

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Parish Clergy & Religious

Reverend Vincent Orum, A.J., Administrator  
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Permanent Deacon Raymond Ellis  
Sister Bernadette Mary Leahy, S.S.J.



## Parish Contact Information

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## June 8, 2008 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### 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-4:30pm  
Expanded hours Monday, Tuesday & Thursday until 7:00pm.

### 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 9, 2008**  
 9:00am John Iacovelli r/b His Wife  
 For the Good Intentions of Michael Dees  
 r/b Grandmother

**TUESDAY June 10, 2008**  
 9:00am

**WEDNESDAY June 11, 2008**  
 9:00am Communion Service

**THURSDAY June 12, 2008 (Novena to follow)**  
 9:00am Communion Service

**FRIDAY June 13, 2008**  
 9:00am Communion Service

**SATURDAY June 14, 2008**  
 9:00am Anthony Palazzo, Sr. r/b Pam  
 4:30pm Robert W. Kozempel & John F. Peberdy  
 r/b Gerry Kozempel

**SUNDAY June 15, 2008 (Father's Day)**  
 9:00am Louis Buondonno  
 r/b Daughter Rose Marie & Son Vincent  
 Theresa Piccione r/b Yolanda & Jane  
 10:30am James Cummings, Sr. r/b Margaret Cummings  
 The O'Brien & Scavuzzo Dads  
 r/b Children & Grandchildren  
 4:30pm Albert Girone r/b M/M Jack Mattered  
 The Youth of Pennsauken

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in  
 Memory of Marion Kaminski.***

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 May 31/1, 2008: \$6,752.00**  
**Comparison June 2/3, 2007 \$6,705.91**  
**Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$7,200.00**  
**Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average: \$6,488.27**

**House of Charity information: (856) 583-6128**  
**House of Charity: YTD: \$54,880 (99.8% 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 3 Young Adult Masses:</i> <b>June 15, July 20 &amp; August 17</b> All 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays @ 4:30pm
	<i>Info: Tery Mattered (856) 488-6357</i>

***Ministry Schedule for June 14/15***

**Saturday, 4:30pm**  
**Altar Servers:** R. Garofalo, K. Sullivan, S. Ruff  
**EM's:** J. Messina, A. Knight, T. Angstman, S. Eisenhardt  
**Lectors:** The McKenna's

**Sunday, 9:00am**  
**Altar Servers:** M. DiRico, S. Morales, J. Crew  
**EM's:** S. Marano, A. DiGiacomo, M. Gunderson,  
 B. O'Donnell, N. Schmidt  
**Lectors:** D. Heck, M. Miller

**Sunday, 10:30am**  
**Altar Servers:** P. Luthman, N. Minkiewicz, D. Massie  
**EM's:** T. Scavuzzo, L. Picknally, A. Mulholland, The Tutwilers  
**Lectors:** The Zieglers

**Sunday, 4:30pm**  
**Altar Servers:** H. Morris, T. Miller  
**EM's:** T. Mattered, L. McHugh, M. Novoa  
**Lectors:** The McKeans

**Next Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:**  
 June 8, 2008: "Brazilian Mission"  
 August 10, 2008: "Air Conditioning"

June 15<sup>th</sup> bulletin deadline: June 9<sup>th</sup> @ Noon

**St. Vincent de Paul Hotline (856) 581-7980**  
**New Playground Hotline (609) 238-9471**

### ***This Week @ St. Stephen's***

6/9-Monday-9am Mass  
 6/10-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 6/11-Wednesday-9am Communion Service  
 6/12-Thursday-9am Communion Svc./Novena, 7:15pm Choir  
 6/13-First Friday-9am Communion Svc., Adoration until 7pm  
 6/14-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 6/15-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 Maryann @ 235-1423 for the month of June.

Jesus replied,

"What is impossible with men is possible with God."

### ***Giant Yard Sale I I- Now Oct. 18***

The Fundraising Committee will sponsor another Giant Parish Yard Sale on **October 18, 2008**. Pickups of donated stuff will begin in June. Please begin setting aside things you want to get rid of and feel free to call us now at 665-0173 to get on the pickup list.

*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 (feel free to call first to assure a volunteer is here to serve you).

### ***50/50 Summer Raffle***

Congrats to: Tom & Liz McHugh, The Aleszczyk Family, The Meloni Family, Rubelio Pepa - on selling/buying 10 or more 50/50 raffle tickets. New members of the Ten Tall Club! **Winners from the dramatic June 7<sup>th</sup> drawing will appear in next week's bulletin!!!**

### ***SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEES***

Sister Ruthann will meet with all the Chairpersons for the Spiritual Life Committees after any one of the Masses Saturday, **June 21<sup>st</sup> or Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Meeting Place: Side Chapel in the church after Mass.

### ***GRASS-CUTTING***

The parish is accepting grass-cutting proposals. You are aware that in the past the grass has been cut and trimmed by **Joey Scavuzzo**, who has done an exceptional job. However, Joey also has other commitments (music, job, continuing education), which sometimes makes it impossible for him to cut so much grass at regular intervals. That coupled with ongoing lawnmower problems has led the parish to realize that we cannot depend on volunteers for a job of this magnitude. Therefore we are requesting that all interested parties submit a proposal for the remainder of the grass-cutting season. **All bids are to go to the rectory office addressed to Jim.**

### ***CAR ALERT!***

We are on the look out for a **dependable second hand car**, in good condition, w/ automatic transmission for **Sr. Bernadette**. The car that Sr. is currently driving was given to her by a good friend to assist her in her good works. It has many miles on it now and has a penchant for breaking down periodically. As you 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 not using and are thinking of getting rid of, please consider donating it to the parish for Sister's use. **You will be blessed many times over.**

### ***Stewardship Reflection***

*"Stewardship is Sacrificial"*

"Then I will offer you generous sacrifice and praise your gracious name, Lord." -**Psalm 54:8**  
 The principle of sacrificial giving is where the life of stewardship moves to a higher plane. The principle is simple. When we give sacrificially to the Lord, we are giving to God in the way that God gave to us in Christ. Whenever we do this, we reflect and magnify the love of God and God's image in us.

