

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

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## August 24, 2008 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am  
Saturday – 4:30pm --- Sunday – 9:00am, 10:30am & 4:30pm  
Youth Mass: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month @ 1pm.  
Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 25, 2008**  
9:00am Elva Pepa r/b Robert Pepa (from Tuesday)

**TUESDAY August 26, 2008 – No Mass, No Rosary**  
**WEDNESDAY August 27, 2008 – No Mass**  
*Our Parking Lot will be resealed these 2 days.*

**THURSDAY August 28, 2008 (Novena to follow 9am)**  
9:00am Mateo Oler r/b Fran Conway

**FRIDAY August 29, 2008**  
9:00am The Good Intentions of M. Cody Lee  
r/b Grandmother (from Wednesday)

**SATURDAY August 30, 2008**  
9:00am James Laurito r/b Dorothy Cerone & Family  
4:30pm Rose Opperman r/b Her Sister Carmella Meyers

**SUNDAY August 31, 2008**  
9:00am Mary Pepa r/b Robert Pepa  
Eleanor Karnish r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta  
10:30am Walter Sikorski r/b Wife & Children  
4:30pm People of the Parish (*Current Living Parishioners*)

***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.

**Offertory Collection August 16/17, 2008: \$5,353.25**  
**Comparison August 18/19, 2007 \$6,234.75**  
**Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$7,200.00**  
**Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average: \$5,926.63**

***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](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.

**St. Vincent de Paul Hotline (856) 581-7980**  
**New Playground Hotline (609) 238-9471**



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> Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 All 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays @ 4:30pm</p>
<p><i>Info: Tery Mattera (856) 488-6357</i></p>	

***Ministry Schedule for August 30/31***

**Saturday, 4:30pm**  
**Altar Servers:** R. Garofalo, T. Holmes, N. Marchione  
**EM's:** P. Antonelli, L. Garofalo, J. Messina, P. Krohn, J. Heininger  
**Lectors:** L. Heininger, A. Midili

**Sunday, 9:00am**  
**Altar Servers:** C. Rosario, M & C Hearn  
**EM's:** S. Marano, J. Rosario, M. Gunderson, S. Mufalli, L. Picknally  
**Lectors:** D. Heck, J. Robinson

**Sunday, 10:30am**  
**Altar Servers:** C. Otto, R & C Aleszczyk  
**EM's:** C. Otto, B. Buffington, L. D'Alessandro,  
D. Caruso, A. Mulholland  
**Lectors:** The Luthmans

**Sunday, 4:30pm**  
**Altar Servers:** H. Morris, W. McHugh  
**EM's:** P. Petronis, The Klecko's  
**Lectors:** A. Yeager, C. Mattera

August 31<sup>st</sup> bulletin deadline: August 25<sup>th</sup> @ Noon  
1-page Bulletin Inserts are due 9am Friday, 9 days before issue.

***CCD Registrations are still ongoing.***  
**However, registrations will not be accepted on opening night, September 10, 2008.**  
Forms are available on our parish website and in the Rectory office.

## This Week @ St. Stephen's

8/25-Monday-9am Mass  
 8/26-Tuesday-No Mass, No 7pm Rosary (Parking Lot reseal)  
 8/27-Wednesday-No Mass (Parking Lot reseal)  
 8/28-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena  
 8/29-Friday-9am Mass (Rectory Closed)  
 8/30-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 8/31-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. (Note: August 26<sup>th</sup> has been canceled).

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month @ 7pm at Stonegate.

Our next meeting will be held on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

### Rectory Hours This Week: Aug. 25-29

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

Friday, Closed for Labor Day Weekend

### Masses/Rosary Canceled Aug. 26/27

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, August 26 & 27, our parking lot will be resealed. The original Mass Intentions for those days have been moved per the schedule on page 2. We apologize for this inconvenience.

### 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

Special Thank You to Elizabeth Santore for this week's Altar Flowers for her special intentions to St. Teresa.

Many thanks also to Eileen Ziegler for her beautiful artwork in front of the Altar that we have enjoyed during the summer.

### 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:

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.

### NHM NEWS

"Every good we do for another is already a share in Jesus' glory. "

The response for religious articles for the residents of Cooper River West Nursing Home has been overwhelming. Isn't it amazing when our "extras" become a treasure for another person?

If you would like to donate, the box for religious articles is in the back of the church. God bless you!

### 2001 Ford Windstar – Sold!

The parish is pleased to announce the sale of this vehicle for the amount of \$3,800. Many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ciarrocca for this donation to our church and Parish Trustee Keith Knight for accelerating the process of the sale.

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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

### 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. The first meeting each month will be held at the Merchantville Diner on Centre Street. The remaining meetings will be held in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. Hope to see you on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Diner. For further info call Joe Fagan at 662-5908.

### Stewardship Reflection

*"Stewards Seek God's Ways"*

**"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.

### National Shrine Pilgrimage Oct. 11

St. Agnes Church in Blackwood is offering a bus for the Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, DC on Saturday October 11, 2008. Cost is \$47 (non-refundable) per person and is due before September 30<sup>th</sup>. Call Mike or Maureen at (856) 401-2633 for tickets.

### "Laps for Life" Swimming Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept 6th, 8am-1pm

**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.

*(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 The senses of Scripture

115 According to an ancient tradition, one can distinguish between two senses of Scripture: the literal and the spiritual, the latter being subdivided into the allegorical, moral and anagogical senses. The profound concordance of the four senses guarantees all its richness to the living reading of Scripture in the Church.

