

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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August 3, 2008 – 18th 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 4, 2008**
9:00am Jake Veneziani r/b Wife Sandy & Children
- TUESDAY August 5, 2008**
9:00am Anna Dippolito r/b Family
- WEDNESDAY August 6, 2008**
9:00am Margaret Lynch r/b Rosemary
Betty Norris r/b Family
- THURSDAY August 7, 2008 (Novena to follow)**
9:00am Dan Conway r/b Family
- FRIDAY August 8, 2008**
9:00am William Loperfido r/b Bill & Lucille Buffington
- SATURDAY August 9, 2008**
9:00am
4:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Parishioner
Rita Marino r/b Betty & Nick Picciano
- SUNDAY August 10, 2008**
9:00am William Huhn r/b Jim Pennestri
Marion Missimer r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am Frances Abbatelli r/b John & Colleen Messina
Glenn Clark r/b His Family
4:30pm People of the Parish *(Current Living Parishioners)*

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
Memory of Our Deceased U.S. Military.***

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 July 26/27, 2008:	\$5,752.31
Comparison July 28/29, 2007	\$5,451.92
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$7,200.00
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,949.32

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.



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, Jennifer Osborn, Chris Picciano, Rita Picciano, 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 9/10

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: K. Sullivan, H. Morris, E. Stemetzki
EM's: T. Veneziani, S. Eisenhardt, M. Baratta, The Monaco's
Lectors: The McKenna's

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: S. Morales, C. Rosario, T. Mason
EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, R. Leone, B. O'Donnell, N. Schmidt
Lectors: M. Miller, D. Heck

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: R & R Buchholz, P. Luthman
EM's: C. Otto, The Fagans, The Tutwilers
Lectors: The Zieglers

Sunday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: E. Mattera, E. Pandola
EM's: T. Mattera, P. Petronis, P. Antonelli
Lectors: The McKeans

August Lector schedules are now available for pickup in the Sacristy of the Church.

August 10th bulletin deadline: August 4th @ 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

8/4-Monday-9am Mass
8/5-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Picnic Mtg.
8/6-Wednesday-9am Mass
8/7-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
8/8-Friday-9am Mass
8/9-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
8/10-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 2 meetings will be held on August 7th & 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

Summer Rectory Hours- Revised

Monday 9am-7pm

(Monday we offer extended hours w/ volunteers)

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

Friday: 9am-1pm

Apostles of Jesus-40th Anniversary

The Apostles of Jesus (Fr. Vince's Order), zone of New York, New Jersey, Florida, Maine and New Hampshire will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of their Institute on Friday, August 22, 2008 right here at St. Stephen's. You are invited to come and join them at the Sacrifice of Mass at 2:00pm.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Weeding!

WEED really appreciate your help in keeping the weeds from growing back. When you call the rectory @ 662-9338, we will designate your spot within the grounds and you'll be responsible for weeding every other week. Thank you!

CAR ALERT!

NEEDED: a dependable second hand car, in good condition, w/ automatic transmission for Sr. Bernadette. As you may know, Sr. Bernadette is our Pastoral Associate and as such, visits the sick and handicapped on a daily basis. You will be blessed many times over.

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.camdenccatholicalumni.org or at the main office of the school.

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

Please join us for a planning meeting this
Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008 at 7:30 pm
in the Rectory basement.



Stewardship Reflection "Stewards Observe Commandments"

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."
-John 14:21

Good stewardship is guided by observing God's commandments. When we give of our time, talent and treasure in a social concern ministry, we are following the commandment to love our neighbor as ourself.



A Short Story

This is a short story about four people named **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.**

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

The End.

(A weekly continuing series)

Part 1 – The Profession of Faith
Section 1 – I Believe, We Believe
Chapter 2 – God Comes to Meet Man

Article 2 – The Transmission of Divine Revelation

III. The Interpretation of the Heritage of Faith

Growth in understanding the faith

94 Thanks to the assistance of the Holy Spirit, the understanding of both the realities and the words of the heritage of faith is able to grow in the life of the Church:

- "through the contemplation and study of believers who ponder these things in their hearts",⁵⁷ it is in particular "theological research [which] deepens knowledge of revealed truth".⁵⁸

- "from the intimate sense of spiritual realities which [believers] experience",⁵⁹ the sacred Scriptures "grow with the one who reads them".⁶⁰

- "from the preaching of those who have received, along with their right of succession in the episcopate, the sure charism of truth".⁶¹

95 "It is clear therefore that, in the supremely wise arrangement of God, sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Working together, each in its own way, under the action of the one Holy Spirit, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls."⁶²

IN BRIEF

96 What Christ entrusted to the apostles, they in turn handed on by their preaching and writing, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to all generations, until Christ returns in glory.

97 "Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture make up a single sacred deposit of the Word of God" (DV 10) in which, as in a mirror, the pilgrim Church contemplates God, the source of all her riches.

