

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

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## Parish Contact Information

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## July 5, 2009 – Fourteenth 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.

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 6, 2009</b> Msgr. Patrick Tierney r/b People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 7, 2009</b> John McPeak (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary July 5) r/b Wife, Dorothy
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 8, 2009</b> Rev. Leonard Carrieri r/b People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am + Novena	<b>July 9, 2009</b> Good Intentions of The People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 10, 2009</b> Rev. Thomas Burns r/b People of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 11, 2009</b> Leonardo Faiola r/b Sr. Eleanora & Family
4:30pm	Harry Wilson r/b Mary Jane & Andy Salmonsens Rita Skedzielewski r/b Hal & Marge Leone
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 12, 2009</b> Ada Barbarito r/b Jim Pennestri Jim Hart r/b Tom & Liz McHugh
10:30am	Bill Buffington r/b Marie Leni & Louise Zinicola Marie Baratta r/b Marie Kaminski

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

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.

<b>June 27/28, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>491 / \$3,975</b>
<b>June 28/29, 2008 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>486/ \$5,363</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,923</b>
<b>Actual <u>Year-Ending</u> Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$5,673</b>

**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, Marge Cummings, Esther DeMarco, Jessie Dixon, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, John Heininger, 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, 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 11/12**

*(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** M. Hobbs, E. Mattera, T. Mason  
**EM's:** The Klecko's, A. Knight, P. Krohn, T. Veneziani  
**Lectors:** P. Tryson, R. McKean

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** P. Luthman, M & C Hearn  
**EM's:** S. Marano, R. Leone, T. Modzier, R. Davis, S. Mufalli  
**Lectors:** K. Jakubowski, J. Bowman

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** C. Otto, L. Fagan, D. Saranchak  
**EM's:** L. Solano, T. Scavuzzo, M. Miller, G. Tutwiler, L. D'Alessandro  
**Lectors:** The McBrides

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

*Next Special<sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> Collection:*  
**August 9, 2009: "Air Conditioning Fund"**



<b>2009 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$35,051 (64%)</b>
<b>2009 House of Charity Goal</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>
<b>Total Number of Family Pledges:</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Average Pledge per Family:</b>	<b>\$238</b>

***Our New Class of Altar Servers!***

We are now recruiting new altar servers for summer training. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server (grades 3-8), please call the rectory at 662-9338.

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

7/6-Monday-9am Mass  
 7/7-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 7/8-Wednesday-9am Mass  
 7/9-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena  
 7/10-Friday-9am Mass  
 7/11-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 7/12-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

### ***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.**

### ***MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES***

The adult and children's choirs will be taking a break over the summer months to relax and refresh themselves. It was a wonderful privilege to provide the music for the liturgies at St. Stephen's this year and we look forward to an equally uplifting season beginning in the fall. There will be cantors and musicians at the regularly scheduled Masses all summer and the adult choir will return to the 10:30 Mass on Labor Day weekend. Thank you for your support of our music ministry and we will "see you in September".

**Nancy Werner Kaiser/Music Director**

### ***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.**

### ***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.

## ***Welcome St. Stephen's Youth Group***

**Sunday July 12, 2009 @ 2pm**

**in the Rectory Parking Lot**

**Join us for Hot Dogs & Fun!**

Contact Cindy Pandola @ (609) 922-4935 for more info.

### ***Family Fun Night***

**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30pm**

**Cooper River Park Stadium**

**To benefit "Build Jake's Place"**

**Admission is free, all are invited.**

Stilt Walkers, Pictures with "Finley" from the River Sharks, prizes, raffles, fire trucks, motorcycles, inflatables, Marlton Special Needs Karate Club demonstration, face painting, magicians, clowns, live music and lots of food.

The evening will benefit Build Jake's Place, a New Jersey non-profit which exists to build playgrounds where children of every ability can play. There are no such playgrounds in our area, yet one of every 10 South Jersey children cannot play on even an ADA approved playground.

**Jacob Myles Cummings-Nasto**, "Baby Jake", a beautiful fun-loving little boy who loved playgrounds is the inspiration to build these playgrounds. Baby Jake had serious medical problems and often could only watch while other children played at a playground. Baby Jake died before his third birthday. **The smiles, learning and laughter of other children will be the legacy of his life.**

**More information may be found at**

**[www.buildjakesplace.org](http://www.buildjakesplace.org).**

### ***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.**

### ***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.

Mark your Calendars!

