

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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July 19, 2009 – Sixteenth 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 20, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
9:00am Msgr. Patrick Tierney r/b People of the Parish

TUESDAY July 21, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)
9:00am Madeline Tryson r/b Husband, Paul

WEDNESDAY July 22, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
9:00am Mary Horn (Birthday Remembrance)
r/b Son-in-Law Chuck

THURSDAY July 23, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)
9:00am + Novena Rev. Thomas Burns r/b People of the Parish

FRIDAY July 24, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
9:00am Rev. Leonard Carrieri r/b People of the Parish

SATURDAY July 25, 2009
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
(Presider: Fr. Godfrey)

4:30pm Florence Wolf r/b Our Clergy, Sisters & Staff
Jean Heller r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
(Presider: Fr. Godfrey)

SUNDAY July 26, 2009
9:00am Josephine Buondonno
r/b Daughter Rose Marie & Son Vincent
John & Marie Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
(Presider: Fr. Godfrey)

10:30am Frank Bufanio r/b Maryann Bufanio
Bill Buffington r/b Tilda Lamaina
(Presider: Fr. Godfrey)

***The Sanctuary Candle this week
is in Memory of Tony Picciano.***

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 11/12, 2009 Attendance/Collection	473 /	\$5,840
July 12/13, 2008 Attendance/Collection	461 /	\$5,583
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		STBA
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,681

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, Margaret Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Jessie Dixon, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, John Heininger, 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 Pigiacci, 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 25/26

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Hobbs, R. Garofalo, E. Mattera
EM's: The Heiningers, S. Eisenhardt, A. Knight, T. Veneziani
Lectors: J. Messina, J. Bowman

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: E. Corbett, W. McHugh, S. Morales
EM's: S. Marano, R. Leone, P. Krohn, R. Davis, S. Mufalli
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, D. Heck

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Bowmans
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, T. Link, G. Tutwiler,
L. D'Alessandro, A. Mulholland
Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, C. Otto

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 meeting in July or August.

New Altar Server Training

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

This Week @ St. Stephen's

7/20-Monday-9am Mass
 7/21-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary,
7pm PICNIC MEETING @ Stonegate w/ Ministry Chairs/Reps
 7/22-Wednesday-9am Mass
 7/23-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
 7/24-Friday-9am Mass
 7/25-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 7/26-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

Parish Picnic Meeting July 21st ***7pm - Stonegate Meeting Room***

All Ministry Chairpersons and/or Reps are invited to this important meeting as well as anyone who would like to join the Picnic Committee. Info: Liz McHugh 486-4787.
(Parish Picnic is Saturday September 26th)

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 Also happening in the Fall:

### ***Parish Appreciation Dinner,*** ***Sat. November 14<sup>th</sup>***

### ***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.**

### ***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.**

## ***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.

### ***Digital TV Coupons Needed***

We are looking for **unexpired and unused digital TV converter coupons that you don't intend to use.** This will greatly assist the Yard Sale Committee in evaluating and demonstrating TV's at our October 3rd Giant Yard Sale. Coupons may be dropped off at the rectory or placed in the Offertory basket at any Mass. Thank you.

### ***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.

### ***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.**

### ***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**

### ***Dressing in God's House***

As we continue in the summer months of uncomfortable heat, let us please be mindful of our appearance in church. We generally leave an air-conditioned house, travel 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!

Social Justice Discussion:

### Affordable Housing

You are invited to attend an Awareness / Educational Discussion on **Monday, July 20**, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., in St. Mary's Parish Hall, 2001 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ. "Building Communities In Camden" will feature presentations by Msgr. Robert McDermott, as well as representatives from St. Joseph's Carpenter Society, Habitat for Humanity, Heart of Camden, and CCOP (Camden Churches Organized for People). Presenters will describe their efforts to restore/rebuild neighborhoods in Camden through affordable housing. Pass the word. Questions: 856-465-9647.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:volunteer@moorestownvna.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

### Stewardship Reflection

*"Stewards Lack Nothing"*

**"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack."**  
*(Psalm 23:1)*

Modern advertising tempts us to want so many things. Yet a faithful Steward knows the difference between what he wants and what he needs. We can give generously when we trust that the Lord will provide for all our true needs.

### Mass Times for Traveling Catholics

Logon to [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org)  
for Mass times for Catholic Churches  
all over the country while you're on vacation.

### 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.

### Tutoring Available until August 31

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

### 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 Flopz 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 – **Screamin Matilda**.

**Contact: Dominic Vesper Jr**

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

**\*\* No one under 21 permitted.**

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

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](mailto:kevin.connor@camdendiocese.org).**  
Advanced registration is not necessary.

## ***Pastoral Reflection on our Call to Christian Discipleship***

Saint Paul beautifully reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8:

**“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have in abundance for every good work. As it is written: ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’ The one who supplies seed for the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.” 2Corinthians 9:6-10.**

Our Country and society is going through a very hard economic time and probably registering the highest number of unemployment in years! This can be challenging to our own spirit of sacrifice and charity both as individuals and as a Church community. Yet we hardly deny the countless blessings we have received and continue to receive from God despite all of these trying moments in our lives. Maybe this could as well be a time of soul searching with our God in terms of how we prioritize him in our lives as our Lord says in Mathew 6:19-21,

**“Do not store for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But rather store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”**

In his letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul reminds us that whatever blessings we receive from God depends on our generosity to him and he gives us according to the measure of our sacrificial giving!

**“The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness. “You are being enriched in every way for all generosity which through us produces thanksgiving to God for the administration of this public service is not only supplying the needs of the holy ones but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:10-12.**

Therefore, as we journey in our discipleship, let us be mindful of our blessings from God and continue to give back to him in gratitude! The good Lord, the provider, will never ever forget our acts of generosity. I have experienced this in my life that whatever I gave out in charity, I received back in return as the Letter to the Hebrews remind us,

**“God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love you have demonstrated for his name by having served and continue to serve the holy ones. We earnestly desire each of you to demonstrate the same eagerness for the fulfillment of hope until the end, so that they may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience are inheriting the promises.” Hebrews 6:10-12.**

As I think of this, the words of Jesus come to my mind as he talks about the conditions of discipleship in Mathew 10:37-30, a good text to read. Please take your bible and read it! Our Lord promises us an everlasting reward from our being others-centered. All these call us to a spirituality of being others-centered as opposed to self-centeredness. Again he says,

**“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is righteous will receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple, amen I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” Mathew 10:40-42.**

*(to be continued next week)*