

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Ages...

Different Histories...

One Faith!

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
Permanent Deacon Ernest Picknally
Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe
Sister Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal



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July 31, 2011 – The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Friday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm (**Reconciliation 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.

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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.

Tribunal Parish Advocate-Deacon Anthony Cioe-227-2145

Rectory Summer Hours-Monday thru Thursday 9am-4:30pm
(Rectory is closed 10 Summer Fridays from July 1 – Sept. 2)

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 weekend 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 church 10 minutes prior to Saturday/Sunday 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 2012 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	August 1, 2011 Rev. Peter F. Finnerty r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY 9:00am	August 2, 2011 Rita McErlane r/b The Leahy Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	August 3, 2011 John Sarich, Sr. r/b Dorothea Dodds
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	August 4, 2011 Vincent L. Buondonno r/b Sister, Rose Marie
FRIDAY 9:00am	August 5, 2011 (First Friday Adoration) People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY 4:30pm	August 6, 2011 Leo C. Thivierge r/b Matt & Pat Petronis
SUNDAY 9:00am	August 7, 2011 Florence Schmidt r/b Ed & Nancy Schmidt
10:30am	Frances Conway r/b Family Frank Stella r/b Wife, Helen Stella Nestor Nicdao r/b The Nicdao Family

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of The Unborn Children.***

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 23/24, 2011 Attendance/Collection	482/	\$5,057
July 24/25, 2010 Attendance/Collection	527/	\$4,914
July 16/17, 2011 Attendance/Collection	494/	\$4,433
July 17/18, 2010 Attendance/Collection	unknown/	\$5,217
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,769
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,130

(The new fiscal year began July 1, 2011)

Upcoming Special Collections

- July 30/31, 2011: "Diocesan Mission Co-op"
- August 13/14, 2011: "Air Conditioning Fund"

Lost & Found Department

In the aftermath of record-breaking temperatures of 103 & 101 degrees in the recent heat wave, we hereby give notice of at least 3 pairs of **winter gloves, earmuffs, and an assortment of sunglasses in L&F.** Please see an usher before or after Mass to identify and obtain what is yours today. Think cool thoughts: *Only 147 shopping days until Christmas!*



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 Alessandrini, Victor Ambruso, Joe & Dolly Angelastro, Evelyn Capocetta, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Rita Insley, Ben Johnson, Donna Krawchuk, Sandy Lepo, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Vincent Marchese, Harry Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, John Meyer, Michael & Family, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Grace Pandola, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pendleton, Rita Picciano, Frank Pigiaceci, Declan Roberts, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, 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 August 6/7
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: D. Surgner, H. Atchison, M. Hicks
EM's: P. Antonelli, The Heiningers, A. Knight, B. Taylor
Lectors: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Padua, C. Hearn, O. Graff
EM's: S. Marano, The Monacos, R. Davis, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: J. Gerst, L. Sperduto

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: T. Albert, K. Fagan, C. Aleszczyk
EM's: The Urgos, J. Bowman, P. Cioe, W. Delfin
Lectors: C. Otto, L. Fagan

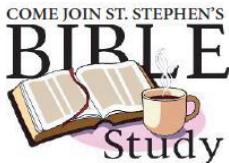


Breaking News!

**Coming to St. Stephens....50/50 Raffle.
Multiple Cash Prizes.
To benefit St. Stephen Campus
Maintenance Fund.
Get ready to win some \$\$\$\$\$\$.**

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

8/1--Monday-9am Mass
 8/2--Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 8/3--Wednesday-9am Mass
 8/4--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club,
 7pm Rosary Makers
 8/5—First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm, Rectory closed
 8/6--Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 8/7--Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

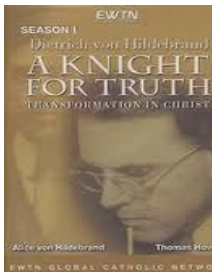


On Summer Hiatus.

Will resume in the Fall every Monday @ 1pm.