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

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

Anyone wishing to assist the planning committee is asked to call Liz McHugh at 486-4787.

## 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.

## Dressing in God's House

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

## 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**

## 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!

## Stonegate Bus Trip!

Wednesday, July 15 to Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City  
Leave Stonegate at 10am, depart Casino at 5:30pm

\$45 per person includes \$20 in coins,  
the show "Fame" and buffet!

Deposit required, call Marianna @ 663-5599 to reserve!

St. Peter's Merchantville

## Cherub's Summer Program

Monday, July 13 to Friday July 17

10am to Noon

We cordially invite children who will be entering Kindergarten, First or Second grade (public, parochial, private or homeschooled) in September 2009 to attend our summer program. Fun & activities are provided through arts & crafts, music, talent show, snacks and sharing activities!

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY - space is limited to 20.

Tuition is \$30 (for snacks and materials)

Tuition MUST accompany the registration application.

Kindly call (856) 663-4490 or come to the Religious Education Office at 43 W. Maple Avenue, Merchantville, NJ Monday thru Friday from 10am - 2pm.

## 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

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.

## Lay Ministry Formation Program

Information Sessions

The Lay Ministry Formation Program, a diocesan and parish/school subsidized initiative to academically and spiritually prepare laity from across the diocese for parish-based ministry, will be holding a final information session in preparation for the fall semester. Specifically, on Thursday evening, 7/9, at 7 PM at St. Pius X Parish Hall in Cherry Hill, diocesan representatives and personnel from the colleges involved (Georgian Court University, College of St. Elizabeth, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary) will be on hand to explain the program in detail and answer any questions. For any questions prior to the sessions or if you are unable to attend and have questions, please contact Kevin Connor (856.583.6122; [kevin.connor@camdendiocese.org](mailto:kevin.connor@camdendiocese.org)).

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

1.2. There are so many ways we can express our gratitude to God for his benevolence to us; some of which have their foundations in the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church. Unless we come to terms with what the Word of God gives us, we cannot understand the rationale behind being grateful to God. I dare say that the Protestant church's biblical and in-depth Scriptural knowledge has created the difference in attitude of giving and tithing for their churches in comparison with the Catholic Church.

In the Old Testament, the tradition of offering the first fruits from the harvest and tithe giving were some of the ways of expressing gratitude to God apart from burnt offerings in the Temple. These traditions developed because of the understanding that whatever prosperity one has is a gift from God because of his benevolence. Hence, every year and harvest, the Jewish people were expected to comply with the tradition of tithe giving and offering the first fruit of their harvest to God.

There are several texts in the Old Testament which served as a reminder to the Jews and is relevant for us today as well:

**“No one shall appear before me empty-handed. You shall keep the feast of the grain harvest with the first crop that you have sown in the field; and finally the feast at the fruit harvest at the end of the year, when you gather in the produce from the fields.”**

**“...the choicest first fruits of your soil you shall bring to the house of the Lord, your God.”** Exodus 23:15 b-16. I encourage that you read these texts because they are important in our understanding of gift giving to God which at times is lacking in the Catholic Church, unlike in some of the Protestant churches! You can read that in Exodus 22:28-29; 25:1-2; 27:20-35; 4:29, Leviticus 23:9-10, Numbers 15:1-4,18-21, 28:26-31, Deut.26:2.

In Deuteronomy 14:22-29 we read,

***“Each year you shall tithe all the produce that grows in the field you have sown; then in the place which the Lord your God chooses as the dwelling place of his name, you shall eat in his presence your tithe of grain, wine and oil...”***

The prophets time and again kept reminding the chosen people of God about gift giving and tithing for the Lord and the consequence of selfishness. We read at the beginning of the Scripture how God rejected the offering of Cain because he was not generous enough. He did not give a sacrificial gift to God (Genesis 4:3-7). This resulted into the first sin of Murder and the attitude of indifference when Cain replied God:

**“Then the Lord asked Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” He answered, “I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?”** Genesis 4:8-9.

Is that not what greed, jealousy and anger do to us as we become self-absorbed and forget to share with God and our brothers and sisters? *(to be continued next week)*