

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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August 2, 2009 – Eighteenth 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** August 3, 2009 (Presider: TBA)
9:00am Betty Norris r/b The Norris Family
- TUESDAY** August 4, 2009 (Presider: TBA)
9:00am Joseph Marfice r/b M/M Ernest Scrivani
- WEDNESDAY** August 5, 2009 (Presider: TBA)
9:00am Doris Thompson r/b Dorothea Dodds
- THURSDAY** August 6, 2009 (Presider: TBA)
9:00am + Novena Helen McSherry r/b The Leahy Family
- FRIDAY** August 7, 2009 (Presider: TBA – First Friday)
9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Alfreda Novak
Dan Conway r/b Family
- SATURDAY** August 8, 2009
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
(Presider: TBA)
- 4:30pm Jean Peel r/b Pat Pickering & Family
Jean Heller r/b Pat Pickering & Family
(Presider: TBA)
- SUNDAY** August 9, 2009
9:00am Angelina Pennestri r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
Robert Gottschall r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
(Presider: TBA)
- 10:30am Bill Buffington r/b The Vendetti Family
Marie Baratta r/b Helen Medes
(Presider: TBA)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Joseph Petulla.

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.

July 25/26, 2009 Attendance/Collection	516 /	\$4,934
July 26/27, 2008 Attendance/Collection	483/	\$5,752
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$TBA
Actual Y-T-D_Weekly Average:		\$5,275

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 8/9
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Hobbs, E. Mattera, T. Mason
EM's: The Heiningers, A. Knight, T. Mattera, T. Veneziani
Lectors: P. Tryson, R. McKean

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: P. Luthman, The Hearn
EM's: S. Marano, N. Schmidt, L. McHugh, The Sapienza's
Lectors: M. McHugh, L. Modzier

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Bowmans
EM's: C. Otto, M. Novoa, G. Tutwiler, J. Messina, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: M. Turan, K. Jakubowski

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

Next Special 2nd Collection:
August 9, 2009: "Air Conditioning Fund"



2009 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D	\$37,518 (69%)
2009 House of Charity Goal	\$55,000

Attention Fundraising Committee:

There will be no meeting in August.

First Friday Adoration

This Friday, August 7th is the First Friday of the Month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9am Mass and conclude at 7pm.

This Week @ St. Stephen's

8/3-Monday-9am Mass
8/4-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
8/5-Wednesday-9am Mass, 7:30pm Pastoral Council
8/6-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Rosary Makers
8/7-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
8/8-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass
8/9-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

Pastoral Council Meeting

This Wednesday, August 5, 2009 @ 7:30pm
Stonegate Meeting Room

Parish Appreciation Dinner, Saturday, November 14th

Art & Environment Ministry

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.StStephensPennsauken.com to set up your account.**

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!

Apostles of Jesus

Grand Finale August 22nd

Would like to take this time to remind you of the grand finale celebration of our 40th Anniversary which will take place at Saint Angela Merici - New York. The event will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, 2009. We will mark the closing of this celebration with the Holy Mass that will begin at 5:00pm followed by a fantastic dinner, auction, music and raffle. The donation for the dinner will be a minimum of \$50.00. We will be very happy to see as many of you join us in our zone to mark 40 years of the foundation of our congregation. Please reserve you seat and invite your friends to join the Apostles of Jesus in the Eastern Zone. Bring an Alb, Stole and Clergy Suit for the dinner. Come prepared to sing with us.

Sincerely,

Fr. Peter Mushi, AJ
Zonal Coordinator

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*Donated Yard Sale Item for Pre-Sale Purchase*

### ***Used Hot Tub***

Hot Springs Spa, holds 5-6 adults,  
84"x77"x38", 7 jets, rotor-hydro massage,  
230 watts/5 amps (must be hardwired), includes vinyl cover.  
*Bubble jets are only item not working.*  
Good operating condition with digital readout for temperature.  
Lighted interior with spa steps. **\$1,000 or best offer.**  
Buyer responsible for pickup/shipping, est. 250 lbs.  
**Contact Lonnie Monaco @ (856) 662-6049**

### ***Church Annulment Workshop***

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On Wednesday, August 19, 2009 from 9:30am to 2pm the St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center in Blackwood will be sponsoring an all-day Church Annulment Workshop. This workshop is for anyone seeking a Church annulment. The workshop will be conducted in English and Spanish. Volunteers will be available that day to help anyone who wishes to begin the appropriate paperwork. The cost is \$30 and lunch is included.

