

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor  
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence  
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## August 15, 2010 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Mass Schedule

**Daily:** Monday thru Friday – 9:00am

#### Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm (**Confessions 3:45pm-4:15pm**)

Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am

**Children's Liturgy:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month @ Noon.

**Reconciliation** – Saturday from 3:45pm-4:15pm

**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.

**Rectory Summer Hours**-Monday thru Thursday 9am-4:30pm  
(Closed every Friday thru Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### 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.

**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 2011 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>August 16, 2010</b> Jean Rooney r/b Dorothy Hoover Coyle
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>August 17, 2010</b> Rev. Charles S. Bean r/b People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>August 18, 2010</b> Susie Furlano r/b The Midili Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>August 19, 2010</b> Dominic Caruso r/b Joanne & Chuck Rossa and Janet Nissen
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>August 20, 2010</b> Terry Horn-Sauter (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b Husband Chuck
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>August 21, 2010 (Blessing of the College Students)</b> Dominic Caruso r/b Ana Ramon & Sara Rosario
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>August 22, 2010</b> Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter Rose Marie
10:30am	Jean Wenstrom r/b The Scavuzzo Family Susie Furlano r/b Roseanne & Bob DiGiovanni Jean Rooney r/b St. Stephen's Eucharistic Ministers

**The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
In Memory of Mary Rose Rotondo.**

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>August 7/8, 2010 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>526/</b>	<b>\$5,593</b>
<b>August 8/9, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>472/</b>	<b>\$5,094</b>
<b>August 7/8, 2010 Air Conditioning Fund</b>		<b>\$1,044</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$5,673</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,555</b>

Next Special Second Collection:  
September 12, 2010: "Holy Father"

**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.StStephensPennaauken.com](http://www.StStephensPennaauken.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:

**Rose Alessandrone, Victor Ambruso, Dolly Angelastro, Evelyn Capaldi, Evelyn Capocetta, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Thomas Holmes Sr., Rita Inasley, Ben Johnson, Donna Krawchuk, Harry Lavall, Sandy Lepo, Joann Lunsford, Katherine Maggioncalda, Vincent Marchese, John Marchione, Marlene Matteo, Harry Mayer, Dolores McCollum, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, John Messina, John Meyer, Mark Newell, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Penttleton, Rita Picciano, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Helen Villanueva, 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 21/22**

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

**Saturday, 4:30pm (Blessing of the College Students)**

**Altar Servers:** E. Mattered, The Norths

**EM's:** P. Petronis, M. Novoa, S. Eisenhardt, A. Knight, M. Nieves

**Lectors:** R. Taylor, D. Steinmetz

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** C. Hearn, The Hughes'

**EM's:** S. Marano, L. Rosario, S. Mufalli, R. Davis, L. McHugh

**Lectors:** M. McHugh, J. Bowman

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** The Coars

**EM's:** L. Picknally, J. Messina, K. Fagan, L. D'Alessandro

**Lectors:** J. Messina, M. Miller

**Assisted Listening Devices now available!**



Our sound system now supports individual assisted listening devices. These devices are available to individuals who have trouble hearing during Mass. An earpiece is connected to a small, easy to operate, portable receiver, which allows for greater clarity of the spoken word. The devices can be used wherever you sit during Mass, you have control over your own volume level and you are welcome to use your personal earphone/plug with the device (1/8" plug), or you may purchase a set from us for \$2. Think of days-gone-by transistor radios and how easy they were to operate – one wheel controls both power and volume! Please see an usher at least 15 minutes before Mass to reserve one of the four (4) units we have available in the Sacristy.

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**FULL PAGE BULLETIN INSERTS** are to be submitted to the rectory by **9am Thursday morning, 10 days before the issue date.** Once approved, our bulletin company will copy & insert these for our church, thus saving us the cost of paper and copying.

***This Week @ St. Stephen Parish***

8/16--Monday-9am Mass  
8/17--Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
8/18--Wednesday-9am Mass  
8/19--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Rosary Makers  
8/20--Friday-9am Mass  
8/21--Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 2pm Sweet Sixteen Mass,  
3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass (Blessing of the College Students)  
8/22--Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am



**Will resume every Monday @ 1pm in the Stonegate Conference Room after Labor Day.**

***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.

***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 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.**

***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 August 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**

***Ministry of Greeting & Hospitality***

Anyone interested in joining the Ministry of Greeters, those who welcome parishioners and visitors to Mass every Sunday, is asked to call Mary Ann Meloni at 488-6143.

