

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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August 30, 2009 – 22nd 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 August 31, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am Mary Grasso r/b Marie & Rich Cody

TUESDAY Sept. 1, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am Joseph Marfice r/b M/M Ernest Scrivani

WEDNESDAY Sept. 2, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am Irene & Bill Wildes r/b Her Sister

THURSDAY Sept. 3, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am + Novena Paul Cuzzupe r/b Paul Tryson (from 7/31/09)

FRIDAY Sept. 4, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)—First Friday
9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Alfreda Novak

SATURDAY Sept. 5, 2009
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
(Presider: Fr. Vince)

4:30pm Josephine Leahy r/b The Leahy Family
Jessie Dixon r/b M/M Baylor
(Presider: Fr. Vince)

SUNDAY Sept. 6, 2009
9:00am Victor Gerst, Sr. r/b Jeanne & Joseph Gerst
William & Mary McNulty
r/b Michele McNulty & Jim Casey
(Presider: Fr. Vince)

10:30am James Cummings, Sr. r/b Margaret Cummings
Daniel Conway r/b Family
(Presider: Fr. Vince)

***The Sanctuary Candle this week
is in Memory of Nicholas Colafrancesco.***

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 22/23, 2009 Attendance/Collection 482/ \$5,949
August 23/24, 2008 Attendance/Collection 459/ \$4,775
Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$6,154
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average: \$5,359

We'd like to thank **Mrs. Betsy McBride** for volunteering to be our new **Chairperson for the St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Anyone interested in becoming a committee member may contact Betsy at (856) 665-3722.

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 Alessandrone, 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 September 5/6

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: E. Mattera, E. Stemetzki, K. Sullivan
EM's: The Pandola's, P. Krohn, Sr. Eleanora, T. Angstman
Lectors: P. Palazzo, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: W. McHugh, R. Buchholz, H. Atchison
EM's: The Monaco's, S. Marano, N. Schmidt, J. Rosario
Lectors: J. Messina, D. Heck

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: R&C Aleszczyk, D. Saranchak
EM's: W. Delfin, T. Link, M. Miller, The Fagans
Lectors: The Links

Weekly Bulletin Deadline: **Monday @ Noon**

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

8/31-Monday-9am Mass
 9/1-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 9/2-Wednesday-9am Mass, **School reopens, 7pm Fundraising Mtg.**
 9/3-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Rosary Makers
 9/4-**First Friday**-9am Mass, **Adoration until 7pm**
 9/5-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 9/6-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This Friday, September 4th is the First Friday of the Month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9am Mass and continue until 7pm.

Feast of the Holy Cross

All are encouraged to bring in your **crucifixes** from your homes at all Masses the **weekend of Sept. 12/13** for a special blessing as September 14th is the Feast of the Holy Cross.

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 Betty @ 662-6928 for September 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.**

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.**

**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.



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\



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



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.



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.

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



CCHS Class of '64 Reunion

Camden Catholic High School's Class of '64 will hold its 45th Reunion on **October 10, 2009** at he Renault Winery Tuscany House in Egg Harbor, NJ. Call Bernie Egan at (856) 547-8500 for more information and reservations.



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.

From the Desk of Father Vincent Orum, AJ

1.1. An African Professor of Philosophy by the name of Reverend John Mbiti once said, “**I am because you are, since you are therefore I am**” to underscore the African and indeed the human value of being community minded. It is also the expression of the inner craving for that sense of belonging or the fact that “**No man is an Island.**” Many existential Philosophers in our modern era describe and define us as “**being in such of the otherness in the other.**” For at the depth of our being, there is a longing for the need to be part of a family, a group/community so as to embrace the gift of being accepted or the need of belonging and mutuality.

No wonder Ancient Greek philosophers like Aristotle described us not only as thinking/rational beings, but **social animals!** This in itself affirms the Scriptural passage in **Genesis 1:26-27** where God in his creative Word echoed, “**Let us make man in our own image after our likeness...**”. And the Scriptures continue, “**God created man in his image, in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.**”

Hence, God who is triune God by nature willed that we be part of a family or form a community of persons. We cannot pretend to deny this inner craving and longing for companionship in the face of modern isolationism and individualism, which is an annihilation of our true identity and nature as created and willed by the creator.

When Fr. Godfrey Amobi, AJ arrived in the Parish toward the end of May, he brought that sense of living in a family community and togetherness as we lived together for the most part! It’s sad for me that we have to wish him a safe journey and goodbye to his mission in Africa among the young men aspiring to the priesthood and yet that is what it means to be a Missionary; to be sent and always ready on the move once called upon. We hope to see him again with us in future.

However, I would like on behalf of Saint Stephen’s Parish community, to thank Fr. Godfrey for his three-month stay with us and wish him all the best in his ministry in Tanzania!

1.2. On behalf of the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries in the USA and indeed Africa as a whole, may I express our gratitude for your prayerful and financial support in the celebration of our 40th Anniversary at the Bronx, New York on August 22nd, 2009. We had a wonderful celebration of the Eucharist presided over by the Auxiliary Bishop of New York Arch Diocese, Most Reverend Josu Iriondo flanked by over thirty priests of the Apostles of Jesus and the Diocesan Priests. Many Parishioners and friends of the Apostles of Jesus came to celebrate with us as far as from Tennessee, Cleveland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Syracuse, Oregon, Florida, Washington, DC etc. I was deeply moved by the presence of Joe & Lorraine Bohnage, John & Mary Ann Zagorski from St. Joseph, Swedesboro at the celebration in the Bronx. It was an expression of great solidarity and appreciation of the presence of the Apostles of Jesus in the mission and ministry of evangelization in United States of America. The parishioners of Saint Angela Merici, Bronx, Sts. James and John did a commendable Liturgical Music and entertainment at the cocktail gathering and the auctions of African arts and crafts.

In a special way, I would like to express my gratitude to our parishioners Veronica Deighan, Joe & Maria Haas, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, John & Mary Fitzpatrick, John & Anne Marie Meyer, William & Betty McWilliams and Enrico & Denise Caruso. Even though you were not there in person, your donations to the Apostles of Jesus were highly appreciated and acknowledged.

Furthermore, my profound appreciation to the members and friends from Saint Joseph’s in Swedesboro: Rita Marino, John & Mary Ann Grasso, Kim Roos, Jeanne M. Daly, Paul & Marge Dombrosky, Vincent & Elaine Long, John & Mary Ann Zagorski, Reginald & Doris Hall, Sonia & Lutgardo Tagle, Anthony & Sarah Picciano and Bill & Carol Dupper; Joe & Lorraine Bohnage, Mary Delviscio (Morton Pennsylvania) and Suzanne Steinberger (Delaware). Your cards, donations and the beautiful words of encouragement meant a lot to me as a member of the Apostles of Jesus. May God reward you all and keep on praying for each other. Amen.