

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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September 20, 2009 – 25th 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 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** Sept. 21, 2009 – (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am
- TUESDAY** Sept. 22, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Tom)
9:00am Madeline Tryson r/b Husband Paul
- WEDNESDAY** Sept. 23, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am
- THURSDAY** Sept. 24, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am + Novena
- FRIDAY** Sept. 25, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am Good Intentions of Cody Dees r/b Grandmother
- SATURDAY** Sept. 26, 2009
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
(Presider: Fr. Vince)
- 4:30pm Jessie Dixon r/b The Knight Family
Sr. Francesanne Rapa, SSND
r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
(Presider: Fr. Vince)
- SUNDAY** Sept. 27, 2009
9:00am Angie Pennestri r/b Millie Meyers
Margaret Behnke r/b Helen Huhn
(Presider: Fr. Vince)
- 10:30am Carrie Olson r/b The Sikorski Family
Marion Fedor
r/b Paula Antonelli and Amanda & Frank Midili
(Presider: Fr. Vince)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Louise Cirullo.

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.

Sept. 12/13, 2009 Attendance/Collection	511/	\$5,533
Sept. 13/14, 2008 Attendance/Collection	661/	\$5,937
Sept. 12/13, 2009 Holy Father Collection		\$ 716
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D_Weekly Average:		\$5,328

Anyone interested in becoming a committee member in our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** may contact our new Chairperson, **Betsy McBride** 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 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, Susan Verzilli, Anthony Vocale, John von Alex, Jean Wenstrom.**

Ministry Schedule for September 26/27
(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm Harvest Mass

Altar Servers: E. Mattera, R. Garofalo, K. Sullivan
EM's: The Monaco's, The Heiningers, T. Veneziani
Lectors: P. Krohn, J. Messina

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: S. Morales, P. Luthman
EM's: S. Marano, L. Rosario, R. Leone, R. Davis, S. Mufalli
Lectors: The Zieglers

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Fagans, C. Otto
EM's: The Fagans, W. Delfin, L. D'Alessandro, M. Novoa
Lectors: C. Otto, J. Scavuzzo

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collections:
September 20, 2009: "Catholic University"
October 4, 2009: "Respect Life"

***Mass of Anointing
September 26th @ 10:30am
St. Cecilia Church***

A "Mass of Anointing & Healing" will be celebrated by Monsignor Michael Mannion at St. Cecilia Church, 48th & Camden Streets, Pennsauken, NJ 08110, on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided following the Mass. Kindly make the attached announcement information available to your parish and any senior citizen or nursing homes you serve. **It is important that a response be made to Monsignor Mannion regarding attendance for purposes of planning for the luncheon.** There is no cost for the luncheon. Monsignor Mannion can be contacted at mtmannion@comcast.net or 856-662-5008. You can also contact me via e-mail if you have any questions.

This Week @ St. Stephen's

9/21-Monday-9am Mass, 7pm YAM, 7:15pm RCIA
9/22-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm YAM Leadership
9/23-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD, 7pm Joint Parish/Finance
9/24-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir
9/25-Friday-9am Mass
9/26-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
1-4pm Parish Picnic, 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Harvest Mass
9/27-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am, 11:45am Youth in Gym

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.**

Donations for Loved Ones

We are now accepting donations in memory of loved ones to purchase trees that will replace the 2 dead trees recently removed from the Convent as well as others on our church property. An envelope marked "Tree Donation" may be placed in the Offertory basket or mailed to the rectory. Please let us know your loved one's name (In Memory Of) and who requested it. Thank you.

St. Stephen's Young Adult Ministry, ages 21-40, will begin it's **Faith and Tradition Series** on Monday nights in the Stonegate Senior housing conference room. Please arrive at 7:15. Presentation will begin at 7:30. Join us for either a reflection on the upcoming week's Gospel or a presentation on a saint of the church.

Upcoming schedule

September 28 - Faith and Tradition Series
September 26 - Movie Night - "Invincible" (**Not held** at Stonegate, location TBD)
October 10 - One day pilgrimage to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA
October 12 - Scripture sharing
October 24 - Movie Night - "About Schmidt" (**Not held** at Stonegate, location TBD)
October 26 - Fr. Tom Kiely will speak on St. Therese, The Little Flower

Please contact Rose at 856.663.9342 for more information.

YARD SALE FINAL DAYS

As with the prior years, we need a horde of people to prepare for and run a successful sale on 10/3. There are sign up sheets in the vestibule. We need people for the bring-the-stuff-to-the-site nights, the Wednesday and Thursday evenings before the sale, setting up all day Thursday and Friday, and running the sale on Saturday. Please give us whatever time you can. Our parish counts on this fundraiser.