# ***Congratulations to the St. Stephen School Class of '08***



- Angelica Marie Arroliga***
- Tonee N. Burley***
- Ronald L. Curry, Jr.***
- Tyler John Halloran***
- Carly C. Jenkins***
- Ryan Glenn Levito***
- John Joseph Madden***
- David Ryan Massie***
- Gabriel F. Mattia***
- Stephany Marie McKean***
- Tyler W. Miller***
- Charles Michael Moton***
- Marvin Marcel Parker, Jr.***
- Teddi-Ann Nicole Pottinger***
- Andrew Randisi***
- Stephany Tallene Rosa***
- Christina Maria Rosario***
- Paige Anne Sapienza***
- Melinda Rose Starts***
- Sherman André Williams***
- Cruz Antonio Yambo, Jr.***
- Stephanie Marie Yezzi***



## ***Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet***

Can you believe it? Father's Day is fast approaching! What better way to honor our fathers who have been a blessing to us in so many ways by offering them the opportunity to share in the spiritual benefits offered during Masses celebrated in observance of Father's Day.

**Please use the Spiritual Bouquet envelope** and send it back to the Parish Office with your donation and the name of the special father. The envelope will be placed on the Altar and your Dad will be remembered at the Masses during the month of June. – **Father Vince**

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**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
*(A weekly continuing series)*

### **II. The Stages of Revelation** *In the beginning God makes Himself known*

#### **God chooses Abraham**

59 In order to gather together scattered humanity God calls Abram from his country, his kindred and his father's house,<sup>16</sup> and makes him Abraham, that is, "the father of a multitude of nations". "In you all the nations of the earth shall be blessed."<sup>17</sup>

60 The people descended from Abraham would be the trustee of the promise made to the patriarchs, the chosen people, called to prepare for that day when God would gather all his children into the unity of the Church.<sup>18</sup> They would be the root on to which the Gentiles would be grafted, once they came to believe.<sup>19</sup>

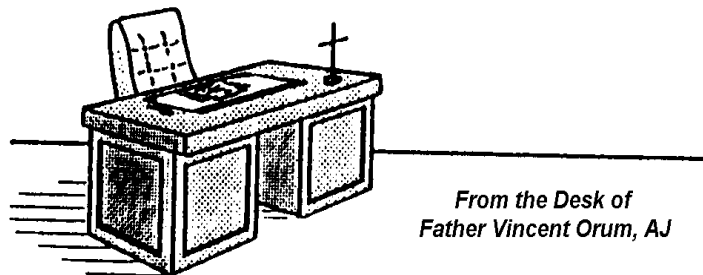
61 The patriarchs, prophets and certain other Old Testament figures have been and always will be honored as saints in all the Church's liturgical traditions.

#### **God forms his people Israel**

62 After the patriarchs, God formed Israel as his people by freeing them from slavery in Egypt. He established with them the covenant of Mount Sinai and, through Moses, gave them his law so that they would recognize him and serve him as the one living and true God, the provident Father and just judge, and so that they would look for the promised Savior.<sup>20</sup>

63 Israel is the priestly people of God, "called by the name of the LORD", and "the first to hear the word of God",<sup>21</sup> the people of "elder brethren" in the faith of Abraham.

64 Through the prophets, God forms his people in the hope of salvation, in the expectation of a new and everlasting Covenant intended for all, to be written on their hearts.<sup>22</sup> The prophets proclaim a radical redemption of the People of God, purification from all their infidelities, a salvation which will include all the nations.<sup>23</sup> Above all, the poor and humble of the Lord will bear this hope. Such holy women as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Judith and Esther kept alive the hope of Israel's salvation. The purest figure among them is Mary.<sup>24</sup>



Dear Parishioners of Saint Stephen,

In the month of May, I had series of reflections on our Blessed Mother with the intention of allowing us to appreciate the devotions to the Blessed Mother from the standpoint of genuine understanding why we have to practice devotions to her.

I believe that it will be good for us to continue with the practice of praying the Rosary Twenty Minutes before the Masses on Sundays and I kindly urge that we be mindful and charitable to those who intend to pray before the beginning of Mass. Let us show some respect to those who are praying the Rosary as we enter the church by creating an environment of prayers/silence.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, in his book “The Glories of Mary”, said that “worldly lovers often speak of those they love, and praise them so that these individuals will be esteemed and praised by others. There are people who claim to be lovers of Mary. Yet they seldom speak of her or endeavor to inspire others to love her.” He continues to say of such people, “Their love cannot be very great. Those who really love our Lady do not act that way. They endeavor to praise her always and everywhere and to make the whole world love her. They never lose an opportunity, either in public or private, of enkindling in the hearts of others the flame of love towards Our Lady with which they themselves burn.”

I do believe that we have a golden opportunity as we meet each Sunday to praise our Blessed Mother and have time to go to JESUS in the Eucharist through Mary!

By the way, summer is finally here! We are all thinking of shifting from winter sports, activities, eating and even dressing! Sometimes the weather can mean to be a little uncomfortable and not so accommodating for the winter-like dressing code! However, let us be mindful of what we put on as we come to Church, especially the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors.

Have a nice week and a wonderful summer vacation.

