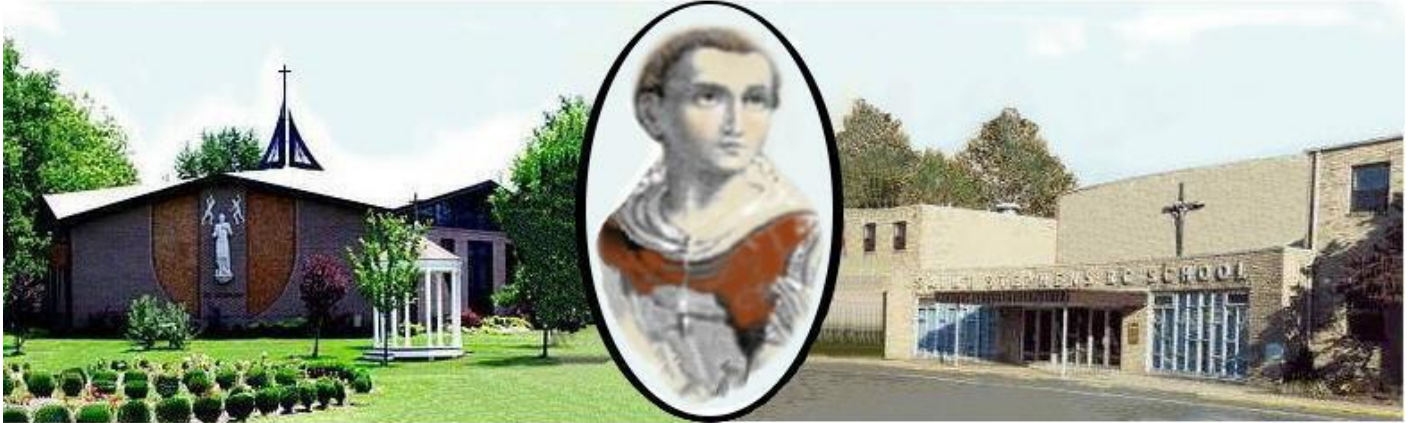


St. Stephen Parish

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

Rectory: (856) 662-9338 Fax: (856) 662-4679
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Website: www.StStephensPennsauken.com

July 20, 2008 – 16th 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 21, 2008
9:00am	Madeline Tryson r/b Husband Paul
TUESDAY	July 22, 2008
9:00am	Mary Horn (birthday) r/b Son-in-law Chuck
WEDNESDAY	July 23, 2008
9:00am	Communion Service*
THURSDAY	July 24, 2008 (Novena to follow)
9:00am	Communion Service*
FRIDAY	July 25, 2008
9:00am	Communion Service*
SATURDAY	July 26, 2008
9:00am	Frank Bufanio r/b Maryann Bufanio
4:30pm	Marie Patricia Heitzman r/b Gerry Kozempel
SUNDAY	July 27, 2008
9:00am	Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter Rose Marie & Son Vincent John & Marie Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Thomas DeHart r/b Lou & Pat Monte & Family Rudy Hotarek r/b Agnes Madden & Family
4:30pm	People of the Parish

*Original Mass Intentions replaced by Communion Services will be relocated to next week, same days and time.

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Frank Bufanio.

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 12/13, 2008:	\$5,583.00
Comparison July 14/15, 2007	\$5,893.00
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$7,200.00
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,954.88

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.

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

Ministry Schedule for July 26/27

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Hobbs, S. Ruff, K. Sullivan
EM's: P. Antonelli, M. Baratta, S. Eisenhardt, The Monaco's
Lectors: M. Vance, C. Mattera

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M & C Hearn, S. Morales
EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, L. Rosario, B. O'Donnell, M. Gunderson
Lectors: The McHughes

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: L. Fagan, R & C Aleszczyk
EM's: B. Buffington, D. Caruso, L. D'Alessandro, The Fagans
Lectors: J. Terzini, V. Tutwiler

Sunday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: H. Morris, S. Miller
EM's: P. Petronis, The Klecko's
Lectors: S. Stehm, N. McKean

July 27th bulletin deadline: July 21st @ 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

7/21-Monday-9am Mass
 7/22-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 7/23-Wednesday-9am Communion Service
 7/24-Thursday-9am Communion Service/Novena
 7/25-Friday-9am Communion Service
 7/26-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 7/27-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 **Saturday, 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. Yard Sale items are not being accepted at the rectory this year. We also need more volunteers to help with pickups.

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

Please feel free to call first to assure a volunteer is available to serve you after normal office hours.

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

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

Save the Date...

St. Stephen's Community Picnic Church--School--Stonegate

Saturday, September 20, 2008
12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. followed by
4:30 p.m. Outside Mass

Please join us for a planning meeting on
Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008 at 7:30 pm
in the Rectory basement.

Stonegate Bus Trip to Tropicana

August 8, 2008

\$45 includes \$20 in cash, full buffet
and the show "Dancing Queen".

Bus leaves Stonegate at 10am, returns at 6:30pm.

For tickets call Marion at 663-5599.

Deadline for tickets is July 23.

Stewardship Reflection

"Old Testament Stewardship"

"You shall take some first fruits of the various products of the soil which you harvest from the land which the Lord your God gives you, and putting them in a basket. The priest shall then receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Lord, your God."

-Deuteronomy 26:2-4

The teaching of Stewardship is not new. The Israelites understood that God is the giver of all gifts, including fertile land, life, health and wealth. They understood their responsibility for giving of their first fruits. We are challenged to bring our first fruits to the altar of the Lord, as they did.

