

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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June 6, 2010 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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 Hours - Monday thru Friday 9am-4:30pm

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".

MONDAY 9:00am	June 7, 2010 Jean Wenstrom r/b George & Michelle Morales & Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	June 8, 2010 In Thanksgiving r/b A Parishioner
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	June 9, 2010 Mary Jo Stedrak r/b Family
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	June 10, 2010 Mary Jo Stedrak r/b Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	June 11, 2010 Eleanor Costanzo r/b Lucille Buffington
SATURDAY 10:00am 4:30pm	June 12, 2010 St. Stephen School Graduation Mass Lillian Ruscitelli r/b Ralph & Jean Baylor
SUNDAY 9:00am	June 13, 2010 Anthony & Mildred Moffa r/b Daughter Rita and Grandchildren
10:30am	Margaret Brancato r/b Josephine Marzilli Julian J. Terzini r/b Marie S. Newell & Family Yolanda DiSeveria r/b Gloria & Ron Friedman Jean Wenstrom r/b The Faculty & Staff of St. Stephen School

**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of Dixie Laughlin.**

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.

May 29/30, 2010 Attendance/Collection	512/	\$4,991
May 30/31, 2009 Attendance/Collection	560/	\$5,015
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,693

Next Diocesan Second Collection:
June 13, 2010: "Brazilian Mission"

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, Walter Cerone, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Thomas Holmes Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, 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 12/13

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: T. Veneziani, P. Krohn, A. Knight, J. Heininger, P. Antonelli

Lectors: L. Heininger, P. Tryson

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: N. Schmidt, S. Marano, R. Leone, T. Modzier, L. McHugh

Lectors: L. Modzier, M. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: TBA.

EM's: T. Mattered, M. Miller, T. Scavuzzo, L. Solano, J. Messina

Lectors: M. Turan, K. Jakubowski

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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**SUMMERTIME BULLETIN INSERTS** are to be submitted to the rectory by **9am Friday morning, 10 days before the issue date.** Once approved, our bulletin company will copy & insert these for us.

### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

6/7--Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study  
 6/8--Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 6/9--Wednesday-9am Mass, 7pm Joint Meeting of Finance Council, Pastoral Council & School Board in the School Library  
 6/10--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 10am Spiritual Life Board, 6:15pm Music Informational Mtg.  
 6/11--Friday-9am Mass  
 6/12--Sat-8am Men's Prayer Group, 10am Graduation Mass, 3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass  
 6/13--Sunday-Masses 9am & 10:30am, Youth Meeting 6pm



**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.**



**2010 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D \$42,460 (81%)**  
**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.

### Pastoral Council Nominations

There are positions open on the PPC. Filling those positions is done by two methods; Pastoral appointment and elected members. Nomination for those elected positions will begin this week. **All nominations are to be received by June 6th**; elections will take place June 26th and 27th and the results will be published July 4th.

### Music Ministry Notes

#### Calling all Musicians and Singers of all ages!!!!

We are in the process of developing new musical groups at St. Stephen and you are invited to an **informational meeting on Thursday evening, June 10th at 6:15pm**. God has blessed our parish with so many talented people. Won't you consider sharing your talents with your parish family??? We will be discussing the formation of a music ensemble, as well as the youth choir. Please join us for more information on the 10th. **Nancy Werner-Kaiser (Music Director)**

### 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.

**Spiritual Life Board:**  
**Minutes from May 13, 2010 Meeting**

1. **Membership:** In light of Sr. Ruthann's availability now to attend Liturgy Board Meetings, Mary Sue will not be participating in the Spiritual Life Board Meetings, as of April 2010.
2. **Clarification from April Liturgy Board Meeting:**  
The Liturgy Board will continue to be responsible for planning of the Stations of the Cross and a possible Prayer Service during Advent and Lent. All other spirituality programs/retreats will be the responsibility of the Spiritual Life Board.
3. **Review of Possible Programs for 2010-2011:**  
The Spiritual Life Board reviewed possible spirituality programs for St. Stephen Parish. Also, the names of potential individual retreat/program presenters were discussed.  
**Decision:** The SLB will continue the research into viable spirituality programs/retreat presenters and bring the results to the June Meeting for a final decision followed by implementation in the fall 2010.

**Looking Ahead: Mark your 2011 Calendar!!!**  
**Parish Mission 2011:**

Father Dennis O'Donnell is scheduled to give the Parish Mission at St. Stephen Parish.

**Dates:** March 12<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.  
More information forthcoming!

**Members Present:** Eileen Heidi, Linda Heininger, Liz McHugh, John Messina, Terry Modzier, and Sr. Ruthann

**Next Meeting:** June 10, 2010

**Place:** Stonegate Conference Room

**Submitted:** Sister Ruthann O'Mara, SSJ,  
Coordinator for the Spiritual Life Board

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



Second Grade News!

In second grade this week we are learning how to tell time. We are having fun using small clocks to match the time our teacher quotes. We didn't realize that math could be so much fun! Our new story this week is making us eager for our summer vacation. **Dinosaurs Travel** has taught us that our parents have a lot to do to get ready for any traveling. The dinosaurs act like travel agents and give us reminders about all types of things like packing before a trip and making sure you get directions before you go on the road. There are so many things the dinosaurs tell us about that we are shocked because we have all been on some kind of vacation and we never realized what had to be done before we leave!