***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.**

***Our Nursing Home Ministry***

Thank you for your support of the residents of Cooper River West with your prayers and donations of religious articles in the box in the church vestibule. Parishioners are needed to join us on Wednesdays from 10am to Noon to bring the residents from their rooms to the Mass/Prayer Service. Eucharistic Ministers are also encouraged to serve at the Nursing Home. *Prayerfully consider volunteering for one Wednesday a month.* **Call or Email us for more info: Lonnie & Mary Sharon (856) 662-6049 or Email Monacofamily4@comcast.net**

***Rectory Office Summer Hours***

**Monday thru Thursday – 9am-4:30pm**

**Closed every Friday thru September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

***CCD REGISTRATION***

Registration is underway for next Fall and the fee remains at \$125 per family (**\$115 if registered by August 15, \$135 for late registrations after Sept. 8. CCD begins September 22, 2010.**). Registration forms are available in the rectory and online on our website's CCD page.

**Join the Team! We are in need of Teachers & Teacher's Aides. If interested, please call Mrs. Adeline Gramlich at 662-9338, ext. 7.**

**The NEW TIME schedule on Wednesday nights for this year's classes will be 6:15pm-7:30pm.**

***Youth Enjoying Service!!!***

**The St. Stephen's Youth Group** is here to help our Senior neighbors! If you need assistance with weeding, raking or planting your garden this year, please call on us to help! Leave your name and phone number with Cindy at the Rectory (856) 662-9338, ext. 6 and we will set up a time to help.

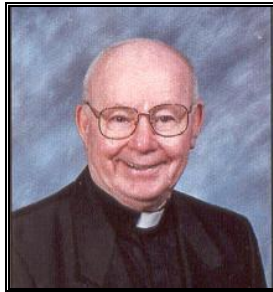
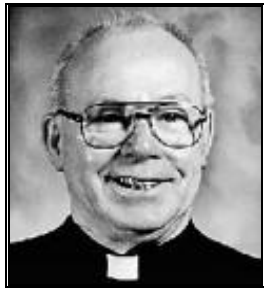
***Bereavement Committee News***

The Bereavement Committee is seeking volunteers to help minister to those who've recently lost loved ones. If you would like to join this special ministry, please call **Joy Bowman** at (856) 662-4803.

***Collectibles For Sale***

Several collectible items were salvaged from the recent Yard Sale donations. These include a group of **Longaberger baskets, P. Buckley Moss brooches, Dynasty, Brinn's, and Heritage Collectible dolls, and 2 single lens reflex cameras and accessories.**

They were set-aside in the hopes of selling them on **eBay**, but were not, due to the poor economy. If anyone is interested in purchasing them or knows of a person or business that would be willing to buy them at a reasonable price, please contact Lonnie or Mary Sharon at 662-6049. All proceeds benefit St Stephen's.



In Loving Memory of

**Rev. Msgr. John Francis Flaherty**

February 1, 1918 – August 2, 2010

We were privileged and blessed to have Msgr. Flaherty  
In Residence with us from 1999-2004

**St. Stephen's SCRIP News**

Thank you to everyone supporting the Scrip program. If we miss you at Mass, you may purchase scrip at the Rectory during the week. Please call first to see if what you need is in stock. Also, we are in need of volunteers to sell scrip at the 4:30 Mass once a month. If you are interested please call the Rectory.

**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Country Fair  
Gala Polish Festival**

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> - 11am, rain or shine**

**Little Servants of the Immaculate Conception  
Provinciate—Novitiate**

1000 Cropwell Road, Cherry Hill, NJ  
(856) 424-1962

Featuring:

**The Dennis Ostopowicz Polka Band**

**The Ambertones Polka Band**

**(music for listening & dancing)**

**DJ Andy Citkowicz**

**The PKM Dancers**

Homemade Polish, Italian & American Foods

Funnel Cakes, Hot Dogs, Potato Pancakes,

Beer, Soft Drinks, Softee Ice Cream, Cake & Coffee

**Admission: \$4 (children under 13 free)**

**CCHS Class of 1947**

Camden Catholic High School's Class of 1947 will hold its 63rd Year Reunion at Merchantville Country Club, Friday, **October 15, 2010**, from Noon until 4 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be reserved by contacting Bob Kane at 856-428-3484 or e-mail him at [KKANE8@VERIZON.NET](mailto:KKANE8@VERIZON.NET). Formal invitations will be mailed or e-mailed to classmates in the first week of September.

**To the Wonderful Parishioners  
of St. Stephen's:**

Thank you for all of the prayers, thoughts, support, kind words, encouragement, and contributions over the past year, as our family struggled with Jean's illness. We have been very fortunate to be part of such a caring and loving community. The outpouring of love and compassion that we experienced at her Memorial Mass, will certainly make it a little easier for us to try and adjust to this earthly life without her.

