

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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August 16, 2009 – 20th 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: 3rd 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, 2nd Sunday @ Noon.

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 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.

MONDAY 9:00am	August 17, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince) Helen Sentivany r/b Sr. Rita Karnell, SSJ
TUESDAY 9:00am	August 18, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince) Paul Johnson r/b Dolores August
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	August 19, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince) Jean Ciechanowski r/b Family
THURSDAY 9:00am + Novena	August 20, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey) Terri Horn-Sauter (4 th Anniversary) r/b Chuck
FRIDAY 9:00am	August 21, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey) Rita Stoerlein r/b Sr. Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ
SATURDAY 9:00am	August 22, 2009 Good Intentions of the People of the Parish (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
4:30pm	Margaret Pietrafesa r/b Mario & Phyllis Ciarrocca Jean Peel r/b Lucille Pacholski & Family (Presider: Fr. George)
SUNDAY 9:00am	August 23, 2009 Angelina Pennestri r/b Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer Doris Tallman r/b The McHugh Family (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
10:30am	Walter Sikorski r/b Elizabeth & Sons Bill Buffington r/b Helen Huhn (Presider: Fr. Vince)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Veronica Moseley.

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.

August 8/9, 2009 Attendance/Collection	472/ \$5,094
August 9/10, 2008 Attendance/Collection	484/ \$5,145
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$TBA
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,322
August 8/9 Air Conditioning Collection	\$961
August, 2008 Air Conditioning Collection	\$700

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, Margaret Cummings, Esther DeMarco, 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, 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 August 22/23

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, E. Mattera
EM's: The Klecko's, A. Knight
Lectors: J. Messina, P. Krohn

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: E. Corbett, G. Schwankert
EM's: S. Marano, L. Rosario, T. Modzier, R. Davis, S. Mufalli
Lectors: The Zieglers

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: L. Fagan, D. Saranchak
EM's: The Fagans, W. Delfin, G. Tutwiler, M. Novoa
Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, C. Otto

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

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collection:
September 13, 2009: "Holy Father"

Swine Flu Precautions

We continue to adhere to Bishop Galante's recommendations in his May 1st letter suggesting we avoid all various forms of physical contact during Mass (Greetings, Our Father, Sign of Peace, and distribution of the Precious Blood). The Bishop's letter and current updates from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention are available on our church website. While the state of New Jersey remains in the "widespread" category, the USA has reported **6,506** hospitalizations and **436** deaths as of August 6th. Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

This Week @ St. Stephen's

8/17-Monday-9am Mass
8/18-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
8/19-Wednesday-9am Mass
8/20-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Rosary Makers
8/21-Friday-9am Mass
8/22-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass
8/23-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

Parish Appreciation Dinner, Saturday, November 14th

Art & Environment Ministry

The Art & Environment Ministry wishes to extend a special thank you to **Marianne and Ray Costner** along with **Mary Ann and Lou Meloni** for donating flowers from their gardens to help beautify our altar during the month of July. Also, thank you to **Dave and Cindi Luthman** for lending us the fishnets. To **Eileen and Joe Ziegler, and Mary Ann Meloni** for the use of the beautiful seashells. **Mary McCarthy** for donating the gladiolas and sunflowers for last weekend's Masses.

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.**

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 Diane @ 308-8224 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

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.**

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 to set up your account.**

Our average weekly E-Giving for the month of July, 2009 was \$342.50.

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.

Digital TV Coupons Needed

We are looking for **unexpired and unused digital TV converter coupons that you don't intend to use.** This will greatly assist the Yard Sale Committee in evaluating and demonstrating TV's at our October 3rd Giant Yard Sale. Coupons may be dropped off at the rectory or placed in the Offertory basket at any Mass. Thank you.

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.

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 1st and 3rd 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.**

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

Dressing in God's House

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

41st Annual Country Fair

Gala Polish Festival

Sunday, September 13th @ 11am

Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
1000 Cropwell Road, Cherry Hill, NJ

Features live Polka Bands, DJ & the PKM Dancers
Homemade Polish, Italian & American Foods,
Funnell cakes, hot dogs, potato pancakes,
beer, soda, ice cream, coffee & cake.
\$4 donation, kids under 13 free!
Info: (856) 424-1962

School of Liturgy Training

for Cantors, Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

2 Saturdays: October 3 & 10, 2009 9:30am-2pm

St. Mary's Parish Hall, 2001 Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill
St. Stephen's will cover the \$40 FEE.

Applications are available in the church lobby & rectory.

Volunteers Needed

Host Family for Camden Catholic High School
International Students, 2009-2010 school year. Host family
provides room and board while earning a generous monthly
\$450, tax-free stipend. If you have room in your heart & home,
contact Marilena at (215) 547-8486 for details.

Stonegate Bus Trip to Delaware Park

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

\$25 per person

(includes \$30 in slot play & bus)

Bus leaves Stonegate at 10am

Bus leaves Delaware Park at 3pm, back here @ 4pm.

For reservations call Marianna @ 663-5599.

St. Cecilia's Comedy Night

September 12, 2009 from 7pm-Midnight

Featuring Joe Conklin & 2 additional Comics

DJ, Dancing, Silent Auction, Light Fare, Beer/Soda
\$30 per person

Contact Chris Sulzbach @ (856) 488-0080, ext. 2300
49th & Camden Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ

Presented by the Pennsauken/Merchantville
Fraternal Order of Police

Father Godfrey Amobi, AJ News

Look for Fr. Godfrey's farewell letter in next week's
bulletin, his farewell Masses the weekend of August
29/30, and his departure back to Tanzania, Africa on
September 2nd. We are grateful for Fr. Godfrey's pastoral
assistance this summer and wish him God's richest
blessings as he continues in his ministry with the
seminarians in Africa.