We are learning about synonyms in grammar.

In religion we are learning that the Blessed Sacrament is the Eucharist and is kept in the tabernacle of the Church with a light shining on it because it is truly Jesus. In social studies we are learning about justice, freedom, and how Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King are leaders for justice.

We have been busy in second grade and we are looking forward to another great week next week!

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**-Have you been worshipping 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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Stonegate Bus Trip June 15th!

Destination: The **Showboat Casino** in Atlantic City
Cost: \$25 (with \$25 in slot bonus dollars returned!)

Call Marion at 663-5599 to reserve a spot.

Liturgy Board Meeting Minutes ~ May 24, 2010

The regular meeting of the Liturgy Board was called to order by Mary Ann Meloni and opened with a prayer for Pentecost season.

Attendance: Fr. Rocco, Sr. Bernadette, Sr. Ruthann, Mary Ann Meloni, Terry Scavuzzo, Louise D'Alessandro, Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Keith Knight, MarySue Link

[Absent: Deacon Ernie, Pam Palazzo, John Messina, Maria Haas, Adeline Gramlich, Joey Scavuzzo, Maryann Bufanio, Dennis Rooney]

Mary Ann introduced and welcomed Louise who will now chair the EMs.

Critiques:

~Pentecost: Mary Ann explained that there was some sort of confusion about the Sequence, but Father suggested that next year, it be printed out for the lector. The music also has to be worked around the Vigil Offertory Procession. Mary Ann received an email from Mrs. Higgins expressing her concern about the choice of presenter for the school. The board, however, was merely following Father's outline. Nancy noted that there is not a great deal of music for Pentecost, so the choir needed to use other choices. Father noted that a visitor from St. Jude's complimented him on how well done the Vigil service was.

~May crowning: it was disappointing that only three children came to participate in the parish service. Mary Ann questioned if the parish ceremony should supplant the school service and include Religious Ed students, but Sr. Ruthann said perhaps it should be the other way round. Father explained that times have changed, and it is extremely difficult to get parents to realize the importance of bringing their children to Mass. Mary Ann added that there is such a lack of Spirit and Joy in our church anymore. Father has detected this apathy as well and added that very few people have responded to the Scrip survey, even though it is vital to the financial future of the school and parish. When St. Stephen's faced the threat of closure or merging, the parishioners came in droves to seek answers. Now that the parish has been granted stand-alone status, people have faded from the scene. There continues to be a lack of community spirit; very few people responded to the brochures and ministry sign-up, as well. MarySue suggested we do a liturgy or service as far as healing for those who were hurt during the past few years. Father said that perhaps next year's mission during Lent would be a good time. Others want to do it sooner.

~Music: we are getting back to having too many songs which are unknown to the congregation. If Nancy could send us the words to those songs, we can add them to the booklet.

~Clarification from Spiritual Life Board: they will handle all retreats and missions for the parish. The liturgy board will continue to plan prayer services and stations.

~Parish Questionnaire: Mary Ann will review the liturgy response so we can plan for next year.

~Youth: it would be nice to have a member of the Youth Group on our Board for input into meaningful liturgies for that age group.

~Ministries: Mary Ann believes we could encourage more people if current ministry members spoke to the congregation.

~ Year of the Priest: will end on June 19th, and parishioners will be notified.

Reports:

~Father Rocco: his installation Mass will be on August 8th, and he submitted a possible outline for the Mass. The school requested a statue of St. Stephen, and a friend of Father Rocco donated one. Father asked that all ministers now genuflect at the altar after the entrance procession and when the Eucharist is placed back in the tabernacle. "One bows to the altar, but genuflects to the Blessed Sacrament." Mary Ann stated that bowing and not genuflecting is the instruction given at the Liturgy training session by the diocese. She will check with the office of Liturgy to see if this should be changed.

~Sr. Bernadette: repeated the need for music to be available to congregation. She also requested again that she and Dennis and other members be given more opportunities to play music at the Masses.

~Sr. Ruthann: Fr. Dennis O'Donnell will lead next Lent's Mission, March 12 to 15. No honorarium has been requested; he merely wants any donations to be used for their orphanage in Honduras. He is open to any themes that may be requested.

~Arts & Environment: no report, but Father would like to do some closet reorganization to handle the out-of-season vestments.

~EMs: Terry thanked everyone for their support and announced the formation of EM captains for various areas who will assist Sr. Bernadette in bringing Communion to the sick. There will be an EM meeting on June 28th. Mary Ann presented Terry with a thank-you gift basket for her service to this board.

~Music: Nancy will have a meeting on June 10th to assess interest in Youth Music Group. The choir will be on vacation from Fathers Day to Labor Day.

~CCD: Adeline emailed her report and expressed her disappointment in the lack of participation for the May Procession. She also wanted Rel. Ed to be included in the Pentecost Vigil. The ushers need to be aware that when there are large numbers in attendance, the air conditioning should be turned on.

The Board will not meet in June or July. The next meeting will be held on August 23rd. All business having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 and closed with a prayer.

Any questions should be referred to Mary Ann [laurel5302@comcast.net] 488-6143/ MarySue [ms.link@comcast.net] 854-7120

Respectfully submitted by MarySue Link