116 The literal sense is the meaning conveyed by the words of Scripture and discovered by exegesis, following the rules of sound interpretation: "All other senses of Sacred Scripture are based on the literal."83

117 The spiritual sense. Thanks to the unity of God's plan, not only the text of Scripture but also the realities and events about which it speaks can be signs.

1. The allegorical sense. We can acquire a more profound understanding of events by recognizing their significance in Christ; thus the crossing of the Red Sea is a sign or type of Christ's victory and also of Christian Baptism.84

2. The moral sense. The events reported in Scripture ought to lead us to act justly. As St. Paul says, they were written "for our instruction".85

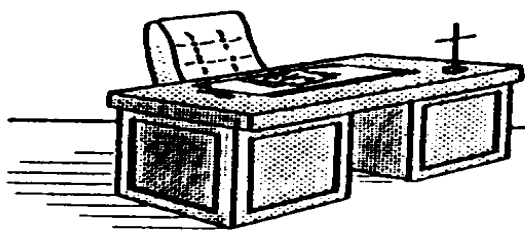
3. The anagogical sense (Greek: anagoge, "leading"). We can view realities and events in terms of their eternal significance, leading us toward our true homeland: thus the Church on earth is a sign of the heavenly Jerusalem.86

118 A medieval couplet summarizes the significance of the four senses:

The Letter speaks of deeds; Allegory to faith;  
The Moral how to act; Anagogy our destiny.87

119 "It is the task of exegetes to work, according to these rules, towards a better understanding and explanation of the meaning of Sacred Scripture in order that their research may help the Church to form a firmer judgement. For, of course, all that has been said about the manner of interpreting Scripture is ultimately subject to the judgement of the Church which exercises the divinely conferred commission and ministry of watching over and interpreting the Word of God."88

But I would not believe in the Gospel, had not the authority of the Catholic Church already moved me. 89



*From the Desk of  
Father Vincent Orum, AJ*

## *My Journey Home*

My journey home was very emotional and a tiring one. I left Saint Stephen's on Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 having received the news about Dad's death and traveled 8 and ½ hrs from Newark to London. There I had to wait for 11 hrs for a connecting flight to Nairobi and after flying for 9 hrs, we landed in Jommo Kenyatta Airport on Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:45 am East African time. I waited for 2 hrs for the connecting flight to Entebbe Airport in Uganda. We flew for an hour and finally landed at Entebbe.

My initial plan was to get another flight to Arua, the neighboring town (about 77 miles) to my Village. Unfortunately, there was no afternoon flight such that I had to board a 1pm Bus coach for a distance of 450 miles to my Village. I got the last rear seats occupied by six of us. It was a very discomfoting travel but I offered it all for my Dad!

I found my younger brother Silvio Fred waiting for me in Nebbi Town; a nearby town about 12 miles from home and we drove home where I paid my respect to Dad. We prayed the rosary and sung in tears the song he taught while we were young in Latin "**Salve Regina, Mater Miseri Cordiea**". I felt he would have loved to hear that sung by us his children!

On Monday July 20<sup>th</sup>, Dad's body was taken from the Village to the Parish church and we had the funeral Mass led by Bishop Martin Luluga, his Vicar General and over twenty priests, religious nuns, Government dignitaries and the Christians of Paidha Parish. Following his will, we laid him to rest in the Parish cemetery next to Fr. Joseph Oyulu, the first diocesan priest of Paidha who was accidentally burnt to death by Gas in 1978 in Pokea minor Seminary.

On Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 we had his last funeral rites according to our customs whereby Mass is offered in honor and memory of the dead as a celebration of the deceased life on earth. Relatives, friends and people of all walks of life converged at my home once again to encourage and strengthen us. Customarily, all the immediate relatives had to be given a place of reception because they cannot go overnight. So, we had visitors coming in and out for almost a week. It was a celebration indeed of a great man of faith!

The last conversation I had with Dad was on Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 when I was told that Dad was not feeling well and a priest came to administer the Anointing of the Sick. He was more concerned with my pastoral programs in the Parish of Saint Stephen than his health. He wanted to know my health situation and whether I had an additional priest and how I was handling my ministry. He finally thanked me and assured me that he was praying for me. I also told him that the Christians of Saint Stephen were praying for him and I was going to offer morning Mass that Sunday for him.

Since that Sunday, any other efforts to communicate with my Dad in the hospital were fruitless. He only answered me "Hullo!" on Tuesday twice but had no strength to hold on but I assured him that we are praying for him and if it was God's will He and we would accept it in good faith. He did that on Friday whereby he just breathed his last peacefully at 2 pm! Allow me to express my profound gratitude to all of you on behalf of my family for your prayerful support when I lost our dad. Your emails, phone calls and cards were very consoling and encouraging to my family and me.

In a very special way, I would like to thank Diane and Mike Casey who had to leave behind their one-month old Dan Vincent Casey in Swedesboro to come and give me encouragement and the sacrifice to drive me to the Airport in Newark.

I cannot say thank you enough to Rick and Bernice Taylor, Rick and Denise Caruso and John Grasso's family from Saint Joe's in Swedesboro who provided me with the Air ticket, travel and burial expenses! May God reward you all generously and in surplus!