

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

Reverend Vincent Orum, AJ, Administrator
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence
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July 12, 2009 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Summer Hours - Monday thru Thursday 9am-4:30pm

Friday 9am-Noon (thru Sept. 4)

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 July 13, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
9:00am Msgr. Patrick Tierney r/b People of the Parish

TUESDAY July 14, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
9:00am Rev. Thomas Burns r/b People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY July 15, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
9:00am Rev. Leonard Carrieri r/b People of the Parish

THURSDAY July 16, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)
9:00am + Novena Bill Huhn r/b Wife, Helen

FRIDAY July 17, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)
9:00am Frances Shea r/b Son, Walter

SATURDAY July 18, 2009
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
(Presider: Fr. Godfrey)

4:30pm Mateo Oler r/b The McHugh Family
Russ Cavaliere r/b Family
(Presider: Fr. Tom)

SUNDAY July 19, 2009
9:00am Jennie Szalagiewicz r/b Jeanne & Joseph Gerst
Bill Huhn r/b Duane & Pam Heck
(Presider: Fr. Godfrey)

10:30am Bill Buffington r/b Terry Carr & Judy Kinsler
Marie Baratta r/b Pete & Carol Certo
(Presider: Fr. Godfrey)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Russ Cavaliere.

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.

July 4/5, 2009 Attendance/Collection	465 /	\$5,522
July 5/6, 2008 Attendance/Collection	<i>Incomplete</i>	\$6,327
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		STBA
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,522

July 4/5 Special Collection for Pennsauken Emergency Relief Fund for Nasto-Cummings family: \$1,086

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, Adeline Canalichio, Dominic Caruso, Dorothy Coyle, Marge Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Jessie Dixon, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, John Heinger, Jr., Thomas Holmes, Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Inasley, Donna Krawchuk, Robert Leone, Nancy Loperfido, Vincent Marchese, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, John Meyer, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Rita Picciano, Frank & Louise Pigliacelli, 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 July 18/19

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: E. Stemetzki, K. Sullivan, K. Hulsey
EM's: The Monaco's, L. Garofalo, T. Mattera, Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, P. Krohn

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: K. Starts, W. McHugh
EM's: S. Marano, L. Rosario, T. Modzier, L. McHugh, N. Schmidt
Lectors: M. Miller, L. Modzier

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Coars
EM's: The Fagans, J. Messina, W. Delfin, M. Novoa
Lectors: M. Turan, J. Terzini

Weekly Bulletin Deadline: **Monday @ Noon**
Full-page 1-sided Bulletin Inserts: **10 days before (Friday, 10am)**

Next Special 2nd Collection:
August 9, 2009: "Air Conditioning Fund"



2009 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D \$37,518 (69%)
2009 House of Charity Goal \$55,000

Attention Fundraising Committee:

There will be no meetings in July or August.

New Altar Server Training

Saturday, August 1, 2009 @ 9:30-10:00am.
Further information at 662-9338.

This Week @ St. Stephen's

7/13-Monday-9am Mass
 7/14-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 7/15-Wednesday-9am Mass
 7/16-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Rosary Makers
 7/17-Friday-9am Mass
 7/18-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 7/19-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

Sisters of St. Joseph News

During the week of June 22, 2009, a large majority of Sisters of Saint Joseph met from 9 to 4 each day to discuss important issues that will affect our lives in the future. We also elected a new President: **Sister Ann Meyers**, and 4 Council Members: **Sister Mary Dacy, Sister Regina Bell, Sister Carol Zinn and Sister Constance Gilder**. Each day we felt the awesome presence of the Holy Spirit and the Spirits of those Sisters of St. Joseph who have gone before us. We ask your prayers for our newly elected Sisters and for all SSJ's who strive each day to carry out our mission of "One in Love Transforming Our World". We all feel blessed to be a part of St. Stephen Parish. Thank you!

Sr. Bernadette, Sr. Helen, Sr. Ruthann, Sr. Rita, Sr. Stella

Art & Environment Ministry

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an **Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass**, please contact Maria Haas at 665-8393. **All are welcome to join the A&E ministry by calling 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 Prayer Line

The Prayer Line belongs to you.

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place.

Contact Mary Sharon @ 662-6049 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

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.**

Mass Times for Traveling Catholics

Logon to **www.MassTimes.org**
 for Mass times for Catholic Churches
 all over the country while you're on vacation.



In Loving Memory of Jean Peel
 1914-2009

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**Welcome St. Stephen's Youth Group**  
**Sunday July 12, 2009 @ 2pm**

**in the Rectory Parking Lot**  
**Join us for Hot Dogs & Fun!**  
*Contact Cindy Pandola @ (609) 922-4935 for more info.*

### *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 for such a wonderful cause.**

### *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](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.**

### *Church Annulment Workshop*

**On Wednesday, August 19, 2009 from 9:30am to 2pm the St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center in Blackwood** will be sponsoring an all-day Church Annulment Workshop. This workshop is for anyone seeking a Church annulment. The workshop will be conducted in English and Spanish. Volunteers will be available that day to help anyone who wishes to begin the appropriate paperwork. The cost is \$30 and lunch is included.

# 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.

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Mark your Calendars!

**Parish Picnic,
Saturday September 26th**

**Parish Appreciation Dinner,
Sat. November 14th**

Anyone wishing to assist the planning committee is asked to call Liz McHugh at 486-4787.

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**2010 CCD Registration Continues**

The fee this year remains at \$125 per family.

\$10 late fee if registered after September 9, 2009

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.

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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!

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**Rectory Summer Office Hours**

Effective now thru Sept. 4, 2009,  
the Rectory Summer Office Hours are  
Monday thru Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm  
Friday: 9:00am – Noon

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Seeking Volunteers!

Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice is seeking caring and compassionate volunteers to visit terminally ill patients in their home or care facility. Training is provided and volunteers can give as little or as much time as they wish. Volunteers are also needed for office work, community outreach and bereavement. Please contact Volunteer Manager by calling (856) 552-1300 or Emailing volunteer@moorestownvna.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

School of Liturgy Training

for Cantors, Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

2 Saturdays: October 3 & 10, 2009 9:30am-2pm

St. Mary's Parish Hall, 2001 Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill
St. Stephen's will cover the \$40 FEE.

Applications are available in the church lobby & rectory.

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**Tutoring Available July 2 -August 31**

Grades 2-12 Math, Social Studies, English, Introductory Spanish For rates and more information, call Samantha Scavuzzo (609) 238-9472.

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Stonegate Bus Trip!

Wednesday, July 15 to Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City

Leave Stonegate at 10am, depart Casino at 5:30pm

\$45 pp includes \$20 in coins, the show "Fame" & buffet!

Deposit required, call Marianna @ 663-5599 to reserve!

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**Paul VI Alumni News**

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 student scholarships for incoming students at Paul VI High School.

When: August 2, 2009 (first Sunday in August)

Where: Flip Flop Bar & Grille in North Wildwood

Time: 2pm-6pm - Price: \$20.00

Includes buffet, discounted drinks, one hour open bar from 2-3pm., and entertainment from PVI alumni band – **Scream in Matilda**.

Contact: Dominic Vesper Jr

Alumni President at [vesperfamily@comcast.net](mailto:vesperfamily@comcast.net)

\*\* No one under 21 permitted.

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Office of Lifelong Formation--Diocese of Camden

F.L.A.M.E. III Sessions:

Discernment and the Laity's Call to Ministry

When having to deal with major career and life events, have you ever asked yourself how do you know that you are moving in the correct direction? With such choices, where is God in all of this? Wondering how God is REALLY working in your life?

These are but a few of a number of interesting, challenging and practical topics which will be addressed in our next F.L.A.M.E. series - **Discernment and the Laity's Call to Ministry**. From this two-session program, attendees will be exposed not only to the real meaning of discernment, but how, if we are open to such an experience, it can dramatically and positively change our lives.

This two-part session will be held across the diocese from 7 PM to 9 PM on and at the following dates and locations:

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| St. Michael, Gibbstown | July 14; July 21 |
| Christ the King, Haddonfield | July 15; July 22 |
| St. Paul, Stone Harbor | July 16; July 23 |
| St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Absecon | August 12; August 19 |
| St. Charles Borromeo, Sicklerville | July 29; August 5 |
| St. Isidore, Vineland | August 12; August 19 |

Note: Sessions in Spanish are being planned for the fall.

For questions about F.L.A.M.E. III, please contact :

Kevin Connor, 856.583.6122; kevin.connor@camdendiocese.org.

Advanced registration is not necessary.

Pastoral Reflection on our Call to Christian Discipleship

The Scriptures abound with testimony of how generosity results into Blessings while greed and selfishness bring suffering and pain. I will mention some texts and encourage you to read and reflect upon them:

Deuteronomy 28:12, 15-20, 23-24, 38. Leviticus 26:3-5, 14-16;

Prophet Haggai 1:5-6, 9-11 is very interesting because it really expresses the vanity of riches and how insatiable our quest for riches can become! Listen to what he says,

“Consider your ways! You have sown much but have brought in little; you have eaten, but have not been satisfied; you have drunk, but not been exhilarated; have clothed yourselves, but not been warmed; and he who earned wages earned them for a bag with holes in it.”...you expected much, but it came to little; and what you brought home, I blew away. For what cause? Says the Lord of hosts. Because my house lies in ruins, while each of you hurries to his own house.”

Is this not the reality of what we work for so as to pay our debts for our credit cards, mortgages, loans etc? What about the desire to keep on adding despite what we already have? The human spirit seems today to experience such an insatiable craving for material possessions, prestige and power to the extent of relegating God the provider to the periphery of its life. God on the contrary is visualized as the oppressor not the Liberator and the obstacles to one's freedom and full enjoyment of pleasure!

As a result, Society seems to experience that alienation and dissatisfactions even in work. What seemed ideally as the source of fulfillment ends up as a **“mirage-happiness”** because we continue longing for more.

In the book of the prophet Malachi, 3:7-12, we are given the reasons for all these phenomena as he says,

“Since the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you says the Lord of hosts. Yet you say, “How must we return to you? Dare a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me! And you say, “How do we rob you?” In tithes and offerings! You are indeed accursed, for you, the whole nation, rob me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try me in this, says the Lord of hosts: Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessings upon you without measure?”

Does this tell us anything about the sudden collapse in the economy and the frustrations, anxiety and angst that ripped the whole world?

That's why Proverbs 3:9-10 says that we should honor the Lord with our wealth, with first fruits of all our produce so as to be given blessings from the Lord:

“Honor the lord with your wealth, with first fruits of your produce; then will your barns be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow.”

It's very interesting to reflect on the history of the chosen people of God in their relationship with God, especially how time and again they kept reflecting and renewing their Covenant with God. In the Book of Nehemiah 10:33-38, we see a classic example of how the Israelites realized that their sufferings and afflictions were the result of infidelity to the Covenant and disobedience to God, who faithfully delivered them from Egypt and gave them a land flowing with milk and honey. He was their sole provider and they forgot him as they enjoyed their wealth and privileges. Hence, they got converted back to God and promised to offer to God their very lives and whatever came out of the produce of their sweat. We might as well learn a lesson or two from their situations as we experience the economic meltdown in our time!

(to be continued next week)