

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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August 9, 2009 – Nineteenth 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.

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 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 10, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince) Helen Sentivany r/b Sr. Rita Karnell, SSJ
TUESDAY 9:00am	August 11, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince) John Sarich, Sr. r/b Dorothea Dodds
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	August 12, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince) Mark Bisbing r/b Alfreda Novak
THURSDAY 9:00am + Novena	August 13, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey) Bill Loperfido (Birthday) r/b His Wife, Wanda
FRIDAY 9:00am	August 14, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Godfrey) Joseph Marfice r/b Aunt Margaret Brancato
SATURDAY 9:00am	August 15, 2009 (Not a Holy Day this Year) Matthew Marchione r/b Family (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)
4:30pm	Russ Cavaliere r/b Family Christopher Picciano r/b Rita Picciano (Presider: Fr. Vince)
SUNDAY 9:00am	August 16, 2009 Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter Rose Marie & Son Vincent Angelina Pennestri r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst (Presider: Fr. Vince)
10:30am	Bill Buffington r/b Hal & Marge Leone Julia Angotta r/b Louise D'Alessandro (Presider: Fr. Godfrey)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Russ Cavaliere.

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 1/2, 2009 Attendance/Collection	491 / \$5,739
August 2/3, 2008 Attendance/Collection	479/ \$7,190
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$TBA
Actual Y-T-D_Weekly Average:	\$5,368

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 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 August 15/16

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: E. Stemetzki, K. Sullivan
EM's: P. Krohn, P. Petronis, T. Mattera, Sr. Eleanora, S. Eisenhardt
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: K. Starts, W. McHugh
EM's: S. Marano, L. Rosario, T. Modzier, R. Davis, S. Mufalli
Lectors: M. Miller, J. Bowman

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Coars
EM's: The Fagans, W. Delfin, G. Tutwiler, M. Novoa
Lectors: The McBrides

Weekly Bulletin Deadline: **Monday @ Noon**
Full-page 1-sided Bulletin Inserts: **10 days before (Friday, 10am)**

Next Special 2nd Collection:
August 9, 2009: "Air Conditioning Fund"
September 13, 2009: "Holy Father"

Swine Flu Precautions

We continue to adhere to Bishop Galante's recommendations in his May 1st letter suggesting we avoid all various forms of physical contact during Mass (Greetings, Our Father, Sign of Peace, and distribution of the Precious Blood). The Bishop's letter and current updates from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention are available on our church website. While the state of New Jersey is in the "widespread" category, the USA has reported 5,514 hospitalizations and 353 deaths as of July 30. Thank you all for your cooperation & patience during this time.

This Week @ St. Stephen's

8/10-Monday-9am Mass
8/11-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
8/12-Wednesday-9am Mass
8/13-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
8/14-Friday-9am Mass
8/15-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass
8/16-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.

Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship Nourishment

"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" (I Kings 19:7b)

Jesus knew that the Stewardship journey would be difficult, so He gave us the nourishment of the Eucharist. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength to live out our calling to Stewardship.

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.

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 Registration Continues

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.**

Rectory Summer Office Hours

Effective now thru Sept. 4, 2009,
the Rectory Summer Office Hours are
Monday thru Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday: 9:00am – Noon

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!



In Loving Memory of Mary Ellen Gerst
1908-2009

Apostles of Jesus
Grand Finale August 22nd

Would like to take this time to remind you of the grand finale celebration of our 40th Anniversary which will take place at Saint Angela Merici - New York. The event will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, 2009. We will mark the closing of this celebration with the Holy Mass that will begin at 5:00pm followed by a fantastic dinner, auction, music and raffle. The donation for the dinner will be a minimum of \$50.00. We will be very happy to see as many of you join us in our zone to mark 40 years of the foundation of our congregation. Please reserve you seat and invite your friends to join the Apostles of Jesus in the Eastern Zone. Bring an Alb, Stole and Clergy Suit for the dinner. Come prepared to sing with us.

Sincerely,
Fr. Peter Mushi, AJ
Zonal Coordinator

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.

Volunteers Needed

Host Family for Camden Catholic High School International Students, 2009-2010 school year. Host family provides room and board while earning a generous monthly \$450, tax-free stipend. If you have room in your heart & home, contact Marilena at (215) 547-8486 for details.

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.

Parish Picnic News

Saturday, September 26th

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

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

From the Desk of Father Vincent Orum, AJ

Mass Stipends and Stole Fees

Laypeople are often confused and somewhat dismayed by the Catholic practice of priests accepting money for Masses and other ministerial services. They ask: "Is it not part of a priest's job to say Mass, dispense sacraments such as baptism and matrimony, and officiate at funerals? Aren't priests already paid to do these things?" As the U.S. Catholic laity becomes more involved and conversant with the operation of their parishes, such questions will become increasingly common.

Church law is unequivocally explicit about the subjects of Mass offerings (also called "stipends") and offerings that are given for sacraments and parish functions (called "stole fees").

In regard to Mass offerings, canon law says the following: "It is lawful for any priest who celebrates or concelebrates Mass to receive an offering to apply the Mass according to a definite intention" (Canon 945, § 1). John M. Huels in his *The Pastoral Companion* (Quincy, Ill.: Franciscan Press, 1995, page 110) says: "There can be no more than one offering conjoined with an intention accepted by each priest for a single Mass." Canon 951, section 1 further says that a priest who presides at more than one Mass on the same day may apply each one for an intention for which an offering is given; that on Christmas, a priest may keep offerings for three Masses celebrated; and that on all other days he may keep only one offering, and give the others to purposes prescribed by the ordinary [the bishop].

The amount of these offerings is set either by the bishops within a province or by local diocesan custom. No one is allowed to accept more Mass offerings to be applied by himself than he is able to satisfy within a year (Canon 953). When a priest or parish receives more stipends than can be used, they are typically turned over to priests in religious orders or in foreign missions. In other words, when Catholic clients ask their attorneys to include hundreds or even thousands of dollars for "Masses" in their wills, many if not all of the Masses will probably be said by priests in some distant land. Furthermore, according to Roman Catholic theology, when a Mass is "said" for someone, the amount of grace or spiritual benefit that person receives is as great from one Mass as it is from one thousand Masses. Therefore, Catholics might be encouraged to rethink the value of bequeathing a large sum of money for Masses. An appropriate charitable endowment gift for a parish or Catholic school might be a more desirable way of extending a donor's legacy.

In terms of stole fees, Canon 531 states that all stole fees (that is, offerings given by the faithful for certain parochial functions such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, and so on) and other voluntary offerings given to pastors, other priests, deacons, and lay ministers, are to be turned over to a parish fund to be used for the purpose specified by the bishop. Further, Huels in his *The Pastoral Companion* (page 331) says that any voluntary offering given over and above the established amount can be kept by the minister only if it is clear that this was the donor's intention. If there is any doubt about the donor's intention, the offering goes entirely to the parish fund.

Excerpt from "*Stewardship: A Parish Handbook*" by C. Justin Clements, pp. 68-69.