

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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June 7, 2009 – The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm

Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am

Children's Liturgy: 3rd 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, 2nd Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3rd 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

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 8, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
9:00am John Klein r/b The McCleery Family
- TUESDAY** June 9, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)
9:00am Thelma & Wally Baker
r/b Loving Daughter, Elaine
- WEDNESDAY** June 10, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
9:00am Marie Baratta r/b Rose DeAngelis & Family
- THURSDAY** June 11, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
9:00am + Novena Bill Buffington r/b Anthony & Deb Leone
- FRIDAY** June 12, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)
9:00am Richard Stefanacci r/b The Sapienza Family
- SATURDAY** June 13, 2009
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
(Presider: Fr. Tom)
- 4:30pm Carl Fuhrmeister, Jr. r/b Katherine Boyer
Jean Fesko r/b The Clark Family
(Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
- SUNDAY** June 14, 2009
9:00am Daniel Steinmetz, Sr. r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz
Barbara Fallon r/b Family
(Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
- 10:30am John O'Connor
r/b Maureen O'Connor Blom & Family
Robert Gottschall r/b Catherine Broome
(Presider: Fr. Tom)

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
Memory of Barbara Fallon.***

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 30/31, 2009 Attendance/Collection	560 /	\$5,015
May 31/1, 2008 Attendance/Collection	534 /	\$6,649
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,923
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,706

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, 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 June 13/14

Saturday, 4:30pm
Altar Servers: TBA
EM's: TBA
Lectors: P. Tryson, R. McKean

Sunday, 9:00am
Altar Servers: TBA
EM's: TBA
Lectors: M. McHugh, K. Jakubowski

Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers: TBA
EM's: TBA
Lectors: The McBrides

Weekly Bulletin Deadline: **Monday @ Noon**

Next Diocesan Special^{2nd} Collection:
June 7, 2009: "Brazilian Mission"



2009 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D	\$34,891 (64%)
2009 House of Charity Goal	\$55,000
Total Number of Family Pledges:	142
Average Pledge per Family:	\$246

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

6/8-Monday-9am Mass
 6/9-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 6/10-Wednesday-9am Mass
 6/11-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir
 6/12- Friday-9am Mass
 6/13-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 6/14-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

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.**

Art & Environment Ministry

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass, please contact Maria Haas @ 665-8393.

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 Bernice @ 662-4641 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

St. Stephen's Rosary Makers

Meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday @ 7pm at Stonegate.

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.**



**In Loving Memory of Anthony Kalvaitis
1949-2009**



On March 16th, Pope Benedict XVI announced that the Church will celebrate a Year of the Priest beginning June 19, 2009 and concluding June 19, 2010. He named **Saint John Vianney** as the patron of this year. As a parish, we want to be a part of this celebration in a meaningful way. We believe this jubilee year is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and to honor all the priests in the Church and in our diocese, who touch and transform our lives, who bring us Christ in the holy sacraments, and who act in His place now on this earth. When was the last time you let the priest(s) in your life know how much their service and sacrifice has meant to you and to your family? We also hope that the year helps to foster an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Shortly each family in our parish will have an opportunity to pray for a particular priest in our diocese. We will also begin reciting a Prayer for Vocations at our liturgies. Since St. John Vianney is the patron for this celebration year, we will provide you with information about this saint and a list of suggested readings for adults and children. There will a Novena to St. John from July 27th to Aug. 4th.

We will announce any other events in conjunction with this jubilee year as plans are finalized Please join us in making this a special one as we honor our priests and pray for vocations.

St. Stephen's Liturgy Committee

2 Stonegate Bus Trips!

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 to Philadelphia Park Casino
 Leave Stonegate at 10:45am, depart Casino at 3:45pm
\$18 per person includes \$10 in playcards, \$3 toward food.
Deposit required, call Marianna @ 663-5599 to reserve!

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 RAFFLE III



St. Stephen's Annual 50/50 Raffle is a major parish fundraiser. There are 16 prizes and someone is going to hit the jackpot! All parishioners have received 5 tickets to sell. Please put your returns in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope marked "Raffle" or leave them off at the rectory. More tickets are available at the rectory or by calling 662-9338.

The drawing will be **NEXT SUNDAY, June 14, 2009!!!**

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.

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

A CCD Registration Table will be available in the lobby of the church after all Masses June 13/14.

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.

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!

Rectory Summer Office Hours

Effective June 15, 2009, the

Rectory Summer Office Hours will be

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm

Friday: 9:00am - Noon

Congratulations to St. Stephen School's Class of 2009!