COUNTRY CRAFT FAIR

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HOME

210 ST. MARY'S DRIVE
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003

CRAFTERS NEEDED

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2008, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 28TH

TOURS AVAILABLE FOR
THE MANOR AT ST. MARY'S
10:00AM - 2:00PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
RESERVE A SPACE CALL (856) 874-5308

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

III. THE INTERPRETATION OF THE HERITAGE OF FAITH

The heritage of faith entrusted to the whole of the Church

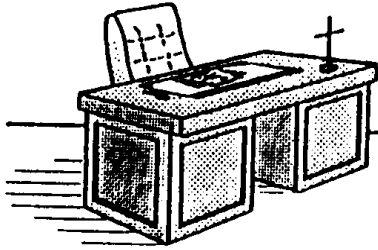
84 The apostles entrusted the "Sacred deposit" of the faith (the *depositum fidei*),⁴⁵ contained in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, to the whole of the Church. "By adhering to [this heritage] the entire holy people, united to its pastors, remains always faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. So, in maintaining, practicing and professing the faith that has been handed on, there should be a remarkable harmony between the bishops and the faithful."⁴⁶

The Magisterium of the Church

85 "The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in its written form or in the form of Tradition, has been entrusted to the living teaching office of the Church alone. Its authority in this matter is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ."⁴⁷ This means that the task of interpretation has been entrusted to the bishops in communion with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome.

86 "Yet this Magisterium is not superior to the Word of God, but is its servant. It teaches only what has been handed on to it. At the divine command and with the help of the Holy Spirit, it listens to this devotedly, guards it with dedication and expounds it faithfully. All that it proposes for belief as being divinely revealed is drawn from this single deposit of faith."⁴⁸

87 Mindful of Christ's words to his apostles: "He who hears you, hears me",⁴⁹ the faithful receive with docility the teachings and directives that their pastors give them in different forms.



From the Desk of
Father Vincent Orum, AJ

What is Liturgy in the Life of the Christian Faithful?

(Continuation)

As a continuation of our reflection on Liturgy, we shall today look at the basic components of Liturgy namely, the communal, ritual and prayer aspect of Liturgy. It should be noted that Liturgy doesn't essentially and only refers to the celebration of the Mass but includes Divine office known as Liturgy of the Hours, Celebration of all the Sacraments, Liturgy of the Word, Ritual Blessings found in the Book of Blessings, Benediction etc.

You will notice that the Rosary and the novenas or prayers to the saints, visits to the Blessed Sacraments etc are not included as Liturgical celebrations because they are devotions. All devotions derive from the Liturgy and lead toward it since in Liturgical celebrations we as church gather together to relive the fundamentals of our faith.

It's not uncommon in Parishes to come across a group of individuals or persons who prefer devotional prayer over Liturgical celebrations. For instance, a scenario where some strong devotees to a particular Saint may be so absorbed in the prayer or Novena for a particular Saint and leave as soon as the Mass begins or come immediately at the end of the Mass for their devotional activity.

Many at times, the Christian faithful act like this because they are not aware of the primacy of Liturgical celebration over devotions and in good faith pursue what fulfill their spiritual growth and make them connect to God or a particular saint in their lives based on some experience they went through.

Liturgical celebrations are meant to take precedence over devotions because they are first and foremost **Communal in nature**. In other words, they are set/sets of established prayers of the universal Church through which the church celebrates the basic tenets of faith. For instance, the rites of Baptism, Sacrament of Matrimony or even penitential service are prayers that cannot be done individually and in private location. They involve the gathering of the Christian faithful and they have rituals to be adhered to in the celebrations. They cannot be arbitrarily changed to suit the need of particular individual/individuals' liking and taste but have their own church's laws safeguarding the celebrations. This does not in anyway prevent some form of minimal innovation and creativity which must not overshadow the meaning and purpose for which the rites signify.

The Second aspect of Liturgy which is implied in the above explanation is that they are **Rituals in nature**. As we come to celebrate a particular Liturgy, there are a set of patterns that we follow right from the beginning to the end. We know exactly what is coming next and we follow the laid down pattern. These rituals or laid down patterns are very essential since they are symbols that reflect and instill in us values for which they signify because without them we would not be able to understand the realities for which they stand. Hence, the objects, behaviors and words used are so meaningful to us in as far as we are led to understand and live the values they are meant to convey!

Most often, a good number of the faithful go empty-handed from church because they fail to go beyond the Symbols and discover the values and meanings behind those Rituals.

Finally, Liturgical celebrations are prayers and in the words of Nick Wagner in his book *Modern Liturgy Answer*, **"Prayer, in the sense used here does not mean becoming quiet and talking to God. Instead it means listening to and being obedient to God"**

He goes on to explain what listening means in liturgy, namely **"Listening has more to do with paying attention than being quiet. In Liturgy, we proclaim, sing, move, share bless etc. by fully participating in these actions, we more fully understand their meaning and more deeply immerse ourselves in faith. In this way we listen to God. It is in this way we pray."**

If that's what Liturgical celebration and prayer aspect is meant to be, what does that say to us when we are not actively involved in Liturgy?

I know that it's not uncommon to find in church people who seemed not bothered to Sing, respond to prayers, move, nor even participate in any ministry at all each Sunday throughout every year!

They come frequently to church but stay unnoticed and want never to be noticed by the community: How can Liturgical celebration ever become meaningful to them?

