

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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Parish Contact Information

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July 6, 2008 – 14th 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 7, 2008**
9:00am Kevin McFadden r/b Mary F. Banks
- TUESDAY July 8, 2008**
9:00am Veronica Diamond r/b Dolores August
- WEDNESDAY July 9, 2008**
9:00am Jake Nasto r/b The Fagan Family
Wanda DiMartino r/b Husband I.V. DiMartino
- THURSDAY July 10, 2008 (Novena to follow)**
9:00am Cora Lehocky r/b The Leahy Family
- FRIDAY July 11, 2008**
9:00am Good Intentions of Michael Dees
r/b Elizabeth
- SATURDAY July 12, 2008**
9:00am Kevin McFadden r/b Kathy Boyer
4:30pm Frank Savoia r/b Dorothy Cerone & Family
- SUNDAY July 13, 2008**
9:00am Ada Barbarito r/b Jim Pennestri
Anna Primavera r/b Daughter Helen Stella
10:30am Howard & Clara Buffington r/b Son
Henry Williamson r/b John, Laura,
Johnny and Michael Mason
4:30pm John Browne r/b The Pandola Family

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
Memory of Barbara Fallon.***

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 June 28/29, 2008: \$5,362.50
Comparison June 30/1, 2007 \$6,626.00
Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$7,200.00
FINAL Y-T-D Weekly Average: \$6,343.21

House of Charity: YTD: \$56,075 (102% of \$55,000 Goal)

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.

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

Ministry Schedule for July 12/13

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: K. Sullivan, R. Garofalo, S. Ruff
EM's: M. Baratta, S. Eisenhardt, K. Layton, The Heiningers
Lectors: The McKenna's

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Rosario, M & C Hearn
EM's: S. Marano, T. Modzier, J. Rosario, The Monaco's
Lectors: M. Miller, K. Layton

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K, P, C & T Coar
EM's: A. Mulholland, L. D'Alessandro, M. Coar, The Fagans
Lectors: A. Yeager, J. Scavuzzo

Sunday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: L. Miller, E. Pandola
EM's: P. Petronis, P. Antonelli, D. Caruso
Lectors: The McKeans

Next Special 2nd Collection:
August 10, 2008: "Air Conditioning"

July 13th bulletin deadline: July 7th @ 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

7/7-Monday-9am Mass
 7/8-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 7/9-Wednesday-9am Mass
 7/10-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
 7/11-Friday-9am Mass
 7/12-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 7/13-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 **October 18, 2008**. To donate something you don't want to it, large or small, please call Nancy at 665-0173 to schedule a delivery or pickup. We also need more volunteers to help with pickups.

Introducing the formation of St. Stephen's

Rosary Makers for the Missions

If you would like to join this new ministry at our parish and work with a master rosary maker, Mr. Lester J. Fowler of Stonegate, please call Jim at the rectory (662-9338).

CCD NEWS

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

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.

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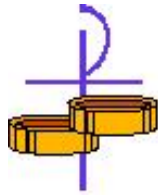
We have been notified by the Diocese that beginning fiscal year July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009, St. Stephen parish will be billed for 708 copies of the Star Herald @ \$18.00 per copy. It is essential to the financial health of the parish that we recoup these costs. Prior to October 12th you will receive an envelope marked Star Herald and requested to send in to St. Stephen's the amount of \$18.00 which will cover the cost of your subscription for the year. **If you are currently receiving more than one copy of the Star Herald, please notify the rectory asap so that we can make the necessary corrections and reduce our billing.** Thank you for your attention.

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. She also visits the nursing home residents along with traveling to various hospitals to bring the Eucharist to our sick and ailing parishioners. If you have a second car that you are considering getting rid of please think of Sr. Bernadette. **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.



I publish the **Banns of Marriage** between **Andrew M. Bairner** of the Parish of St. Veronica and **Elizabeth Scott** of this Parish. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is for the *second* time of asking. –**Fr. Vince**

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### ***Stewardship Reflection***

*“Stewardship Enlightenment”*

**“The precepts of the Lord are right. The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.” -Psalm 19:9**

A genuine understanding of Stewardship is an enlightening. We see everything differently, with new eyes. All that we have, time, talent and treasure, come from a loving God. We then clearly see our responsibility to share our gifts generously.

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In Appreciation

A Special Thank you to **Rich McKean** for renewing our statuary on the grounds and to **John Fitzpatrick** for his valiant efforts to keep the grounds weed-free.

