

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

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## Parish Contact Information

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## July 26, 2009 – Seventeenth 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 27, 2009 (Presider: Deacon Ernie)  
9:00am Communion Service

**TUESDAY** July 28, 2009 (Presider: Deacon Ernie)  
9:00am Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY** July 29, 2009 (Presider: Deacon Ernie)  
9:00am Communion Service

**THURSDAY** July 30, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)  
9:00am + Novena Fran Sullivan r/b The Sullivan Family

**FRIDAY** July 31, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)  
9:00am Paul Cuzzupe r/b Paul Tryson

**SATURDAY** August 1, 2009  
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish  
(Presider: TBA)

4:30pm Marie Baratta r/b Lucy DiBenedetto  
Theodore Balabuch r/b Jean Baylor  
(Presider: TBA)

**SUNDAY** August 2, 2009  
9:00am Florence Schmidt r/b Ed & Nancy Schmidt  
Angelina Pennestri r/b Gary & Donna Ahrens  
(Presider: TBA)

10:30am James Cummings, Sr. r/b Margaret Cummings  
Bill Buffington r/b Rose Kelly  
(Presider: TBA)

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

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 18/19, 2009 Attendance/Collection	480 /	\$4,805
July 19/20, 2008 Attendance/Collection	465/	\$6,135
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$TBA
Actual Y-T-D_Weekly Average:		\$5,389

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, Dominic Caruso, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Jessie Dixon, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, John Heining, Jr., Thomas Holmes, Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Donna Krawchuk, Robert Leone, Nancy Loperfido, Vincent Marchese, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, John Meyer, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Rita Picciano, Frank & Louise Pigliacelli, 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 August 1/2**  
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

Altar Servers: K. Hulsey, M. DiRico  
EM's: P. Krohn, P. Petronis, Sr. Eleanora, T. Angstman, S. Eisenhardt  
Lectors: R. Taylor, P. Palazzo

**Sunday, 9:00am**

Altar Servers: R. Buchholz, H. Atchison  
EM's: The Monaco's, S. Marano, N. Schmidt, J. Rosario  
Lectors: D. Heck, J. Messina

**Sunday, 10:30am**

Altar Servers: R & C Aleszczyk  
EM's: W. Delfin, T. Link, M. Miller, The Fagans  
Lectors: The Links

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

Next Special 2<sup>nd</sup> 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***

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

### ***This Week @ St. Stephen's***

7/27-Monday-9am Communion Service  
7/28-Tuesday-9am Communion Service, 7pm Rosary  
7/29-Wednesday-9am Communion Service  
7/30-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena  
7/31-Friday-9am Mass  
8/1-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
**9:30am New Altar Server Training**, 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
8/2-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

### ***Parish Picnic***

***Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>***

All are welcome to join the Picnic Planning Committee by calling Liz McHugh @ 486-4787.

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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!

*Donated Yard Sale Items for Pre-Sale Purchase*

### **1992 Buick Century, \$1,600**

2-door, 91,436 miles, Very Good Condition  
Contact Keith Knight @ (856) 663-3541

### **Used Hot Tub**

Hot Springs Spa, holds 5-6 adults,  
84"x77"x38", 7 jets, rotor-hydro massage,  
230 watts/5 amps (must be hardwired), includes vinyl cover.  
*Bubble jets are only item not working.*

Good operating condition with digital readout for temperature.  
Lighted interior with spa steps. **\$1,000 or best offer.**

Buyer responsible for pickup/shipping, est. 250 lbs.

Contact Lonnie Monaco @ (856) 662-6049

### **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!

### **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 – Must be 21+ yrs. old**  
Includes buffet, discounted drinks, one hour open bar from 2-3pm., and entertainment from PVI alumni band – **Scream Matilda.**

**Contact: Dominic Vesper Jr**

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

### **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.

### **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:

**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](mailto:kevin.connor@camdendiocese.org).**

Advanced registration is not necessary.

