

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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September 14, 2008 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligations:

Saturday – 4:30pm

Sunday – 9:00am & 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 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 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 15, 2008 9:00am Thomas A. McMennin r/b Shirley Quinton
TUESDAY September 16, 2008 9:00am The Families of Dombrowski & Radwanski r/b Jane Dombrowski
WEDNESDAY September 17, 2008 9:00am Gabriel Navarra r/b Arthur Ruccolo
THURSDAY September 18, 2008 (Novena to follow) 9:00am Robert Olshan r/b The Schumin Family
FRIDAY September 19, 2008 9:00am
SATURDAY September 20, 2008 (4:30 is Outside Mass) 9:00am 4:30pm Good Intentions of the People of the Parish Mateo Oler r/b St. Stephen's Ushers Martha Laurito-Bruccoliere r/b Dorothy Cerone
SUNDAY September 21, 2008 9:00am 10:30am Morrie Fields r/b Jim & Agnes Madden Mary & Harry Donato r/b Anita Rachubinski

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Alice Riley.

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 Sept. 6/7, 2008 (\$9,135.38), Comparison Sept. 8/9, 2007 (\$7,653.50), Sept. 7 Peter Pence Collection (\$ 827.00), Budgeted Weekly Collection (\$7,200.00), and Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average (\$6,048.30).

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.



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, Patricia Booth, Marion Borreggine, Vincent Buondonno, Dominic Caruso, 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, Joe Siano, Mary Jo Stedrak, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Anthony Vocale, Jean Wenstrom.

Ministry Schedule for September 20/21

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: K. Sullivan, S. Ruff, E. Stemetzki
EM's: A. Knight, T. Scavuzzo, M. Novoa, The Klecko's
Lectors: P. Tryson

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: W. McHugh, M. DiRico
EM's: S. Marano, L. Rosario, S. Mufalli, A. DiGiacomo, N. Schmidt
Lectors: L. Sperduto, L. Modzier

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Otto, R & C Aleszczyk
EM's: The Tutwilers, A. Mulholland, J. Messina, L. Picknally
Lectors: V. Tutwiler, M. Ogden

September 21st bulletin deadline: Sept. 15th @ Noon

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

CCD Program Needs

Our CCD Program is still in need of Teachers, Subs and Aides. If you feel a calling to this wonderful Ministry, please call Adeline Gramlich, CRE at (856) 662-9338.

This Week @ St. Stephen's

9/15-Monday-9am Mass, 6:30pm Arts/Environment in church
 9/16-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 9/17-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
 9/18-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7:15pm Choir Practice
 9/19-Friday-9am Mass
 9/20-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 Noon-4pm Picnic, 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 9/21-Sunday-Masses @ 9am & 10:30am

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 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7pm at Stonegate.

Our next meeting will be held on September 18th.

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: Tuesday, Sept. 16th @ 6pm @ 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.

Next Saturday!

St. Stephen's Community Picnic Church--School--Stonegate

Saturday, September 20, 2008

Noon-4pm followed by 4:30pm Outside Mass

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 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.

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 October 4th at the Diner. More Info: **Joe Fagan @ 662-5908**.

Merion Academy Open House

All are welcome to attend Merion Mercy Academy's Open House on **Sunday, October 5th from 1-4pm**. A formal presentation will be held at 2:30pm. **The Scholarship and Entrance Exam will be given on Saturday, October 25th from 9am-12:30pm**. A make-up test will be given on November 1st at the same time. Registration is required.

Knights of Columbus Flea Market

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Fall Flea Market at St Cecilia's schoolyard on **Saturday, September 27 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.** For table rentals, donations, or other information, please call Lonnie at 856 662-6049.

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## 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.

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Stewardship Reflection

“Returned Blessings”

“The kindly man will be blessed, for he gives of his sustenance to the poor.” -Proverbs 22:9

Stewardship is the giving from our sustenance so deeply that this gift of our time, talent and treasure becomes a blessing to us as well as to those who benefit from our ministry of service.

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## Catholic Divorce Ministry

The Catholic Divorce Ministry of the Diocese of Camden will sponsor a support group for separated or divorced adults dealing with the pain that comes with the breakup of a marriage. **This 10-week seminar and support group will meet from 7:30pm-9:00pm starting on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Haddon Hts.** Registration is required by calling Ann at (856) 869-0076. There is a \$35 registration fee for the workbooks used.

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Pennsauken's Craft & Car Show!

Pennsauken Township invites you to enjoy a day of fun, food and entertainment for the whole family at its annual Fall Festival & Car Show on **Sunday, Sept. 28th** from 11am to 4pm. along Westfield Avenue. Crafter spaces and car registrations are still being accepted. For craft space at \$20, please call (856)665-1000, ext. 134 and to register a car or motorcycle call (856)665-1000, ext. 151.