God bless you,

**Dennis Rooney and Family**

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

-Have you been worshiping 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!

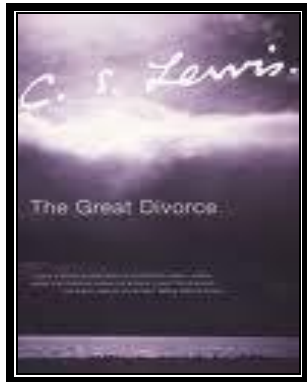
**Please contact Father Daniel Rocco at (856) 662-9338 or  
Loretta Steinmetz, RCIA Team Leader at (856) 227-4627**

**for more information about the  
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).**

**ARE YOU FEELING CALLED TO SHARE  
THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN YOU?**

**Host families are needed for 2 high school boys:** a 17-year-old Chinese boy, who *loves* basketball, pets (especially dogs), computers, football, tennis and cooking. This will be his first year here, and hopes to return to study physics and engineering at an American university. And an 18-year-old South Korean boy who plays the piano, *loves* badminton, hiking, chess, the ham radio, travel, and martial arts. He is a returning student and hopes to study international finance at an American university. Both students will be attending Camden Catholic High School for the 2010-2011 school year, tuition paid. These F-1 visa students speak English, are motivated learners, are fully insured, and have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board and receive a *generous monthly hosting stipend*. If you would like to help make their dreams come true, please contact Cecelia LaPlaca with *Nacel Open Door* at 215-584-7751 or [cecelaplaca@verizon.net](mailto:cecelaplaca@verizon.net).

Join us for the first meeting of **St. Stephen's C.S. Lewis Book Club!**

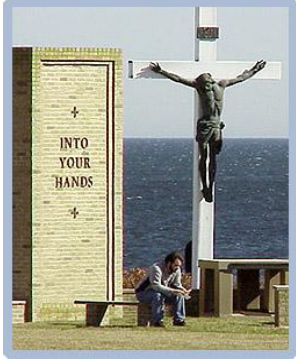


We will be reading and discussing the works of this cornerstone Christian author and theologian. *No previous experience necessary!* Come on **September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Rectory** for a discussion of The Great Divorce, Lewis' inspiring portrait of heaven and human nature. **All are welcome! Any questions, call: Tricia Gardner at 546-5201.**

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**It's Not Too Late...**

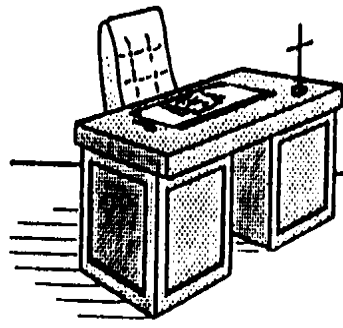
**RETREAT WEEKEND**

*Come and experience God's Love and Peace in a unique retreat atmosphere this year.*



**San Alfonso Retreat House  
Long Branch, NJ  
September 10, 11 & 12, 2010**

The retreat is given by the Redemptorist Priests, and promises to be a three-day experience of God's love at a beautiful setting right on the beach at the New Jersey shore. The cost is \$175, includes lodging, delicious food and a beachfront view that would cost hundreds of dollars per day during the season. This is a wonderful opportunity for reflection, meditation and prayer. Deposit of \$50 is required. Bring a family member or a friend! **For those interested, please call Vince Aucello at 856-596-7913.**



*From the Desk of  
Father Daniel Rocco*

**Dear Parishioners,**

*It is with a deep sense of gratitude for the contribution of the people of St. Stephen's, the Liturgical ministries, Pastoral Council, Staff, the Parish Trustees and Finance Board, that I would like to thank you for your making my installation one the most joyous moments of my priesthood.*

*You, the parishioners of St. Stephen, through your great sense of hospitality and self-giving, touched my heart and the heart of my family.*

*I dare not mention individual names, for to do so might well be seen as lessening the contribution of those mistakenly left out.*

*Your gift of a picture of St. Stephen was both appropriate and generous. It is through the uniqueness of our Patron, who leads us to the Christ, that we are connected to one another. Bishop Galante, upon seeing the picture, said he thought it was a picture of me. I quickly responded, "That may be more than I can be." But there again as I have preached so often, the cost of Discipleship is everything. Let us attempt to be everything to each other in Christ.*

*In Thanksgiving,*

**Father Daniel Rocco  
Pastor**