

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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August 17, 2008 – 20th 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 18, 2008**
9:00am
- TUESDAY August 19, 2008**
9:00am Michael Casarino r/b Sister Suzanne
- WEDNESDAY August 20, 2008**
9:00am Terri Horn-Sauter (3rd Anniversary)
r/b Husband Chuck
- THURSDAY August 21, 2008 (Novena to follow 9am)**
9:00am Mateo Oler r/b John & Ann Marie Meyer
- FRIDAY August 22, 2008**
9:00am The Good Intentions of M. Cody Lee
r/b Grandmother
- SATURDAY August 23, 2008**
9:00am People of the Parish (*Current Living Parishioners*)
4:30pm Special Intention r/b Parishioner
William Loperfido r/b The Eisenhardt Family
- SUNDAY August 24, 2008**
9:00am Lance Bruce r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
Barbara Fallon r/b Family
10:30am Mateo Oler r/b Pat Petronis & Mary Novoa
4:30pm John Browne r/b Ralph & Jean Baylor

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
Memory of Mateo Oler (Fr. Vince's Father).***

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 9/10, 2008:	\$5,145.43
Air Conditioning Collection Aug. 9/10:	\$ 700.00
Comparison August 11/12, 2007	\$6,300.33
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$7,200.00
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$6,022.19

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.**



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, Leonard Rebilas, 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>
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Ministry Schedule for August 23/24

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Hobbs, K. Sullivan, H. Morris
EM's: S. Eisenhardt, M. Baratta, J. Messina, The Monaco's
Lectors: M. Turan, M. Vance

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M & C Hearn, S. Morales
EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, R. Leone, N. Schmidt, A. DiGiacomo
Lectors: G. Sapienza, K. Layton

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Coars
EM's: M. Coar, The Fagans, The Tutwilers
Lectors: K. Jakobowski, J. Terzini

Sunday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: E. Pandola, S. Miller
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, T. Veneziani, P. Antonelli
Lectors: N. McKean, S. Stehm

August 24th bulletin deadline: August 18th @ 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

8/18-Monday-9am Mass
 8/19-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 8/20-Wednesday-9am Mass, 7pm Pastoral Council @ Stonegate
 8/21-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
 8/22-Friday-9am Mass
 8/23-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 8/24-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. 18-22

Monday, 9am-7pm
 Tuesday, 9am-4:30pm
 Wednesday, 9am-4:30pm
 Thursday, 9am-4:30pm
 Friday, 9am-1pm

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

As the summer slowly slips away, I wanted to remind you that our next Pastoral Council meeting will be **Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Stonegate meeting room**. All members of our Parish community are welcome!

Our prayers continue to Fr. Vince and his family during his visit to his homeland. We hope to see him back here safe and sound soon!

The headline in the August 1, 2008 "Catholic Star Herald" wherein the Bishop speaks of the importance of collaboration among ministries is a familiar message to this Council. Early on, beginning last September during the reformation of our present Pastoral Council, we sought to make **collaboration, openness, clarity, transparency, and inclusiveness** the benchmarks of this new Council. You can always follow the progress of our work by reading the minutes of our Council meetings as contained on the Parish website.

Always looking for your comments, questions, and concerns.

Rich McKean

Council President

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.

The Diocese of Camden Welcomes

JustFaith Ministries

The Office of Social Justice and Catholic Charities will facilitate a JustFaith journey on **Tuesdays beginning October 7, 2008 and running through May of 2009 from 7-9:30pm at the Catholic Charities Building in Camden**.

Anyone interested in participating in this JustFaith program or seeking more information on how to bring the program to their region or parish is welcome to attend an Informational Meeting on **Tuesday, August 19th at 7pm**. To learn more about the faith formation program, please call Larry DiPaul at 856-964-9777 from the Office of Social Justice, Jennifer Dyer at 856-342-4107 from Catholic Charities or visit www.JustFaith.org.

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

## Stewardship Reflection

*"Stewards Seek God's Ways"*

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"Make known to me your ways, Lord; Teach me your path." -Psalm 25:4

Good Stewards seek guidance in living a way of life where sharing their time, talent and treasure become a basic pathway to what God has intended for them.

CCHS 2009 Hall of Fame

Nominations are being accepted until November 15th 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 or at the main office of the school.

"Laps for Life" Swimming Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept 6th, 8am-1pm

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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](http://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

### III. The Holy Spirit, Interpreter of Scripture

109 In Sacred Scripture, God speaks to man in a human way. To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm, and to what God wanted to reveal to us by their words.<sup>75</sup>

110 In order to discover *the sacred authors' intention*, the reader must take into account the conditions of their time and culture, the literary genres in use at that time, and the modes of feeling, speaking and narrating then current. "For the fact is that truth is differently presented and expressed in the various types of historical writing, in prophetic and poetical texts, and in other forms of literary expression."<sup>76</sup>

111 But since Sacred Scripture is inspired, there is another and no less important principle of correct interpretation, without which Scripture would remain a dead letter. "Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted in the light of the same Spirit by whom it was written."<sup>77</sup>

The Second Vatican Council indicates three criteria for interpreting Scripture in accordance with the Spirit who inspired it.<sup>78</sup>

112 1. *Be especially attentive "to the content and unity of the whole Scripture"*. Different as the books which compose it may be, Scripture is a unity by reason of the unity of God's plan, of which Christ Jesus is the center and heart, open since his Passover.<sup>79</sup>

The phrase "heart of Christ" can refer to Sacred Scripture, which makes known his heart, closed before the Passion, as the Scripture was obscure. But the Scripture has been opened since the Passion; since those who from then on have understood it, consider and discern in what way the prophecies must be interpreted.<sup>80</sup>

113 2. *Read the Scripture within "the living Tradition of the whole Church"*. According to a saying of the Fathers, Sacred Scripture is written principally in the Church's heart rather than in documents and records, for the Church carries in her Tradition the living memorial of God's Word, and it is the Holy Spirit who gives her the spiritual interpretation of the Scripture ("... according to the spiritual meaning which the Spirit grants to the Church"<sup>81</sup>).

114 3. *Be attentive to the analogy of faith.*<sup>82</sup> By "analogy of faith" we mean the coherence of the truths of faith among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation.

# *Gentle Thoughts from a Retiree*

Birds of a feather flock together... and then relieve themselves on your car.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight,  
because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

He who hesitates is probably right.

A penny saved is a government oversight.

Did you ever notice: The Roman numerals for forty (40) are XL.

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so that when you call him to talk to him,  
he can tell when he's really in trouble.

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it.  
For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together, it spells "Theirs".

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle.  
It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain and gag himself.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me,  
I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think about Algebra.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth ... AMEN!