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 Discussion Club

Every Thursday night at 7pm in the Rectory we will be discussing
"A Knight for Truth: Transformation in Christ"
All are welcome!

St. Stephen's Prayer Line: Belongs to You

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place. Contact Diane @ 308-8224 for August requests.

**"You answered me when I called to you;
 with your strength you strengthened me."
 Psalms 138:3**

Let us place you on our Email distribution list!

Receive in-depth information about what's happening in our parish and our diocese. Learn about social events, diocesan programs, ongoing faith formation, and much, much more. Just complete the form below and drop it into the collection basket, or return it to the Parish Office.

Name -----

Email Address -----

First Friday Adoration August 5th



This Friday, August 5th, is the First Friday of the Month.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9am Mass and conclude at 7pm.

Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship Provides Fulfillment

"Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy?" (Isaiah 55:2a)

Do you waste the financial gifts that God has given you on things that are not necessary or on things that do not give you joy and fulfillment? This is Isaiah's challenge to us this week. Living Stewardship will provide that joy and fulfillment.

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.

Rectory Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday 9am-4:30pm thru 9/2/11

Scrip News

Have you begun your Back to School Shopping? **Consider buying scrip before you buy!** The college student might want to consider: **Target, Barnes and Noble (if your school has a B & N bookstore), Wal-Mart, Staples, Bed, Bath & Beyond, or Kohl's.** For the high school and elementary students consider school supply shopping at: **Target, Staples, Wal-Mart or Kohl's.**

WE HAVE ALL THESE STORES IN STOCK!

Or you can special order cards from retailers like **Lands End, L.L. Bean, Gap,** etc. and receive them within the week. Stop by the Scrip table after Mass to view the complete list of retailers and to purchase scrip. You may also buy scrip during the week at the Rectory. For any questions call Katy Fagan at 662-5908.

We would like to thank our two newest Scrip helpers: Mary Ann Merritt and Judy Kinsler for volunteering to sell Scrip after Mass! Thank you also to those who continue to volunteer:

Tom McHugh, Terry Modzier, Linda Hearn, Lisa Rosario, Pat Otto and Linda Heining. **THANK YOU!!**

CCD Registration – 2011-2012

It's time to register for CCD!

Forms can be obtained online
by going to the link below

<http://www.ststephenspennsauken.com/CCDregistration2011-2012.pdf>

or you can get them at St Stephen's Rectory, 6306 Browning Road between the hours of 9 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. The cost of the registration is \$125.00 per family. Please drop off or mail your application with your check to St. Stephen's Rectory.

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## St. Stephen's RCIA Ministry



### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

--Have you been worshipping 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).

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Manuscript Illumination

A beginning course in the ancient art form of the medieval monks will be offered at Holy Family Parish in Sewell on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:30pm on October 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2011. No experience is necessary and the instructor will supply all materials. Cost is \$40.

Please register by September 30, 2011 by contacting Ginny Licata at 856-227-3488 or by Emailing virginalicata@yahoo.com.

Stonegate Bus Trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA Tuesday, August 23, 2011



\$45 ticket includes light breakfast on the way, light lunch on the way back, \$20 in slot play, \$5 toward food/drink and bus fare.

Leave Stonegate parking lot at 9am.

Arrive back to Stonegate about 5:30-6:00pm.

Info & Tickets: Call Marianna @ 663-5599

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### Calling All Cleaning Services

St. Stephen School is now accepting bids from cleaning services for the upcoming school year. Please contact our school principal, Mrs. Patricia Higgins at (856) 662-5935 for further information if interested. Thank you.

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Paul VI High School

All Class Reunion, Sunday, August 14th

Alumni, parents, and friends of Paul VI are invited to the annual Eagles in the WILD in North Wildwood. Proceeds will go directly to support student scholarships for incoming students to Paul VI High School.

When: Sunday, August 14th, 2011
(Second Sunday in August)

Where: Flip Flop Bar & Grille, 300 New Jersey Avenue, North Wildwood

Time: 2pm-6pm

Price: \$25.00 includes a full free buffet, free beer and house wine, plus the usual 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".

