

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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July 11, 2010 – The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Summer Hours-Monday thru Thursday 9am-4:30pm
(Closed every Friday thru Sept. 3rd)

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".

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Date/Intention. Rows include MONDAY (July 12, 2010), TUESDAY (July 13, 2010), WEDNESDAY (July 14, 2010), THURSDAY (July 15, 2010), FRIDAY (July 16, 2010), SATURDAY (July 17, 2010), and SUNDAY (July 18, 2010).

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Joseph Petulla.

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.

Table with 4 columns: Date, Attendance, Collection, and Total. Rows for July 3/4, 2010 and July 4/5, 2009, plus Budgeted and Actual Weekly Collection.

Next Special Second Collection: August 8, 2010: "Air Conditioning Assistance"

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, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Thomas Holmes Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Ben Johnson, 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 July 17/18

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: The Norths, K. Sullivan
EM's: P. Petronis, M. Novoa, Sr. Eleanora, The Heiningers
Lectors: R. Taylor, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. DiRico, D. Saranchak, K. Starts
EM's: S. Marano, J. Rosario, T. Modzier, R. Davis, L. McHugh
Lectors: M. McHugh, J. Bowman

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Fagans, C. Otto
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, W. Delfin, C. Otto, The Fagans
Lectors: J. Messina, M. Miller

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.

FULL PAGE BULLETIN INSERTS are to be submitted to the rectory by 9am Thursday morning, 10 days before the issue date. Once approved, our bulletin company will copy & insert these for our church, thus saving us the cost of paper and copying.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

7/12--Monday-9am Mass
 7/13--Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 7/14--Wednesday-9am Mass
 7/15--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Rosary Makers
 7/16-- Friday-9am Mass, **Rectory Closed Fridays in the Summer**
 7/17--Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
 7/18--Sunday-Masses 9am & 10:30am



Will resume every Monday @ 1pm in the Stonegate Conference Room after Labor Day.

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 1st and 3rd 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 **Maryann @ 235-1423** 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

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 \$43,847 (84%)
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.

Rectory Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday – 9am-4:30pm
Closed every Friday thru September 3rd

CCD REGISTRATION

Registration is underway for next Fall and the fee remains at \$125 per family (**\$135 for late registrations after Sept. 8**). Registration forms are available in the rectory and online on our website's CCD page.

Join the Team! We are in need of Teachers & Teacher's Aides.
If interested, please call Mrs. Adeline Gramlich at 662-9338, ext. 7.

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.

Alumni Recognition

Congratulations to the following alumni of St. Stephen School for their academic excellence at their current high schools:

- Maxwell Coar – First Honors – St. Joseph’s Prep
- Thomas Coar – First Honors – St. Joseph’s Prep
- Caitlin Mattera – Distinguished Honors – Merion Mercy

Summer Spirituality Offerings

Little Portion Spirituality Center - Collingswood, NJ.

Presenter: Sr. Ruthann, SSJ

1. **Relaxation in Nature:** July 13 & July 23 -11:30am-12 Noon
2. **Friendship with God:** August 5, 12 and September 9 from 11am - 12 Noon OR 7 PM - 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

CCHS Host Families Needed

Host families are needed for several international students who will be attending Camden Catholic High School for the upcoming school year. These F-1 visa students speak English, are fully insured, and have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board and receive a generous monthly hosting stipend. **For more information, please contact Cecelia LaPlaca at 215-584-7751 or cecelaplaca@verion.net.**

Stewardship Reflection

“Be a Good Steward”

“He answered, ‘The one who treated him with mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” (Luke 10:37)

This was Jesus’ simple command to all of us at the end of the Good Samaritan story. How do we do “likewise?” By taking the time to help when we are needed. By sharing our skills. By reaching into our pockets when financial help is needed. In short, by being a good steward.

Is your Marriage tearing you apart?

If there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are frustrated, hurt or angry with each other, if you are considering separation or divorce, **Retrouvaille** can help. Retrouvaille is a French word meaning “rediscovery” and it helps couples put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. It begins with a weekend experience in which husbands and wives are helped to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. The next program will be held at the Malvern Retreat Center in Malvern, PA on **August 13-15, 2010**. You will be asked to make a donation to cover the expenses of lodging, food and materials, but no couple is ever denied the chance to heal and renew their marriage because they are facing financial difficulties. **For more information or to register for the weekend, you can call 800-470-2230 or visit the web site www.HelpOurMarriage.com.**

Welcome New Parishioners!

New parishioners may find registration forms at the rectory, outside the Sacristy, and online on our parish website. **Registration** is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish and is essential for arranging baptisms, weddings, offertory envelopes and receiving Certificates of Eligibility regarding sponsorships for the Sacraments.

St. Stephen’s SCRIP Program

Summer is here! Don't forget to take Scrip on your vacation for your gas, food or lodging needs. Visit glscrip.com to view the complete list of retailers available. Special orders are accepted through Sunday and are available Thursday. Forms are available at the Rectory, at Masses or online (ststephenspennsauken.com). Any questions feel free to call the Rectory (662-9338, ext. 6).

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

-Have you been worshiping 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).

Paul VI High School All Class Reunion, Sunday, August 8th

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 support student scholarships for incoming students to Paul VI High School.

**Flip FlopZ Bar & Grille,
300 New Jersey Ave, North Wildwood from 2pm-6pm**

Price: \$25.00 includes a full free buffet and discounted drinks until 6pm. You’ll also enjoy music from the Alumni Band “Screaming Matilda” all day long.
RSVP: Mary Anne Yeager, myeager@pvihs.org or Dominic Vesper, vesperfamily@comcast.net or register online @ www.pvihs.org and click on “Eagles in the Wild”.

PRE- REGISTER ONLINE NOW AND YOUR NAME WILL BE INCLUDED IN A \$100 CASH DRAWING AND A PAUL VI GIFT BASKET!

*** No one under 21 permitted.*

GOD AND ST. FRANCIS DISCUSSING LAWNS

GOD: Francis, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistle and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect, no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honeybees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

ST. FRANCIS: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds" and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees, only grubs and sod worms. It's temperamental with temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it-sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS: No Sir. Just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away? **ST. FRANCIS:** Yes, Sir.

GOD: *These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.*

ST. FRANCIS: You aren't going to believe this Lord. *When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.*

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves form compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life.

ST. FRANCIS: You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No. What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter and to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough. I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have they scheduled for us tonight?"

ST. CATHERINE: "Dumb and Dumber", Lord. It's a really stupid movie about.....

GOD: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.

Catholic Charities News

Assistance for Working or Unemployed Families

For a limited time, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden has the ability to assist low to middle income (up to \$74,000 for family of 4) families who are experiencing difficulty paying their rent, mortgage, and/or utility bills due to the economic recession. To be eligible a family must:

-Currently be employed or be receiving unemployment benefits

-Live in Camden County

-Have children under 18 residing in the home

-Be able to document their current hardship; and

-Attend an information session Catholic Charities

To learn when the next information session is, and what information to bring to the session call our recorded message at 856-342-8787.

Stonegate Bus Trip to the Hilton!



***Tuesday, August 10th - \$54 per person
Includes bus, cruise, lunch, \$20 in slots!!!***

-10am – Depart Stonegate parking lot

-11am – Cruise

-12Noon - Sit-down lunch at the Flying Clown
(Choice of Prime Rib or Crab Cake)

-4 hours in the Hilton Casino

-5:30pm – Depart from Casino

-6:30pm – Return to Stonegate

Info & Tickets: Marion @ 663-5599