### **Notre Dame Club of South Jersey**

**ND at the Shore Aug 8<sup>th</sup>.** The Notre Dame Club of South Jersey is hosting a fundraiser for ND and St. Mary's alumni and friends at Jack's Place, 36<sup>th</sup> & Ocean Drive in Avalon, 4-8pm. Cover is \$10, drinks are reduced price, pizza and snacks are free. Chance to win "The Shirt" and other prizes. Proceeds benefit St. Anthony's of Padua Parish in Camden. For more info go to our website at <http://southjersey.undclub.org/> or email Steve Klug at [Steve.Klug76@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:Steve.Klug76@alumni.nd.edu).

**ND vs Michigan St Sept 19<sup>th</sup>.** The Notre Dame Club of So Jersey announces a game package (September 18, 19, 20, 2009) at Notre Dame, \$400.00 per person includes- game ticket, accommodations two nights at Sacred Heart Hall on campus, Knights of Columbus smoker, lunch at Morris Inn tent. Go to our website at <http://southjersey.undclub.org/> for the information and order form. The proceeds of this package go to fund the SJ Notre Dame Club community service events and the SJ Notre Dame Scholarship Fund. Any questions please e-mail ([bill.burns.68@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:bill.burns.68@alumni.nd.edu)) or call (609-368-1962) Bill Burns.

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

We know that we can be unfaithful and break our promises, but God can never fail to fulfill what he promises! Did he not do it to Abraham's generosity in the Old Testament when he welcomed strangers? You can read that in Genesis 18:1-15 whereby he was given the son Isaac to Sarah at her ripe age because of his generosity and being others-centered.

As your shepherd, I encourage each one of you to think about how we can become such a formidable force in our church through our generosity to God. Each one of us has been called to become "the corner stones" of our church by virtue of our baptism. Saint Paul reminds us of that in Ephesians 2:19-22.

**"So, then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."**

As we come to God's house for worship every Sunday and any time, we need to constantly reflect on this reality of our call. We need to understand that we are but important structures and parts of a building in God's project. Each one of us is called to share the God given gifts for the good of his work, the church, as we read in 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 which I encourage for your readings and reflections.

The book of Sirach 35:4-11 is categorical and emphatic in this call to an active discipleship:

**"Appear not before the Lord empty-handed, for all that you offer is fulfillment of the precepts. The just man's offering enriches the altar and rises as a sweet odor before the Most High. The just man's sacrifice is most pleasing nor will it ever be forgotten. In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays and he will give back to you sevenfold."**

In Isaiah 43:22-25 we are warned about being selfish to God: **"You did not bring me sheep for your holocausts, nor honor me with your sacrifices. I did not exact from you the service of offerings, nor weary you for frankincense. You did not buy me sweet cane for money, nor fill me with the fat of your sacrifices; instead you burdened me with your sins, and wearied me with your crimes."**

Does it not make sense to us that after bringing our gift offering to the Altar, the priests calls us to pray to God to accept his gift of Bread and Wine on our behalf and at the same time the community's collection whereby we respond, **"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his church?"** The Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 13 verse 16, urges us to do well and that God is pleased by such sacrifices.

It's very interesting to note that the collections we take at the Offertory dates back to the practice in the early church. We read in Saint Paul's letter in **1 Corinthians 16:2 that, "On the first day of the week (Sunday), each of you should set aside and save whatever he can afford, so that collections will not be going on when I come."** We know from study that Saint Paul established the Christian community in Corinth about the year 51 AD on his second journey and already they were practicing what we do today at Mass.

Finally, while thanking each one of you for your ardent zeal and enthusiasm to build Saint Stephen's, I encourage you to reflect on my humble thoughts motivated by the desire to enable each one of us to see the noble task of our discipleship as rooted in the Scriptures. I once wrote to you that Generosity is a gift from God, who himself is generous. And as we become self-less with our gifts, we enter into the Divine life who himself offered his son selflessly for our sake! The Letter to the Hebrews 13:17-18 reminds about obedience as we read, **"Obey your leaders and defer to them for they keep watch over you and will have to give account that they may fulfill their task with joy and not with sorrow, for that would be of no advantage to you."** In Chapter 12 verse 25 the author urges that, **"See that you do not reject the one who speaks. For if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much more in our case if we turn away from the one who warns from heaven?"**

In the words of Scripture, I say, **"pray for us, for we are confident that we have a clear conscience, wishing to act rightly in every respect. I especially ask for your prayers that I may be restored to you very soon."**

God bless you all.