

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

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## August 31, 2008 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am  
Saturday – 4:30pm  
Sunday – 9:00am, 10:30am & 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 thru Friday 9am-4:30pm

### 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 September 1, 2008 (Labor Day) 9:00am
TUESDAY September 2, 2008 9:00am
WEDNESDAY September 3, 2008 9:00am Morrie Fields r/b The Ellis Family
THURSDAY September 4, 2008 (Novena to follow 9am) 9:00am Anna Dippolito r/b Family
FRIDAY September 5, 2008 (First Friday) 9:00am Josephine E. Leahy r/b The Leahy Family
SATURDAY September 6, 2008 9:00am 4:30pm Anthony & Philomena Gini r/b Family William Loperfido r/b Gene Leone
SUNDAY September 7, 2008 9:00am Victor Gerst, Sr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst Salvatore Lombardo r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta 10:30am Jim Cummings, Sr. r/b Marge Cummings Carrie Olson r/b Liz & Boys 4:30pm People of the Parish (Current Living Parishioners) (September 7th is the last Sunday 4:30pm Mass)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Anne & Frank Gardner.

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.

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name and Amount. Rows include Offertory Collection August 23/24, 2008 (\$5,095.11), Comparison August 25/26, 2007 (\$5,494.68), Budgeted Weekly Collection (\$7,200.00), and Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average (\$5,822.69).

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.

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.

Ministry Schedule for September 6/7

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Vance, N. Marchione, L. Miller
EM's: T. Veneziani, T. Angstman, A. Knight, The Heiningers
Lectors: C. Mattera, P. Krohn

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: W. McHugh, M. DiRico, C. Rosario
EM's: P. Krohn, S. Marano, K. Layton, R. Davis, N. Schmidt
Lectors: J. Robinson, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: B. Schuettrumpf, K & K Bowman
EM's: L. Picknally, J. Messina, B. Buffington, L. Solano, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: M. Link, C. Otto

Last Sunday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: E. Mattera, S. Miller
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, L. McHugh, M. Novoa
Lectors: The McHughs

September 7th bulletin deadline: Sept. 2nd @ Noon

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***

9/1-Monday-9am Mass, **Rectory Closed on Labor Day**  
 9/2-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 9/3-Wednesday-9am Mass. **Welcome back to School!**  
 9/4-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Rosary Makers  
 9/5-First Friday-9am Mass, **Adoration until 7pm**  
 9/6-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 9/7-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 Bernice @ 662-4641 for the month of September.

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.

*Items are not being accepted at the rectory this year.*

*We also need more volunteers to help with pickups.*

*Next pickup night: Tuesday Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6pm at the Rectory*

### ***Baked Goods for the Yard Sale***

Volunteers are needed to donate baked goods for this year's Yard Sale. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby of the church and you may contact **Linda Gruber @ 665-7369** for more info.

### ***Leader Needed***

The Fundraising Committee needs someone to lead them in the next parish raffle. With the understanding that the committee will give its full support in helping out with the raffle, if you would like to head it up, please call 227-4980.

### ***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

This Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> is the First Friday of the Month. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9am Mass and continue until 7pm.

### ***The Sunday 4:30pm Mass***

Sunday, September 7, 2008 we will celebrate our last Sunday 4:30pm Mass. This also includes the Youth Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Effective Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>, Sunday Masses will only be celebrated at 9am & 10:30am.

### ***Rectory Office Hours***

Effective Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> we will resume our normal office hours of Monday thru Friday from 9am-4:30pm. Our extended office hours with volunteers until 7pm have been discontinued.

### ***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

### ***Art & Environment Ministry Planning Meeting:***

As we journey through Ordinary Time A & E is moving closer to their busiest Liturgical season. Anyone interested in joining the Art & Environment Ministry are welcome to join the committee for a planning meeting on **Sept. 3rd. 7pm @ Stonegate**. The main topic will be the upcoming Welcome Back Picnic and Outdoor Mass. Please contact Maria Haas 665-8393 if you have any questions.

### ***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 Conference Room.

\* On the 4th Friday, YAM will be hosting a movie night followed by a discussion.

**September presentation will be "Remember the Titans"**

The group will gather in the Stonegate Main room at 6:30 for light refreshments. The movie starts at 7:00. Stonegate residents are welcomed to attend.

\* Join us for a one-day pilgrimage to the **National Shrine of the Grotto of Lourdes and the St Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg Maryland on Saturday Oct 4th**. Please RSVP by Sept 21 to John Hull at 316-2598

Just 3 weeks away!

