

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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

Parish Contact Information

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July 13, 2008 – 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule:

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am
Saturday – 4:30pm --- Sunday – 9:00am, 10:30am & 4:30pm
Youth Mass: 3rd 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, 2nd Sunday of month @ 1pm.
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 Thursday 9am-7pm
Summer Fridays: 9am-1pm

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 July 14, 2008**
9:00am Tommy Consalo r/b Bruce Schumin
- TUESDAY July 15, 2008**
9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Parishioners
- WEDNESDAY July 16, 2008**
9:00am Bill Huhn r/b Helen Huhn
- THURSDAY July 17, 2008 (Novena to follow)**
9:00am Kevin McFadden r/b Residents of Stonegate
- FRIDAY July 18, 2008**
9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving to St. Theresa r/b Elizabeth
- SATURDAY July 19, 2008**
9:00am
4:30pm Special Intention r/b Ralph & Jean Baylor
Kevin McFadden r/b Residents of Stonegate
- SUNDAY July 20, 2008**
9:00am Carlo Russo r/b The Luthman Family
Barbara Fallon r/b Family
10:30am Deceased Buffington Siblings r/b Brother
Helen R. DiGrosso r/b Joseph Siano
4:30pm People of the Parish

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
Memory of Bill Huhn.***

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 July 5/6, 2008:	\$6,326.75
Comparison July 7/8, 2007	\$7,073.50
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$7,200.00
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$6,326.75

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:

- 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, Carol Zelinsky.**

	<p><i>Next 2 Young Adult Masses:</i> July 20 & August 17 Both 3rd Sundays @ 4:30pm Info: Tery Mattera (856) 488-6357</p>
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Ministry Schedule for July 19/20

- Saturday, 4:30pm**
Altar Servers: E. Stemetzki, H. Morris, N. Marchione
EM's: A. Knight, J. Messina, T. Angstman, L. Garofalo, T. Veneziani
Lectors: P. Tryson, D. Steinmetz
- Sunday, 9:00am**
Altar Servers: M. DiRico, S. Morales, E. Corbett
EM's: S. Marano, R. Leone, K. Layton, N. Schmidt, P. Krohn
Lectors: L. Modzier, D. Heck
- Sunday, 10:30am**
Altar Servers: K & K Bowman, R. Buchholz, Jr.
EM's: T. Link, L. Picknally, L. Solano, The Tutwilers
Lectors: The Luthmans
- Sunday, 4:30pm**
Altar Servers: E. Mattera, E. Pandola, W. McHugh
EM's: L. McHugh, T. Mattera, M. Novoa
Lectors: R. McKean, L. Sperduto

July 20th bulletin deadline: July 14th @ Noon
 1-page Bulletin Inserts are due 9am Friday, 9 days before issue.

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

This Week @ St. Stephen's

7/14-Monday-9am Mass
 7/15-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 7/16-Wednesday-9am Mass
 7/17-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
 7/18-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Wedding Rehearsal
 7/19-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 2pm Wedding, 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 7/20-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 Connie @ 662-3819 for the month of July.

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." – Luke 18:27

Giant Yard Sale II

The Fundraising Committee will sponsor another Giant Parish Yard Sale on **October 18, 2008**. To donate something you don't want, large or small, please call **Nancy Loperfido at 665-0173** to schedule a delivery or pickup. We also need more volunteers to help with pickups.

Rosary Makers Meeting

This Wednesday, July 16th @ 7pm in the Rectory

With master rosary maker **Mr. Lester J. Fowler** of Stonegate. We currently have 6 members and more are welcome to participate in this brand new wonderful ministry.

CCD REGISTRATION!!!

CLASSES BEGIN September 10, 2008. 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

Summer Rectory Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 9am-7pm
 Friday: 9am-1pm

Altar Flower Donations

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

St Stephen's Young Adult Ministry

Upcoming Events

St Stephen's YAM, ages 21-40, will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

* The 2nd Friday will be a reflection and discussion on the upcoming weeks Gospel. The meeting starts at 7:00 in the Stonegate Great Room.

* On the 4th Friday, YAM will be hosting a movie night followed by a discussion. Upcoming presentations include:

July - "Amazing Grace"

August - "August Rush"

September - "Remember the Titans"

The group will gather in the Stonegate Conference room at 6:30 for light refreshments. The movie starts at 7:00.

For more information please call Rose at 856-663-9342 or email us at saintstephens_yam@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed for Weeding!

WEED really appreciate your help in keeping the weeds from growing back. When you call the rectory @ 662-9338, we will designate your spot within the grounds and you'll be responsible for weeding on a bi-weekly basis. Thank you!

CAR ALERT!

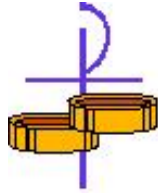
NEEDED: a dependable second hand car, in good condition, w/ automatic transmission for **Sr. Bernadette**. As you may know, Sr. Bernadette is our Pastoral Associate and as such, visits the sick and handicapped on a daily basis. **You will be blessed many times over.**

Monthly Prayer Requests for Priests

Will you pray for a priest in the Camden Diocese each day? Log on to www.camdenpriests.org and find that each priest is assigned a day on the online calendar, at random, in which everyone will be praying specifically for him, the "priest of the day". Special dates are reserved for the Pope, our Bishop, the newly ordained, recently deceased priests, priests of certain religious orders, and a day to pray for vocations.

Mass Times for Traveling Catholics

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



I publish the **Banns of Marriage** between **Andrew M. Bairner** of the Parish of St. Veronica and **Elizabeth Scott** of this Parish. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the *final* time of asking. –**Fr. Vince**

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### ***Stewardship Reflection*** *“Stewardship Contentment”*

**“Indeed, religion with contentment is a great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, just as we shall not be able to take anything out of it.” -I Timothy 6:6-7**

Stewards hear the word and understand it. They find contentment by living Stewardship as a way of life. They have learned to give of their time, talent and treasure without looking for what they will get in return.