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### ***St. Pius X Spiritual Programs***

#### **Evening of Reflection:**

**“Doing the Will of the Father”**

Presented by Rev. Mike Connolly, OSFS

July 17, 2008 from 6-9pm

\$25 donation includes dinner

#### **Mini Retreat:**

**“Entering More Deeply into the Word of God”**

Presented by Maria Metzger, SSJ

July 17, 2008 from 6-9pm

\$25 donation includes dinner

#### **Seven-Day Directed Retreat**

**July 27 @ Noon thru August 2, 2008 @ Noon**

Facilitated by St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center Staff

\$375 donation for the week, registration required.

**Call (856) 227-1436 for info on all the above programs**

## **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**

**77** "In order that the full and living Gospel might always be preserved in the Church the apostles left bishops as their successors. They gave them their own position of teaching authority."<sup>35</sup> Indeed, "the apostolic preaching, which is expressed in a special way in the inspired books, was to be preserved in a continuous line of succession until the end of time."<sup>36</sup>

**78** This living transmission, accomplished in the Holy Spirit, is called Tradition, since it is distinct from Sacred Scripture, though closely connected to it. Through Tradition, "the Church, in her doctrine, life and worship, perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes."<sup>37</sup> "The sayings of the holy Fathers are a witness to the life-giving presence of this Tradition, showing how its riches are poured out in the practice and life of the Church, in her belief and her prayer."<sup>38</sup>

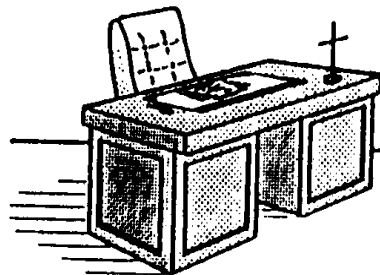
**79** The Father's self-communication made through his Word in the Holy Spirit, remains present and active in the Church: "God, who spoke in the past, continues to converse with the Spouse of his beloved Son. And the Holy Spirit, through whom the living voice of the Gospel rings out in the Church - and through her in the world - leads believers to the full truth, and makes the Word of Christ dwell in them in all its richness."<sup>39</sup>

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Get Your Sneakers On!

Bring your friends and join the fun while you get fit at the same time. **Pennsauken Street Walkers**, a new walking club, is **starting on Saturday, July 12th and will continue every Saturday thru Labor Day.** Gather at 7:45am at the corner of Browning Road & Westfield Avenue. The 1.5-mile walk starts at 8am and will be police-escorted. Everyone is invited, no registration is required, just show up!

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*From the Desk of
Father Vincent Orum, AJ*

2009 - THE YEAR OF SAINT PAUL

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul the Apostles. Pope Benedict has declared and dedicated next year as the year of Saint Paul in celebration of the 2000th birthday of the Apostle Paul to the Gentiles.

Among other things, the Apostle Paul is known for his zeal and love of spreading the words of God both in writings and preaching.

We have been blessed by his writings today known as the Epistles to the different churches he founded in Greece/Asia.

By dedicating next year to this great missionary, the Holy Father offers to us the opportunity to reflect on the zeal and enthusiasm of Saint Paul in living as a witness to the message of faith. Furthermore, it's a reminder of what true discipleship is all about as we live in an environment that more and more attempts are to exclude faith and relegate it to the background.

We are all called like Saint Paul to become zealous in living our faith daily, which demands of us great sacrifices of our time, talents and treasure.

I wonder what would have happened had the Apostle Paul and others not stood firm to the faith at the time when the early church had to go through some hard times of persecution by successive Roman emperors!

Yet Saint Paul and other great men and women in the history of our Church did everything they could in their power even to the extent of losing their lives for the Gospel; mindful of Jesus saying, “**...whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.**” -**Mathew 10:38-39**

For them, the choice was crystal clear even as they were being flogged and threatened to be killed, “**we must obey God rather than men.**” -**Acts 5:29**

None of us might have to sacrifice his/her life for the faith as Saint Paul and others who suffered martyrdom, but our time demands a greater degree of witness especially at the level of our moral choices we make everyday. We need, like the Apostles, to ask ourselves whether it's Okay that “**we must obey God rather than men**”.

The dedication of next year to Saint Paul is therefore an opportunity for each one of us to examine and evaluate how we have been responding to our Baptismal call and how best we can respond in the days ahead.