Interested in catching a bus round trip from PVI?

Email myeager@pvihs.org for details.

Busing will depend upon interest.

PRE- REGISTER ONLINE NOW AND YOUR NAME WILL BE INCLUDED IN A \$100 CASH DRAWING AND A PAUL VI GIFT BASKET!

10 Things About...Sister Bernadette!



Sister Mary Bernadette Leahy, SSJ has been a comforting presence with the St. Stephen's community for many years. Recently we spoke to her to find out a little more about her through the "10 things you didn't know" series of The Servant (as featured in our online July, 2011 Newsletter).

1. **Q: How long have you been a Catholic Sister?**

A: I entered the convent in 1954. I was prompted by my best friend who was a year older than me in High School and was preparing to become a Sister. Everyone used to see us together and ask me if I was going to be a nun too. After awhile I started to really pray and God just lead me to it. Originally I had planned to have 6 children (one more than my own mother) but I was called to the vocation and so here I am 57 years later.

2. **Q: How long have you been at St. Stephen's specifically?**

A: 11 years.

3. **Q: What is your role at St. Stephens?**

A: Well, I am responsible for visiting the sick, especially senior citizens though I am happy to check in on anyone who requests me to. I am in charge of keeping the church organized after mass is over and I also assist with preparing families that are going through the funeral process. I work with families to learn about the person that has passed away and help familiarize Father Rocco if it is someone we don't know personally. We help establish the readings and choose the music for the service.

4. **Q: Take us through a typical day in your life.**

A: I am an early riser. I am up at 6 and I go to mass everyday. I usually wait until a later in the morning to begin my visits with the seniors to give them a chance to wake up and begin their day. As I mentioned, I assist with funeral preparations so that is sometimes a part of my daily routine if necessary.

5. **Q: What would you say is your favorite part of mass?**

A: That's a tough question because I love it all. But the 3 tenants of mass, "offertory, consecration and communion" typify what going to church is all about. It exemplifies our faith and that is precious.

6. **Q: Do you have a favorite prayer?**

A: Again, that's tough because they are all important. I have always been very connected to the Rosary. I grew up as the oldest of 5 children and my parents instilled faith in each one of us. We never took a trip anywhere in the car or did anything important without saying the Rosary first. Once that was done we could go about our activity but it was the way we started anything we did as a family. That always stayed with me. It encompasses all the core values of our faith: beginning with the Apostles Creed, moving through the Our Father, the 10 Hail Mary's and ending with the Prayer of the Faithful". It's like everything is covered through the Rosary. I also enjoy celebrating the 20 mysteries of the Rosary. We focus on one a week at mass.

7. **Q: Do you have a favorite story from the Bible?**

A: No, not really. It's too hard to pick just one part that I like more than another. I can tell you that throughout my life as I have experienced different things I have seen them mirrored in the Bible and can go to that for comfort and reflection.

8. **Q: Do you have any hobbies?**

A: I don't have a whole lot of time for that. I do love music. I love playing mass or funerals because I have an admiration for music. Both of my parents were naturally gifted when it came to music. My dad was a part of the Minstrels and was a beautiful singer but couldn't read music. He could hear a tune and just sing it back. My mother too, was able to play an instrument purely by sound without reading the music to a song. When I was a young girl I played the French horn and of course, the organ.

9. **Q: Do you have a favorite tv show?**

A: Not really. I don't get to watch much tv, but if I had to pick, I love the Hallmark Channel.

10. **Q: What advice would you have for a young woman thinking about becoming a Catholic Sister today?**

A: I would say not to be discouraged. It was not always a smooth road but I always relied on my faith. I knew that God had called me to do this and it was important for me to follow through. I still recall my dream though of becoming a mother. Whenever I am out and about and see a young family, I try to make a point to stop and compliment parents on their children and remind them to be thankful for such a blessing. No matter what you choose or where you go, we should all remember that God has a plan for each of us and to keep prayer in your life. You can't go wrong with that.