

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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August 10, 2008 – 19th 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 9am-7pm
Tue-Wed-Thur 9am-4:30pm
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 August 11, 2008**
9:00am
- TUESDAY August 12, 2008**
9:00am
- WEDNESDAY August 13, 2008**
9:00am William Loperfido r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
- THURSDAY August 14, 2008 (Novena to follow 9am)**
9:00am For the Good Intentions of M. Cody Lee r/b Grandmother
7:00pm Vigil People of the Parish (*Current Living Parishioners*)
- FRIDAY August 15, 2008 (Assumption of the BVM)**
9:00am Margaret Lane r/b Her Sister
7:00pm Bella & Joseph Fedalen r/b The Ackerman Family
- SATURDAY August 16, 2008**
9:00am Margaret Pietrafesa
4:30pm r/b Mario & Phyllis Ciarrocca Stanley Meyers r/b Wife Carmella Meyers
- SUNDAY August 17, 2008**
9:00am Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter Rose Marie & Son Vincent
10:30am Jerry Browne r/b Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer
Carrie Fanelle r/b Her Sister
William Loperfido r/b Ida Fanelle
4:30pm People of the Parish (*Current Living Parishioners*)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of The Unborn Children of the World.

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 August 2/3, 2008: \$7,190.43**
Comparison August 4/5, 2007 \$7,181.30
Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$7,200.00
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average: \$6,197.54

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, John O'Connor, 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 3 Young Adult Masses:</i> Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19 All 3rd Sundays @ 4:30pm</p>
<p><i>Info: Tery Mattera (856) 488-6357</i></p>	

Ministry Schedule for August 16/17

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: R. Garofalo, S. Ruff, L. Miller
EM's: T. Angstman, A. Knight, L. Garofalo, The Heingers
Lectors: J. Messina, P. Tryson

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: S. Miller, M. DiRico, T. Mason
EM's: S. Marano, T. Modzier, L. Rosario, The Sapienza's
Lectors: L. Sperduto, L. Modzier

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Otto, K & K Bowman
EM's: B. Buffington, T. Link, A. Mulholland, L. Solano, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: V. Tutwiler, M. Ogen

Sunday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: W. McHugh, E. Mattera
EM's: M. Novoa, L. McHugh, T. Mattera
Lectors: The McHughs

August 17th bulletin deadline: August 11th @ 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

8/11-Monday-9am Mass
 8/12-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 8/13-Wednesday-9am Mass
 8/14-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Assumption Vigil
 8/15-Friday-Assumption Holy Day, Masses @ 9am & 7pm
 8/16-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 8/17-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 Lois @ 665-1221 for the month of August.

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." – Luke 18:27

St. Stephen's Rosary Makers

We now meet every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7pm at Stonegate.

Our next meeting will be held on August 21st.

Giant Yard Sale II

The Fundraising Committee will sponsor another Giant Parish Yard Sale on Saturday, October 18, 2008. To donate something you don't want, large or small, please call Nancy Loperfido at 665-0173 to schedule a delivery or pickup. Yard Sale items are not being accepted at the rectory this year. We also need more volunteers to help with pickups.

CCD REGISTRATION!!!

CLASSES BEGIN September 10, 2008. To allow for the ordering of new books, the deadline for CCD registration for the 2008-09 year has been extended to August 22nd. 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

Rectory Hours This Week: Aug. 11-15

Monday, 9am-7pm
 Tuesday, 9am-4:30pm
 Wednesday, 10am-4pm

CLOSED Thursday & Friday
 August 14 & 15

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

On Friday, August 15th we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times Friday are 9am & 7pm.

There is also a Vigil Thursday night at 7pm.

The Rectory Office will be closed Thursday & Friday.

Apostles of Jesus-40th Anniversary

Originally scheduled for August 22nd, has been postponed.

We will post the new date for this celebration of Father Vince's Order when Fr. Vince returns from Uganda.

Altar Flower Donations

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass, please contact Maria Haas @ 665-8393

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:

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.

Volunteers Needed for Weeding!

WEED really appreciate your help in keeping the weeds from growing back. When you call the rectory @ 662-9338, we will designate your spot within the grounds and you'll be responsible for weeding every other week. Thank you!

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. You will be blessed many times over.

2001 Ford Windstar for Sale

The parish has received a vehicle donated by a parish family with the intention that the proceeds of the vehicle's sale be given to St. Stephen Parish.

The vehicle is a 2001 Ford Windstar 6 passenger minivan with 92,500 miles.

