

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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July 25, 2010 – The Seventeenth 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 Intention. Rows include Monday through Sunday with specific names and dates.

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Louise Cirullo.

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 3 columns: Date, Attendance/Collection, and Amount. Rows show data for July 17/18, 18/19, Budgeted Weekly Collection, and Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average.

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:

- List of names: 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., Rita Inasley, Ben Johnson, Donna Krawchuk, Sandy Lepo, Joann Lunsford, 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 Pendtleton, 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 31/August 1

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, K. Hulsey, K. Sullivan
EM's: The Sapienza's, P. Krohn, T. Veneziani, Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: J. Heininger, P. Tryson

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: D. Saranchak, K. Starts, M. DiRico
EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, S. Mufalli, The Monaco's
Lectors: M. Corbett, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: H. Atchison, C&R Aleszczyk
EM's: W. Delfin, T. Link, L. D'Alessandro, M. Bufanio, G. Tutwiler
Lectors: The Links

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

7/26--Monday-9am Mass
7/27--Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
7/28--Wednesday-9am Mass
7/29--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
7/30-- Friday-9am Mass, **Rectory Closed Fridays in the Summer**
7/31--Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 3:45 Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
8/1--Sunday-Masses at 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.**

Our Nursing Home Ministry

Thank you for your support of the residents of Cooper River West with your prayers and donations of religious articles in the box in the church vestibule. Parishioners are needed to join us on Wednesdays from 10am to Noon to bring the residents from their rooms to the Mass/Prayer Service. Eucharistic Ministers are also encouraged to serve at the Nursing Home. *Prayerfully consider volunteering for one Wednesday a month.* **Call or Email us for more info: Lonnie & Mary Sharon (856) 662-6049 or Email Monacofamily4@comcast.net**

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 (**\$115 if registered by August 15, \$135 for late registrations after Sept. 8.** CCD begins September 22, 2010.). 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.

Stewardship Reflection

“Stewardship’s Wants vs. Needs”

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Luke 11:9) Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really need with what we simply want. We need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

Summer Spirituality Offerings

Little Portion Spirituality Center - Collingswood, NJ.

Presenter: Sr. Ruthann, SSJ

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

Open your heart and home: host an international student. Host families are needed for a 17-year-old Chinese boy, an 18-year-old Chinese boy, and an 18-year-old South Korean boy who will be attending Camden Catholic High School for the 2010-2011 school year, tuition paid. These students are motivated learners with a wide variety of interests, such as: basketball, camping, art, ice skating, chess, golf, martial arts, cooking, badminton, fishing, piano, travel, horseback riding, movies, computers etc. 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 with Nacel Open Door at 215-584-7751 or cecelaplaca@verizon.net.**

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 News

Congratulations and thank you to all who have supported our scrip program so far. **We have surpassed \$1,200 in profits since this fundraising program began!**

DID YOU KNOW Barnes and Noble partners with over 600 colleges to run their bookstores? Consider ordering Barnes and Noble gift cards for your college bound student. They can buy books and we earn 9% profit on each sale. You can place an order Sunday and have it by Thursday. Stop by the scrip table after all Masses for more information.

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

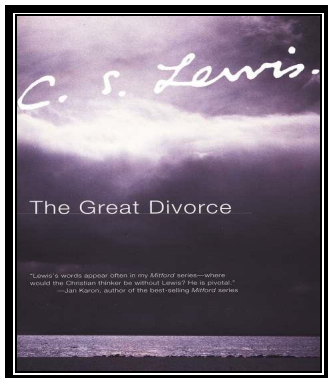
Price: \$25.00 includes a full free buffet and discounted drinks until 6pm. You’ll also enjoy music from the Alumni Band “Screaming Matilda” all day long.

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.*

Join us for the first meeting of **St. Stephen's C.S. Lewis Book Club!**



We will be reading and discussing the works of this cornerstone Christian author and theologian. *No previous experience necessary!* Come on **September 14th at 7:30pm in the Rectory** for a discussion of The Great Divorce, Lewis' inspiring portrait of heaven and human nature. **All are welcome! Any questions, call: Tricia Gardner at 546-5201.**

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:

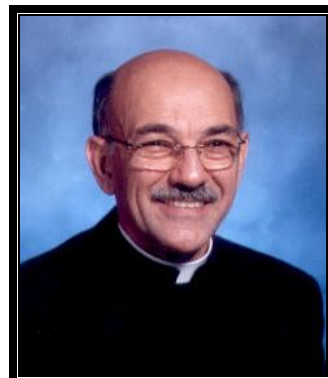
- Currently be employed or be receiving unemployment benefits
- Live in Camden County
- Have children under 18 residing in the home
- Be able to document their current hardship; and
- Attend an information session Catholic Charities

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

Offertory Envelopes

On July 22nd the envelopes for Sept/Oct were ordered from the **FJ Remy Envelope Company** in Mineola, NY and will be mailed in August to all **active registered families**. We do monitor envelope usage and usually discontinue mailing them after 10 months of non-use when the cost of envelopes exceeds the donations of a family. If you'd like to receive envelopes, please call the rectory at 662-9338, ext 6.

Join Bishop Joseph A. Galante on August 8th @ 10:30am for **Father Daniel M. Rocco's Installation Mass!**



Reception with Brunch & Refreshments will immediately follow Mass in the School Auditorium. **All are Welcome!**

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

Deliver Us from the Evil One:

The Trials and the Triumph of the Priest of Ars

Jean-Marie Vianney

A play by Atherton C. Lowry

Directed by Fr. Chuck Colozzi and featuring students from CCHS & Gloucester Catholic.

Showtimes/Locations:

Thursday July 29th at 7:30pm

@ Mary Queen of All Saint, Pennsauken

Friday July 30th at 7:30pm @ St. John Vianney in Deptford

Saturday July 31st at 7:30pm @ Christ Our Light in Cherry Hill

Free admission, free will offering welcome. Due to scary images this play may not be suitable for young children.