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

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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.



**In Loving Memory of Adeline Canalichio**  
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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

From the Desk of Father Vincent Orum, AJ

I didn't realize that it has been a long six weeks since I was away for my vacation in Uganda! The heaps of mails and other stuffs on my desk have re-awakened me the reality that it has been such a long time! Nonetheless, it's nice to be back home far away from home!

Indeed it was a mixture of joy and sadness to spend some time with my family since after I lost both parents. Their absence was evident, even though I enjoyed the presence of my nieces, nephews and cousins who all came to spend time with me at my house. My vacation at home was indeed a blessing to the home chapel of Giira as well. They had the opportunity of having Masses every Sunday for the four weeks.

My stay with them at home was very exciting, relaxing and also work-oriented. While I went specifically for my vacation, retreat and workshop, I ended up having a mixture of celebrations, joys and sorrows as we buried four close relatives within the space of the six weeks I was home. I left Saint Stephen's on Monday June 8th, 2009 with Jet Airlines to Brussels for 7 hrs. We had a layover for 3 hrs. after which we left for Entebbe via Kigali Rwanda the following day Tuesday June 9th, and arrived at Entebbe Uganda at 9:45 pm.

I found my younger brother Silvio Fred and several members of my family waiting for me at Entebbe and we traveled together to Kampala for the night and left on Thursday for the village by road.

I had the opportunity to celebrate Mass with my former Parishioners at Orussi Catholic Parish and my home Parish of Paidha every Sunday. It was a moving and very emotional experience for me celebrating Mass every Sunday with my family, relatives and friends in the unfinished new church we are constructing with the help of John and Mary Ann Grasso and the St. Alfio's Society of Saint Joseph's Parish in Swedesboro and Pennsylvania.

I was moved by their liturgy despite the fact that the church had no roof and the Sun was quite daring to stay in! Their love for the priests was evident, as they would wait for me for hours since I had to celebrate Mass in other locations before coming for the second one.

It was very interesting when I preached for only seven minutes and the congregation began murmuring because they are used to long homilies and I wanted the American way! I had to tell them that if I shared with my Parishioners back in the States, they would wonder since Mass takes less than an hour and a short homily is the order of the day!

I also took the time to educate them on planned farming and particularly discouraging them from planting Cassava or Coffee instead of short term crops which could be harvested after every three months other than waiting for years! Some understood and others thought I was crazy and getting confused because they are used to Cassava as staple food!

On Friday July 17th, 2009 on the first anniversary of my Dad's death, we invited family members', relatives and friends to commemorate my Dad and Mum's lives. I offered Mass in their memory and it was quite an experience as we gathered to watch a documentary I prepared on their lives.

For the most part of my time, I spent co-coordinating the construction of the new church since I wanted to leave when the walls are completed. We managed to achieve that with the generous donation of \$3,000.00 (Three-thousand Dollars) from John Grasso and the St. Alfio group of Saint Joseph's Parish, Swedesboro. I also spent some time planting Eucalyptus trees and together with my brother Mathias, we planted over 2,700 trees. I was motivated to plant trees by way of encouraging my relatives and friends to see practically the advantages of a forestation since they are experiencing hunger as a result of long drought due to deforestation for firewood and gardening. The existing situation of hunger is quite evident and even though food is being sold in the market, they are very expensive and many families can't afford it! It was so painful for me watching a couple of people beaten because they were caught stealing and the police had to fire in the air so as to save them from mob justice.

Despite the hunger and drought, children could be seen running to school and back even though on empty stomachs.

I cannot be grateful enough to you all for your prayers and financial support, especially to Rick and Denise Caruso, Joseph Snipas, Michael Pecora, Marguerite Thivierge, John Fitzpatrick, Suzanne Steinberger (Delaware), Marie Delviscio and John Grasso's family, Victor and Toni Heresniak, Paul and Margaret Dombrosky from Saint Joe's in Swedesboro. My entire family is grateful for what you are and have been to us. May God reward your generosity all and in surplus! **-Father Vince**