Khristian Bowman

Kyle Bowman

Richard Buchholz

Thomas Coar

Alice Cooper

Elise Corbett

Stephen DiNapoli

Asia Elzey

Nicole Figueroa

Melissa Hearn

Johanna Imbusch

Destiny Langston

Erika Leyman

C. Parker Luthman

Josea Marrera

Michael McBride

William McHugh

Feliz Mendez

Nicholas Minkiewicz

Shane Morales

Steven Pham

Christina Rigolizzo

Nijja Roberts

Alyssa Rosario

Colin Ruane

Kayleigh Schmid

Elizabeth Stemetzki

Alicia Sylvia



The Year for Priests

The Year for Priests, announced by our beloved Pope Benedict XVI to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the death of the saintly Curé of Ars, St. John Mary Vianney, is drawing near. It will be inaugurated by the Holy Father on the 19th June, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. The announcement of the Year for Priests has been very warmly received, especially amongst priests themselves. Everyone wants to commit themselves with determination, sincerity and fervor so that it may be a year amply celebrated in the whole world -- in the Dioceses, parishes and in every local community -- with the warm participation of our Catholic people who undoubtedly love their priests and want to see them happy, holy and joyous in their daily apostolic labors.

It must be a year that is both positive and forward looking in which the Church says to her priests above all, but also to all the Faithful and to wider society by means of the mass media, that she is proud of her priests, loves them, honors them, admires them and that she recognizes with gratitude their pastoral work and the witness of their life. Truthfully priests are important not only for what they do but also for who they are. Sadly, it is true that at the present time some priest have been shown to have been involved in gravely problematic and unfortunate situations. It is necessary to investigate these matters, pursue judicial processes and impose penalties accordingly. However, it is also important to keep in mind that these pertain to a very small portion of the clergy. The overwhelming majority of priests are people of great personal integrity, dedicated to the sacred ministry; men of prayer and of pastoral charity, who invest their entire existence in the fulfillment of their vocation and mission, often through great personal sacrifice, but always with an authentic love towards Jesus Christ, the Church and the people, in solidarity with the poor and the suffering. It is for this reason that the Church is proud of her priests wherever they may be found.

May this year be an occasion for a period of intense appreciation of the priestly identity, of the theology of the Catholic priesthood, and of the extraordinary meaning of the vocation and mission of priests within the Church and in society. This will require opportunities for study, days of recollection, spiritual exercises reflecting on the Priesthood, conferences and theological seminars in our ecclesiastical faculties, scientific research and respective publications.

The Holy Father, in announcing the Year in his allocution on the 16th March last to the Congregation for the Clergy during its Plenary Assembly, said that with this special year it is intended "to encourage priests in this striving for spiritual perfection on which, above all, the effectiveness of their ministry depends". For this reason it must be, in a very special way, a year of prayer by priests, with priests and for priests, a year for the renewal of the spirituality of the presbyterate and of each priest. The Eucharist is, in this perspective, at the heart of priestly spirituality. Thus Eucharistic adoration for the sanctification of priests and the spiritual motherhood of religious women, consecrated and lay women towards priests, as previously proposed some time ago by the Congregation for the Clergy, could be further developed and would certainly bear the fruit of sanctification.

May it also be a year in which the concrete circumstances and the material sustenance of the clergy will be considered, since they live, at times, in situations of great poverty and hardship in many parts of the world.

May it be a year as well of religious and of public celebration which will bring the people -- the local Catholic community -- to pray, to reflect, to celebrate, and justly to give honor to their priests. In the ecclesial community a celebration is a very cordial event which expresses and nourishes Christian joy, a joy which springs from the certainty that God loves us and celebrates with us. May it therefore be an opportunity to develop the communion and friendship between priests and the communities entrusted to their care.

Many other aspects and initiatives could be mentioned that could enrich the Year for Priests, but here the faithful ingenuity of the local churches is called for. Thus, it would be good for every Dioceses and each parish and local community to establish, at the earliest opportunity, an effective program for this special year. Clearly it would be important to begin the Year with some notable event. The local Churches are invited on the 19th June next, the same day on which the Holy Father will inaugurate the Year for Priests in Rome, to participate in the opening of the Year, ideally by some particular liturgical act and festivity. Let those who are able most surely come to Rome for the inauguration, to manifest their own participation in this happy initiative of the Pope.

God will undoubtedly bless with great love this undertaking; and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Clergy, will pray for each of you, dear priests.

Cardinal Cláudio Hummes
Archbishop Emeritus of São Paulo
Prefect, Congregation for the Clergy