Parish Picnic News

Saturday, September 26th

The Parish Picnic Committee is looking for donations. If
you know of anyone who would be willing to donate:

Tents for shade

Chairs

Moon bounce

Bottle water

Balloon art

Face painters

Magicians

Entertainers

We also need people to chair a specific job such as:

Drinks station

Food station

Clean up

We need help assisting with:

Grilling

Food runners

Set up

Clean up

If there is any other service you would like to donate and
we have mentioned above let us know and of course a
monetary donation is always welcome.

Please contact: Liz Mchugh at 856-486-4787

Or email Nancy Schmidt at penn610@aol.com

CCHS Veteran's Mass Nov. 11th

Camden Catholic High School will celebrate a Veteran's Mass
on November 11th @ 9:00am. We are looking for all CCHS
Alumni who are veterans, along with the names of those who
were killed in action. Please contact Walt Sandell at
waltsand@hotmail.com with veteran information. Thank you.

From the Desk of Father Vincent Orum, AJ

Who are the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Order?

In 1969, Pope Paul VI, while in one of his tours of the African continent and Uganda in particular, said in Kampala, **“By now, you Africans are missionaries to yourselves....You must continue upon this continent the building of the Church..”**. This statement of Pope Paul VI came barely a year after Rome had approved the foundation of the first male African religious Missionary order to be called **Apostles of Jesus religious Missionary Institute** on August 22nd, 1968. Whether Pope Paul VI had the order of the Apostles of Jesus in mind as he uttered those statements is anybody's guess, which I leave for historians to further investigate!

However, true to his words and forty years later as we celebrate the grand finale of our 40th anniversary on August 22nd, 2009 in Angela Merici Parish in the Bronx, New York, the Apostles of Jesus Missionary order has witnessed a tremendous growth since it's foundation by Rt. Rev. Bishop Sixtus Mazzoldi, MCCJ and Rev. John Maregoni, MCCJ in 1968 in Moroto Diocese-Uganda-East Africa. Today the order has 389 missionaries working not only in Africa as observed by Pope Paul VI, but in four continents; namely Africa, Europe, America and Australia while plans are underway to open up new missions in Peru in South America. It's not uncommon to come across the Apostles of Jesus African Missionaries priests in some of the sixteen Dioceses and Archdioceses in the USA today serving in different ministries as chaplains in Schools, hospitals, lecturers in the Colleges/Universities and parochial vicars, administrators and Pastors. The Apostles of Jesus presence in the United States of America began in June 1996 with a meeting of the Apostles of Jesus Students in the United States at Maryknoll's Ossining, New York with the Allentown Diocese regarded as the birthplace in the States. Apostles are overwhelmed by the outpouring of calls and letters from many bishops in the States inviting the Apostles into their Dioceses and Archdioceses.

The founders of the first male African religious Missionary order of the Apostles of Jesus, the late Bishop Sixtus Mazzoldi, Mccj (+1987) a native of Nago-Trento Italy and Fr. John Maregoni, Mccj (+2007) from Milano, Italy were inspired by the great dream of their founder Saint Bishop Daniel Comboni, whose passion for the evangelization of the African Continent was quite evident in his motto for his missionaries in the Central Africa/Equatorial region, **“Africa or Death!”** This passion moved the Sons of Italy to a distant, wild and unbearable interior of Africa where many of them died of tropical diseases, poor hygiene and sanitation!

While they were for their missionary assignment in Juba-Sudan as Sons of the Sacred Heart Missionaries commonly known as **Comboni Missionaries or Verona Fathers**, Bishop Sixtus Mazzoldi and Fr. John Maregoni were expelled from Sudan due to the Islam-Christianity conflicts. They then took refuge in Uganda where they were inspired to begin a religious Missionary order of the Africans for the evangelization of Africa and the world--the Apostles of Jesus. These two holy men who loved themselves not only in life but unto death amazingly died, though separate years, but on the same date and month of July 27th and almost the same time! They are laid to rest together in the main Chapel at the major Seminary, Langata-Nairobi Kenya and we pray and hope that sooner or later they will be honored among the Saints for their life of sanctity and mission in Africa and the world through the Apostles of Jesus.

The singular purpose of the Institute of the Apostles of Jesus is the Missionary and Pastoral Evangelization of Africa and the world (cfr AJ USA Directory pg.1). Through the five existing minor Seminaries, 2 novitiates and the School of Philosophy and Theology thriving with vocations: in Nairobi Kenya, the Apostles of Jesus continue to train and form young men as religious missionary priests and brothers for the evangelizing mission of the Church. In the USA, the Apostles' mission is not only to share the gift of faith they received from the missionary activities of men and women who offered their lives to evangelize Africa through their Charism of heart of Jesus the Good Shepherd, but also to share with the American people the 'immense spiritual, economic, and socio-political challenges facing the African Continent and invite them to be partners with the Apostles of Jesus in addressing, and ministering to specific needs in the fields of religion, Education, Health, Economy, Culture, Technology and environment" cfr. (AJ USA Directory pg 1). Please join us as we celebrate the forty years of our participation in the life and mission of the church in the world!