your generosity has made me speechless. Thank you one and all for all you have given us.

**Joe, Corinne, Gianna and Victoria Flacco**

## *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:

**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.**

## *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.

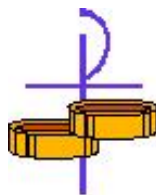
## *CAR ALERT!*

NEEDED: a **dependable second hand car**, in good condition, w/ automatic transmission for **Sr. Bernadette**. As you may 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 considering getting rid of please think of Sr. Bernadette. **You will be blessed many times over.**

### A Special Thanks:

We would like to extend and special thank you to **Louis and Mary Ann Meloni** for donating the altar flowers to honor all fathers on Father's Day. Also, thank you to **Marianne and Ray Costner** for donating flowers from their garden for the presentation flowers for St. Joseph.

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an anniversary, christening or memorial Mass, please contact **Maria Haas @ 665-8393**.



I publish the **Banns of Marriage** between **Andrew M. Bairner** of the Parish of St. Veronica and **Elizabeth Scott** of this Parish. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is for the first time of asking. **-Fr. Vince**



### Stewardship Reflection

“Stewardship Trust”

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not.” *-Proverbs 3:5*

Cultivating and cherishing God’s gifts responsibly requires trust. It is impossible to cherish the gifts of God if you do not trust God. It is unlikely that you will think deeply about making the most of God’s gifts in your life if you are unaware of trusting God in all things.



### Monthly Prayer Requests for Priests

Will you pray for a priest in the Camden Diocese each day? Log on to [www.camdenpriests.org](http://www.camdenpriests.org) and find that each priest is assigned a day on the online calendar, at random, in which everyone will be praying specifically for him, the “priest of the day”. Special dates are reserved for the Pope, our Bishop, the newly ordained, recently deceased priests, priests of certain religious orders, and a day to pray for vocations.

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*(A weekly continuing series)*

*Part 1 – The Profession of Faith*  
*Section 1 – I Believe, We Believe*  
Chapter 2 – God Comes to Meet Man

### Article 2 – The Transmission of Divine Revelation

**74** God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth":<sup>29</sup> that is, of Christ Jesus.<sup>30</sup> Christ must be proclaimed to all nations and individuals, so that this revelation may reach to the ends of the earth:

God graciously arranged that the things he had once revealed for the salvation of all peoples should remain in their entirety, throughout the ages, and be transmitted to all generations.<sup>31</sup>

#### I. THE APOSTOLIC TRADITION

**75** "Christ the Lord, in whom the entire Revelation of the most high God is summed up, commanded the apostles to preach the Gospel, which had been promised beforehand by the prophets, and which he fulfilled in his own person and promulgated with his own lips. In preaching the Gospel, they were to communicate the gifts of God to all men. This Gospel was to be the source of all saving truth and moral discipline."<sup>32</sup>

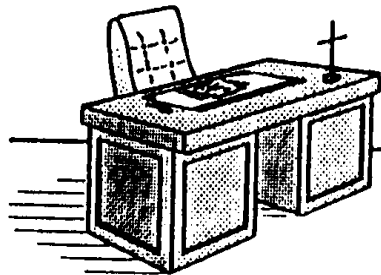
#### In the apostolic preaching. . .

**76** In keeping with the Lord's command, the Gospel was handed on in two ways:

- *orally* "by the apostles who handed on, by the spoken word of their preaching, by the example they gave, by the institutions they established, what they themselves had received - whether from the lips of Christ, from his way of life and his works, or whether they had learned it at the prompting of the Holy Spirit";<sup>33</sup>

- *in writing* "by those apostles and other men associated with the apostles who, under the inspiration of the same Holy Spirit, committed the message of salvation to writing".<sup>34</sup>

#### . . . continued in apostolic succession



From the Desk of  
Father Vincent Orum, AJ

## ***THE VALUE OF SILENCE IN WORSHIP***

Several weeks ago, I wrote an article in our Bulletin with the title “**The Church: A House of Prayer**”.

I quoted the new Catechism of the Catholic Church promulgated by Pope John Paul II on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1992 on the thirtieth anniversary of the opening of Vatican II saying,

*“A Church, a house of prayer in which the Eucharist is celebrated and reserved, where the faithful assemble, and where is worshipped the presence of the Son of God our Savior, offered for us on the sacrificial altar for the help and consolation of the faithful—this house ought to be in good taste and a worthy place for prayer and sacred ceremonial. In this house of God, the truth and the harmony of the signs that make it up should show Christ to be present and active in this place.” CCC No.1181.*

I also took keen interest in Catechism No. 1185 article 2717 that speaks about silence:

*“A church must also be a space that invites us to the recollection and silent prayer that extend and internalize the great prayer of the Eucharist”.*

It has been my observation that today more than ever, the reverence for God’s house has become something of the past simply because many people tend to believe that Vatican II ushered in the new concept of church as a “people of God” gathered as a family for worship! Hence, the Church is where the family spirit is expressed through socializing as we get to meet one another. In a way, coming to church creates an environment of socializing with one another and getting to know what’s going on with the other fellow even though we may be less concerned thereafter until the following Sunday.

Yet it is very interesting to read the Documents on Sacred Liturgy by the same Vatican II in Chapter II No.23 which says, **“Meaningful Silence is an element in celebration which must be given its due place.”**

Every place has a rule of thumb! If I go to the movie theatre and make noise regardless of what’s going on, chances are that the security personnel will throw me out if I don’t personally feel odd in doing it! People who go there seem to notice that out of respect for one another and also to be able to follow the movie, a conducive atmosphere of silence needs to be created as they switch off their phones and speak in low tones to enable their neighbors to follow what’s going on in the movie.

I wonder where that sense of the Sacred and respect has gone today. There is great temptation of becoming complacent with how to behave in the church today.

I imagine that if today, Jesus would act in the similar manner as in John 2:13-17 making a whip out of cords and driving us out of the church, would he be accused of Anger management? If he tells us, ‘Take these out of here and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace?’ as in Verse 16, would he be accused of being anti Vatican II? What would Jesus Do?

What I do know is that Jesus would advocate for the respect of God’s house and letting the Church be a place of prayer other than socials.