**St. Stephen's Community Picnic  
Church--School--Stonegate  
Saturday, September 20, 2008  
Noon-4pm followed by 4:30pm 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.**

**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.

**Office of the Bishop  
Diocese of Camden**

**August, 2008**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
Each year the Peter's Pence Collection in support of the works of the Holy Father is taken up in order to provide emergency relief assistance to those around the world who suffer from war, oppression, disease and natural disasters. The collection will be taken up in parishes of our diocese the weekend of Sept. 6-7.

The theme for this year's Collection echoes that of Pope Benedict XVI's apostolic journey to the United States in April 2008—**Christ Our Hope**. The theme also reflects the message of his encyclical *Spe Salvi*: an invitation for people to encounter Jesus Christ personally. In the encyclical, the Holy Father said that faith in Christ brings well-founded hope in eternal salvation, the "great hope" that can sustain people through the trials of this world.

With gratitude for your past support, I ask you to give generously as your means allow and to pray for the Holy Father as well as those in need throughout the world.

Fraternally,  
**Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante, D.D., J.C.D.  
Bishop of Camden**

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*(A weekly continuing series)*

*Section One, "I Believe-We Believe"  
Chapter Two: God Comes to Meet Man  
Article 3: Sacred Scripture*

**IV. The Canon of Scripture**

**120** It was by the apostolic Tradition that the Church discerned which writings are to be included in the list of the sacred books.<sup>90</sup> This complete list is called the canon of Scripture. It includes 46 books for the Old Testament (45 if we count Jeremiah and Lamentations as one) and 27 for the New.<sup>91</sup>

*The Old Testament:* Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Songs, the Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zachariah and Malachi.

*The New Testament: the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the Acts of the Apostles, the Letters of St. Paul to the Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, the Letter to the Hebrews, the Letters of James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2 and 3 John, and Jude, and Revelation (the Apocalypse).*

**The Old Testament**

**121** The Old Testament is an indispensable part of Sacred Scripture. Its books are divinely inspired and retain a permanent value,<sup>92</sup> for the Old Covenant has never been revoked.

**122** Indeed, "the economy of the Old Testament was deliberately so oriented that it should prepare for and declare in prophecy the coming of Christ, redeemer of all men."<sup>93</sup> "Even though they contain matters imperfect and provisional,"<sup>94</sup> the books of the Old Testament bear witness to the whole divine pedagogy of God's saving love: these writings "are a storehouse of sublime teaching on God and of sound wisdom on human life, as well as a wonderful treasury of prayers; in them, too, the mystery of our salvation is present in a hidden way."<sup>95</sup>

**123** Christians venerate the Old Testament as true Word of God. The Church has always vigorously opposed the idea of rejecting the Old Testament under the pretext that the New has rendered it void (Marcionism).

# God's Pharmacy

*God left us a great clue as to what foods help what part of our body!*



**A sliced Carrot** looks like the human eye. The pupil, iris and radiating lines look just like the human eye...and YES science now shows that carrots greatly enhance blood flow to and function of the eyes.

**A Tomato** has four chambers and is red. The heart is red and has four chambers. All of the research shows tomatoes are indeed pure heart and blood food.

**Grapes** hang in a cluster that has the shape of the heart. Each grape looks like a blood cell and all of the research today shows that grapes are also profound heart and blood vitalizing food.

**A Walnut** looks like a little brain, a left and right hemisphere, upper cerebrums and lower cerebellums. Even the wrinkles or folds are on the nut just like the neo -cortex. We now know that walnuts help develop over 3 dozen neurotransmitters for brain function.

**Kidney Beans** actually heal and help maintain kidney function and yes, they look exactly like the human kidneys.

**Celery, Bok Choy, Rhubarb** and more look just like bones. These foods specifically target bone strength. Bones are 23% sodium and these foods are 23% sodium. If you don't have enough sodium in your diet the body pulls it from the bones, making them weak. These foods replenish the skeletal needs of the body.

**Eggplant, Avocados and Pears** target the health and function of the womb and cervix of the female - they look just like these organs. Today's research shows that when a woman eats 1 avocado a week, it balances hormones, sheds unwanted birth weight and prevents cervical cancers. And how profound is this? .... It takes exactly 9 months to grow an avocado from blossom to ripened fruit. There are over 14,000 photolytic chemical constituents of nutrition in each one of these foods (modern science has only studied and named about 141 of them).

**Sweet Potatoes** look like the pancreas and actually balance the glycemc index of diabetics.

**Olives** assist the health and function of the ovaries.

**Grapefruits, Oranges, and other Citrus fruits** look just like the mammary glands of the female and actually assist the health of the breasts and the movement of lymph in and out of the breasts.

**Onions** look like body cells. Today's research shows that onions help clear waste materials from all of the body cells. They even produce tears which wash the epithelial layers of the eyes.