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St. Pius X Spiritual Programs

Evening of Reflection: “Doing the Will of the Father”

Presented by Rev. Mike Connolly, OSFS
July 17, 2008 from 6-9pm
\$25 donation includes dinner

Mini Retreat:

“Entering More Deeply into the Word of God”

Presented by Maria Metzger, SSJ
July 17, 2008 from 6-9pm
\$25 donation includes dinner

Seven-Day Directed Retreat

July 27 @ Noon thru August 2, 2008 @ Noon
Facilitated by St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center Staff
\$375 donation for the week, registration required.

**Call (856) 227-1436 for more
information on all the above programs**

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

(A weekly continuing series)

Part 1 – The Profession of Faith

Section 1 – I Believe, We Believe

Chapter 2 – God Comes to Meet Man

Article 2 – The Transmission of Divine Revelation

II. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRADITION AND SACRED SCRIPTURE - One common source. . .

80 "Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, then, are bound closely together, and communicate one with the other. For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing, and move towards the same goal."⁴⁰ Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ, who promised to remain with his own "always, to the close of the age".⁴¹

. . . two distinct modes of transmission

81 "*Sacred Scripture* is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit."⁴²

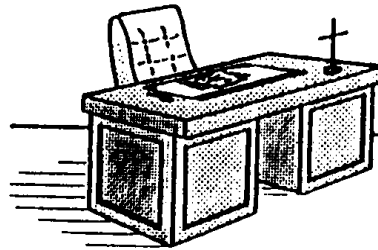
"And [Holy] *Tradition* transmits in its entirety the Word of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit. It transmits it to the successors of the apostles so that, enlightened by the Spirit of truth, they may faithfully preserve, expound and spread it abroad by their preaching."⁴³

82 As a result the Church, to whom the transmission and interpretation of Revelation is entrusted, "does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence."⁴⁴

Apostolic Tradition and ecclesial traditions

83 The Tradition here in question comes from the apostles and hands on what they received from Jesus' teaching and example and what they learned from the Holy Spirit. The first generation of Christians did not yet have a written New Testament, and the New Testament itself demonstrates the process of living Tradition.

Tradition is to be distinguished from the various theological, disciplinary, liturgical or devotional traditions, born in the local churches over time. These are the particular forms, adapted to different places and times, in which the great Tradition is expressed. In the light of Tradition, these traditions can be retained, modified or even abandoned under the guidance of the Church's Magisterium.



From the Desk of
Father Vincent Orum, AJ

What is Liturgy in the Life of the Christian Faithful?

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote a reflection on the values of silence in worship and what makes a meaningful Liturgy. I have also encouraged each one of us to create a conducive atmosphere for worship as we gather together for Divine worship and try to make the best of it for ourselves and the Parish family.

I believe that in order to value, enjoy and take responsibility on something or anything, you need to know and understand what it is. Since we read in the Document on Sacred Liturgy No.9 that Liturgy is **“the summit towards which the activity of the church is directed”** and **“it is also the font from which all her power flows”**, I believe as well as the church rightly proclaims that Liturgy is of paramount importance in the life of any believer in Christ!

I will attempt to make some series of reflections on Liturgy since we hear a lot about Liturgy, the renewal of Vatican II on Liturgy and the centrality of Liturgy in the life of the Church as observed by Vatican II and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Let's begin by asking ourselves: **What is this Liturgy? What are the components of Liturgy?**

In its original meaning from the Greek word **“Leitourgia”**, **Liturgy** literally meant “public work” or “people’s work.” It was used in the ancient Greek cultures in reference to the obligation and cooperation of all the citizens to build the civil society.

The main point here in the way the term was used was to underscore the importance of **service/duty/obligation** of the citizen(s) to the civil society so as to make the society work. The catechism of the church refers to it thus: **“a public work” or a service in the name of/on behalf of the people” CCC NO.1069.**

In order to describe the activity of God through Christ in his church and in the world by those called in Baptism, the Christian tradition used the term Liturgy in a similar manner. Nick Wagner in his Book **“Modern Liturgy Answers”** explains, **“Liturgy is the work that all Christians do to make our tradition, our beliefs, our faith, work in our lives and in the world. It is in Liturgy where we are most truly church. It is in Liturgy where we become the Body of Christ.”**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church NO. 1069 defines the Christian understanding as, **“the participation of the people of God in the work of God”** and continuity of Christ’s work of redeeming the world in, with, and through the church.

What this means is that we as church through Liturgy perpetuate the redemptive action of Christ in three manifold ways: as we gather to Celebrate and participate in the Divine worship, when the Word of God is proclaimed, and as we are dismissed to go out in the world and participate in transforming our lives and our neighbors through active service.

Liturgy then is first and foremost, God’s work through the work of Jesus Christ in the plan of redemption as manifested in his public ministry, death, resurrection (Paschal Mystery) and the mission of the Paraclete (Holy Spirit). It’s also the work of God’s people in response to God’s invitation to each one of us in baptism to actively identify ourselves with the work of God in our lives first and the Society.

We can therefore rightly use the term Liturgy as in the ancient Greek to refer to our Christian duty, obligation to render service in the name of/on behalf of God for ourselves and the others! Catechism of the Catholic Church NO.1070 says, **“In all these situations it is a question of the service of God and neighbor. In a liturgical celebration the church is servant in the image of her Lord, the one “Leitourgos”; she shares in Christ’s priesthood (worship), which is both prophetic (proclamation) and kingly (service of Charity).”**