98 "The Church, in her doctrine, life and worship, perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes" (DV 8 § 1).

99 Thanks to its supernatural sense of faith, the People of God as a whole never ceases to welcome, to penetrate more deeply and to live more fully from the gift of divine Revelation.

100 The task of interpreting the Word of God authentically has been entrusted solely to the Magisterium of the Church, that is, to the Pope and to the bishops in communion with him.

Stonegate at St. Stephen.....innovative senior housing

By Rita D. Vogt, Real Estate Communications

The first parish-based development by the Housing Services Corporation (HSC) of the Diocese of Camden, Stonegate is located on a site which is part of the 14 acre community of St. Stephen Parish in Pennsauken, New Jersey. This campus-like setting also contains a grade school, church, convent and rectory; more formerly known as St. Stephen Grammar School and St. Stephen Parish. Stonegate at St. Stephen is a 75 one bedroom unit senior affordable housing project which is age and income restricted. The idea behind this award winning property is to meld together seniors, children and adult parishioners for a more integrated lifestyle. Typically senior housing is segregated from communities, with residents having little exposure to other age groups. At Stonegate, it is common practice for the residents to take part in school activities and events, to participate in church ministries such as the choir and to attend daily Mass. The residents of Stonegate are well-known to many of the children and their parents and the Stonegate community room has become the hub of parish activities. This union of various age groups provides an understanding and respect of each other that would be impossible to mandate by law. In living and working side by side with the parishioners, the community of Stonegate at St. Stephen presents the best social climate imaginable. The Housing Services Corporation has successfully brought together both professional affordable housing development and management expertise with a Parish that provides the local connection. The marriage of seniors, young adults and grade school children in a caring environment produces a wonderful mix of personalities and cultures, interacting in a harmonious social setting.

Housing Services Corporation of the Diocese of Camden was established in 2000 as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. HSC serves Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties in New Jersey. It also maintains a Burlington County project with the consent of the Diocese of Trenton. The Housing Services Corporation of the Diocese of Camden, Inc. is headed by Curtis H. Johnson, Jr., MPA; it's strategic plan is to develop at least one large (75 or more units) Parish-based low and moderate income housing project per year, where one or more parishes serve as the project sponsor and HSC acts as developer and property manager. The plan is to utilize a mix of HUD Section 202 Senior Rental Housing and IRS Section 42 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) subsidy programs as primary financing vehicles. As new HSC developments come into service, geographic regions will contain more than a single HSC facility. This will create opportunities for management by region and increased specialization and sharing of staff positions. The HSC will then replace its current site-specific management structure with a regional strategy. By responding to this opportunity, the HSC will become a more efficient and cost-effective property manager for the clients it serves. Professional development that includes training in a range of job functions and Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM®) certification is offered to existing staff.

Stonegate at St. Stephen senior housing was recently named as a 2008 Merit Award winner by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)., and Stonegate has also been nominated for an Agency Excellence Award. The purpose of the Excellence award is to recognize outstanding innovation and achievement in housing and community development programs throughout the county. Stonegate awaits news of its placement in the program as of this writing.

Oversight of parish-based senior housing would be a new experience for most property managers, who are typically trained in the management of apartment, condo or townhouse communities. But for Sandra E. Walden, CPM®, Property Management Director for Diocesan Housing Services Corporation of the Diocese of Camden, it is just another day. In addition to Stonegate, Sandra oversees office and maintenance staff at five (5) other HSC sites; Victorian Housing in Cape May, Village Apartments of Cherry Hill in Cherry Hill, Shepherd's Farm Senior Housing in West Deptford, Haven House Senior Housing in North Cape May and Davenport Village in Hainesport. A new property, the Village of St. Peter Senior Housing in Pleasantville (which expects to break ground next spring) will expand her portfolio to seven (7) properties.

When asked how she views her responsibilities at Stonegate, Walden, a member of IREM's Southern New Jersey Chapter No 101 replied, "Stonegate is an independent living facility and our residents display a spirited independence. On entering the building they make you feel welcomed and it is always a pleasure to associate with them. With their need for safe affordable housing met, they focus on other life necessities and enjoyments. The residents take charge of their daily activities organizing many social functions and entertainment events, thereby ensuring a longer life span by caring for their own physical, mental and emotional health. They have definitely created their own sense of community, always careful to tie in the parish and schools whenever possible and it is always a delight to hear of their next adventure."

In speaking of her position with the Diocesan Housing Services Corporation of the Diocese of Camden, Inc., Sandra states; " HSC recognizes good property management is important, even vital for the success of each development, therefore we strive for excellence. Each site has a staff that is not only concerned that we keep accurate records, routine maintenance and accounting practices but works diligently to meet the many needs of the populations we serve. Our intent is to improve the lives of our residents and I am proud to be associated with such individuals. I also take pride in the fact that as a team we are addressing a great need that grows each year, and together with Diocesan Housing Services Corporation we will continue to provide luxury affordable housing for our seniors."