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## Parish Nursing Meeting

The Parish Nurse Council of the Diocese of Camden would like to invite Registered Nurses from all parishes throughout the diocese to attend their **Networking Meeting on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am at St. Mary's Parish** in Williamstown in the Church Basement (Marion Hall). It will be an opportunity for you to hear about parish nursing: in general, within the diocese and within individual parish communities. It also will be a great time for nurses from parishes affected by reconfigurations to start making plans for the future. Please call (856) 342-4176 if you plan to attend or need more info.

## 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

#### The unity of the Old and New Testaments

**128** The Church, as early as apostolic times,<sup>104</sup> and then constantly in her Tradition, has illuminated the unity of the divine plan in the two Testaments through typology, which discerns in God's works of the Old Covenant prefigurations of what he accomplished in the fullness of time in the person of his incarnate Son.

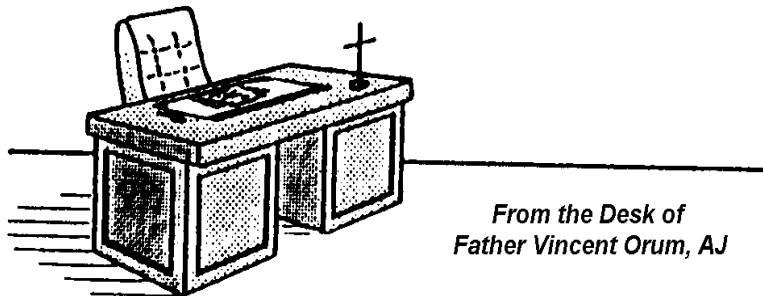
**129** Christians therefore read the Old Testament in the light of Christ crucified and risen. Such typological reading discloses the inexhaustible content of the Old Testament; but it must not make us forget that the Old Testament retains its own intrinsic value as Revelation reaffirmed by our Lord himself.<sup>105</sup> Besides, the New Testament has to be read in the light of the Old. Early Christian catechesis made constant use of the Old Testament.<sup>106</sup> As an old saying put it, the New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.<sup>107</sup>

**130** Typology indicates the dynamic movement toward the fulfillment of the divine plan when "God [will] be everything to everyone."<sup>108</sup> Nor do the calling of the patriarchs and the exodus from Egypt, for example, lose their own value in God's plan, from the mere fact that they were intermediate stages.

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URGENT NEED:

A Host Family for an international student who is attending Camden Catholic High School. Shick is a 16-yr. old, 10th grade boy who plays the piano and enjoys basketball, badminton, swimming, cycling, hiking, chess, movies and travel. He speaks English, is insured, and has his own spending money. Host families provide room and board and receive a generous monthly stipend. Contact Vicki Pelletier at (610) 906-1318 if interested



*From the Desk of
Father Vincent Orum, AJ*

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and best regards in the Lord!

It's unbelievable that summer is over and we are once again back to the daily routine.

May I take this opportunity to welcome all of you back from your different places of vacations during the summer; I hope you had a good time and you are well rested!

What a marvelous way to come back home (Saint Stephen's Family) as we join our Parish family and celebrate together the gift of one another at the Parish family picnic on Saturday, September 20th, 2008. Please make sure you reserve that date and come have fun and experience an outdoor celebration of the Eucharist!

Recently, Bishop Galante announced the Priest Conveners for the Parishes that are merging. These priests will work hand in hand with the pastors of the different merging Parishes to prepare those Parishes for the merger while still holding their positions as Pastors of their existing Parishes. We are waiting for the appointment of the Pastors-to-be of stand-alone Parishes and, as you know, Saint Stephen's is one of them. All the priests were asked to submit applications for three Parishes of their choice in July and it's up to the discretion of Bishop Galante to appoint any priests for any Parish. However, Pastors of stand-alone Parishes that have submitted their applications to remain in their current positions within their terms of office have the possibility of remaining in their current offices.

Finally, I am happy to inform you that sometime this month Fr. Benedict Onegiu, AJ will be coming from Pakwach Parish, Nebbi Diocese Uganda for a three-month vacation. He will spend sometime with us and also visit our confreres in the other parts of USA. Fr. Benedict and I are longtime friends dating back to our school days in High school. We applied and joined the Seminary of the Apostles of Jesus together in Moroto, Uganda in 1984 for Postulancy, and he has worked most of his time in East Africa. He loves sports especially Soccer; soft-spoken and always brings joy with his simplicity-smile.