Asking price is \$4500.00. The vehicle is parked in the rectory parking lot.

Anyone interested in purchasing this vehicle can contact Keith Knight at 856-663-3541.

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*Save the Date...*

### St. Stephen's Community Picnic Church--School--Stonegate

Saturday, September 20, 2008  
12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. followed by  
4:30 p.m. Outside Mass

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Stewardship Reflection
"Stewardship Way of Life"

"So whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." -1Corinthians 10:31

Stewardship is a **way of life** in which we do everything for the glory of God. In all we do, we seek ways to share our time, talent and treasure in service and ministry.

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**CCHS 2009 Hall of Fame**

Nominations are being accepted until November 15<sup>th</sup> for alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have made outstanding accomplishments in their communities and their lives since their association with CCHS. Categories of recognition are in academics, athletics and the arts. Nomination forms can be found on the school alumni website at [www.camdenatholicalumni.org](http://www.camdenatholicalumni.org) or at the main office of the school.

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"Laps for Life" Swimming Fundraiser
Saturday, Sept 6th, 8am-1pm

For St. Thomas More (Cherry Hill) 8-year old parishioner Devon Sheehan. Devon is suffering from a brain tumor; treatment options are limited. Funds raised will be donated to the PGLA (Pediatric Low Grade Astrocytoma) Foundation. Location: Fox Hollow Swim Club, Cherry Hill, NJ. See www.foxhollowswimclub.com for info and registration forms. Questions? Call Janice Quay at 856.905.3731.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

(A weekly continuing series)

Section One, "I Believe-We Believe" Chapter Two: God Comes to Meet Man Article 3: Sacred Scripture

I. Christ-The Unique Word of Sacred Scripture

101 In order to reveal himself to men, in the condescension of his goodness God speaks to them in human words: "Indeed the words of God, expressed in the words of men, are in every way like human language, just as the Word of the eternal Father, when he took on himself the flesh of human weakness, became like men."⁶³

102 Through all the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word, his one Utterance in whom he expresses himself completely.⁶⁴ You recall that one and the same Word of God extends throughout Scripture, that it is one and the same Utterance that resounds in the mouths of all the sacred writers, since he who was in the beginning God with God has no need of separate syllables; for he is not subject to time.⁶⁵

103 For this reason, the Church has always venerated the Scriptures as she venerates the Lord's Body. She never ceases to present to the faithful the bread of life, taken from the one table of God's Word and Christ's Body.⁶⁶

104 In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as what it really is, the word of God".⁶⁷ "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them."⁶⁸

II. INSPIRATION AND TRUTH OF SACRED SCRIPTURE

105 *God is the author of Sacred Scripture.* "The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit."⁶⁹ "For Holy Mother Church, relying on the faith of the apostolic age, accepts as sacred and canonical the books of the Old and the New Testaments, whole and entire, with all their parts, on the grounds that, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author, and have been handed on as such to the Church herself."⁷⁰

106 God inspired the human authors of the sacred books. "To compose the sacred books, God chose certain men who, all the while he employed them in this task, made full use of their own faculties and powers so that, though he acted in them and by them, it was as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever he wanted written, and no more."⁷¹

107 The inspired books teach the truth. "Since therefore all that the inspired authors or sacred writers affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures."⁷²

108 Still, the Christian faith is not a "religion of the book." Christianity is the religion of the "Word" of God, a word which is "not a written and mute word, but the Word which is incarnate and living".⁷³ If the Scriptures are not to remain a dead letter, Christ, the eternal Word of the living God, must, through the Holy Spirit, "open [our] minds to understand the Scriptures."⁷⁴

A Classic from the Archives worth another look...

I dreamed I had an interview with God.

“So you would like to interview me?” God asked.

“If you have the time”, I said.

God smiled. “My time is eternity”.

“What questions do you have in mind for me?”

“What surprises you most about humankind...?”

God answered...

“That they get bored with childhood. They rush to grow up and then long to be children again.”

“That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health.”

“That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present,
such that they live in neither the present nor the future.”

“That they live as if they will never die, and die as if they had never lived.”

God’s hand took mine and we were silent for awhile.

And then I asked...

“As a parent, what are some of life’s lessons you want your children to learn?”

God replied with a smile,

“To learn they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is let themselves be loved.”

“To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others.”

“To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.”

“To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love,
and it takes many years to heal them.”

“To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.”

“To learn that there are persons who love them dearly,
but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.”

“To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it differently.”

“To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others.
But that they must forgive themselves.”

“And to learn that I am here always.”