

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

Reverend Vincent Orum, AJ, Administrator
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence
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Mrs. Adeline Gramlich, CRE

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August 23, 2009 – 21st 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 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
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 24, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey) Emma Rivera r/b Dolores August
TUESDAY 9:00am	August 25, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey) Joan Marie Galbraith r/b Her Sister, Liz
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	August 26, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey) Frances Sullivan r/b Susan Midili
THURSDAY 9:00am + Novena	August 27, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey) Alberta Quinton r/b Helen Huhn
FRIDAY 9:00am	August 28, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey) Fran Sullivan r/b The Sullivan Family (from 7/30/09)
SATURDAY 9:00am	August 29, 2009 Good Intentions of the People of the Parish (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
4:30pm	Fran Sullivan r/b The Sullivan Family Mary Grasso r/b Bob & Mary Menaquale (Presider: Fr. Vince)
SUNDAY 9:00am	August 30, 2009 Angelina Pennestri r/b M/M Joseph H. Bancor Barbara Fallon r/b Family (Presider: Fr. Vince)
10:30am	Bill Buffington r/b St. Stephen's 1990 PTA Board Marion Fedor r/b Anthony & Phyllis Antonelli & Family (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Barbara Fallon.

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 15/16, 2009 Attendance/Collection	523/ \$4,993
August 16/17, 2008 Attendance/Collection	465/ \$5,353
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$6,154
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 Pigiacci, 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 29/30

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: K. Hulsey, M. Hobbs

EM's: The Klecko's, L. Garofalo, T. Angstman, T. Veneziani

Lectors: The Heiningers

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: W. McHugh, R. Buchholz

EM's: The Monaco's, S. Marano, T. Modzier, L. McHugh

Lectors: M. McHugh, L. Modzier

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: R & C Aleszczyk

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, T. Scavuzzo, T. Link,

G. Sapienza, A. Mulholland

Lectors: The Links

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"

***A Eucharistic Congress
September 11-12, 2009***

All are invited to attend a Eucharistic Congress on September 11-12, 2009 in Washington, DC at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Congress, entitled Sacrifice of Enduring Love, is sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR). There is no charge for admission to the two-day event that will explore three vocations in depth — the Priesthood, Religious Life, and Marriage. In addition to other displays, a piece of the actual tilma of St. Juan Diego will be exhibited. For more information about the Congress, visit www.cmswr.org or write: P.O. Box 4467, Washington, DC 20017.

This Week @ St. Stephen's

8/24-Monday-9am Mass
8/25-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
8/26-Wednesday-9am Mass
8/27-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
8/28-Friday-9am Mass
8/29-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass
8/30-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

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.

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!

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

We have noticed many new faces in our place of worship and want to extend our heartfelt welcome to St. Stephen's! If you wish to register, forms are available in the rectory office AND on our church website at www.StStephensPennsauken.com. You may also call the rectory at 662-9338, ext. 6 and we will be happy to mail you a form. Once again, welcome, and enjoy the hospitality and warm Christian atmosphere that is St. Stephen's!

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 Registrations DUE NOW!

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.**

41st Annual Country Fair

Gala Polish Festival Sunday, Sept. 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,
Funnel cakes, hot dogs, potato pancakes,
beer, soda, ice cream, coffee & cake.
\$4 donation, kids under 13 free!
Info: (856) 424-1962

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### 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.

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FOCCUS Pre-Marital Inventory FACILITATOR TRAINING

Saturday, September 26, 2009 - 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Our Lady of Peace, Williamstown, NJ
Certified FOCCUS Trainer: Deacon Mike McDonough
Registration Deadline: Sept. 8, 2009
Another FOCCUS Training Day will be held in Ocean City, NJ, on November 7, 2009, by certified FOCCUS trainer, Deacon Joseph Orlando. FOCCUS Facilitator Training is for those who will help administer the FOCCUS inventory for engaged couples and assist the engaged in discussing important issues prior to marriage. If you are interested in assisting with Marriage Preparation and FOCCUS, check with your pastor then contact Marie Rosney at 856-583-6164 or mrosney@camdendiocese.org for a registration form.

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### 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.

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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 on Page 5, 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.

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### Parish Picnic News & Needs

**Saturday, September 26, 2009**

**1:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Harvest Liturgy @ 4:30pm**

**Coffee, Dessert & Music after Mass**

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](mailto:penn610@aol.com)**

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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.

Farewell Salutations from Fr. Godfrey Amobi, AJ

Dear Parishioners of Saint Stephen's Parish,

It's amazing how time runs so fast in life! I cannot believe that it's already coming to three months since I jetted in. As I am about to fly back to Africa on the 2nd of September 2009, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for what you have been to me individually, as I met and chatted with you after Mass and in the compound; and as a community at Masses I celebrated. I found you to be a very warm, loving and welcoming community and I feel blest to have gotten the opportunity of being with you for the three months. No wonder time went so fast! You are a very smiling, generous, committed and God-fearing family. In you I found a home outside home.

I will be going directly to Uru seminary in Tanzania where I work as a spiritual mentor and confessor of three hundred (300) young men aspiring to become priests in their teens (high school students). Some of the things I am leaving with in my mind to express to these young men are the shortages of priestly and religious vocations in the USA and the sad reality of parishes closing as a result of this phenomenon. On the contrary, while in our seminary and elsewhere, there are many dedicated young men dropping out because they cannot afford tuition and other scholastic requirements, it is sad to see parishes closing because priests are few. I intend to share with these young men my experience here. Most of these seminarians hail from very poor and disadvantaged families struggling with their upkeep and my experience here may increase in them the zeal and determination to become missionaries to serve in such situations. I will ask them to pray for more vocations in the USA as well as for you as we collaborate in building together God's kingdom. I ask you to remember to pray not only for these young men to the priesthood, but also those who are not so fortunate whom I am sure to meet. As a universal church, we share in each other's pains, joys and sufferings.

After a couple of weeks at Uru, I will leave for my home at Uleppi parish -Nebbi diocese -in Uganda. I am disturbed by the news from home that there is untold drought and people are suffering from hunger and starvation, and the weak ones- the elderly, the sick and the young are actually passing away. Despite the recession here, my experience is that you have been blest as a nation by God with so much to be proud of and thankful to God for what you have! It's only when you are out of your motherland as I did when you come to know how much you are blest! The genuinely needy people cut across all generations in Africa and especially where I minister and where I was born. They range from kids--that Jesus so fervently loved, to the teenagers--especially students requiring attention to their school requirements, the women--who are the pillars of most of our families, the elderly--so much broken-hearted by famine, illness with no medical attention and hunger.

May I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Vince your pastor for extending to me his invitation to come over. I love his life of holiness and commitment to his duty. I can't forget Fr. Tom Kiely who made me feel so much at home, especially in the absence of Vince. Fr. Tom's brothers Tim and John were such a marvelous company to me. Deacon Ernie made me feel confident during the celebration of the Mass.

On the same note, my salutations go to the joyous community of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and especially Sr. Bernadette, who was always ready with answers for any of my inquiries about the parish. Of course I will miss my student of Swahili language, Sr. Stella. I cannot forget the choir that always allowed me to join them to sing during the Mass. They have imparted perpetual memories in me and increased my love for music. I hope to teach them a few Swahili songs some day, when you invite me again. I will not forget the particular parishioners who extended invitations to me for a dinner, a lunch or a BBQ. Jesus tells us that he who welcomes you because you are a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, Mathew 10:40-42. May you receive that reward and blessing of the Lord!

I would like to congratulate you all for persevering in living the life of St. Stephen your patron- a life of witnessing to Christ in all that you do. I will miss you all, but I will keep you in prayers and pray for me too.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Godfrey Amobi

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