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.

CCD is WELL UNDERWAY

The late registration fee is now \$135 per family.

Registration forms are available at the rectory and on our parish website. **WE STILL NEED 2 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 RCIA Ministry

Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been away from the church...and have now returned, but want to know more?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism; Confirmation; and Eucharist?

Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to help you in your journey! Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions, perhaps you should extend an invitation to them!

Please contact Father Vincent Orum at (856) 662-9338 or Loretta Steinmetz, RCIA Team Leader at (856) 227-4627 for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

Youth Ministry Get Together

Join us for Pizza, icebreakers and signups.

Sunday, Sept. 27th @ 11:45am in the Gym.

(after the 10:30am Mass)

Please bring a CAN for our CANNED FOOD collection.

Info: Cindy Pandola - (609) 922-4935

PARISH SURVEY

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend I personally spoke to you regarding the parish survey. We are providing one survey per family in order to keep cost to a minimum. Your family members can access the online survey on our parish website www.StStephensPennsauken.com. Please return your completed survey to the rectory or in the basket provided in the back of the church after all Masses.

Thank you,

Joe Haas, Pastoral Council President

Programs at Lourdes Wellness Center

Beginning October, 2009

Mornings: First and Second Tuesdays

Time: 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Topic: "Sharing on Scripture" (1st T.)
"Thomas Merton: Bridges" (2nd T.)

Evenings: Thursdays at 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

October: Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina

November/December: Thomas Merton: Presentation

January, 2010: Thomas Merton: "Bridges" Program

February/March: Lenten Retreat Series

April: Wisdom of the Mystics

Retreat in Everyday Life for the Working Person:

1st Saturday of the Month: 10:30 AM

Presenter for Spirituality Programs: Sr. Ruthann, SSJ

Location: Lourdes Little Portion, 1049 Haddon Ave.,
Collingswood, NJ Donation: \$10.00 per session

More Information/ Registration Information:

Call: Sister Ruthann at 856-869-3198

Check out the Program Descriptions online:

www.lourdeswellnesscenter.org

Lourdes Wellness Presents:

New Program for Young Adults

(Ages 21 to 40)

"The Many Faces of God"

Social and Information Session: at Coffee Gardens,

"Holy Grounds" on Monday, October 5th.

Coffee Gardens, 57 E. Kings Hwy, Audubon, NJ, 08106

Spirituality Sessions at Lourdes Little Portion: 7:15 PM to 8:15 PM

- "Finding the Face of God in Scripture": 10/19 and 11/9

- "Finding the Face of God in Dreams": 1/11 and 2/8

- "Finding God through Body, Breath and Movement": 3/8 and 4/12

Evening Retreats at Lourdes Little Portion: 7 PM to 9 PM

- "God Discovered in the Beauty of Creation",
Saturday, 10/24
- "Road of Life: Setting Out Once More:",
Saturday, 1/23, 2010

More Information/ Registration: Call: 856-869-3125

Location: Lourdes Little Portion, 1049 Haddon Ave.
Collingswood, NJ, 0810

www.lourdeswellnesscenter.org

Hats Off for Julian Benefit

Saturday, October 10th from 7-11pm

St. Stephen's School Gym

Proceeds will help provide medical and financial assistance to the family of our longtime parishioner, choir member and lector, **Julian Terzini**.

Live Entertainment with DJ Kane and the Suitcase Murphy Band, great food, beer, wine, soda, Chinese & Silent auctions and 50/50's.

\$25 per person, please contact Donna @ 856-755-0521 for tickets and further information.

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

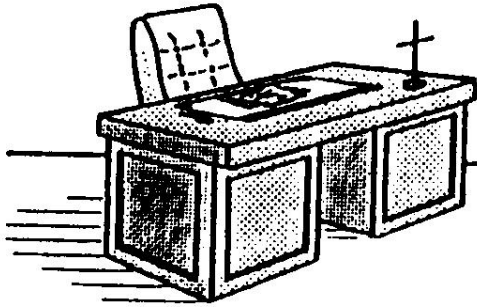
If there is any other service you would like to donate and we have mentioned above let us know and of course a monetary donation is always welcome.

Please contact: Liz Mchugh at 856-486-4787

Or email Nancy Schmidt at penn610@aol.com

Altar Servers Meeting October 10th

There will be an important Altar Servers meeting immediately after the 9am Mass on Saturday, October 10th in the church.



*From the Desk of
Father Vincent Orum, AJ*

What is an Occasion of Sin?

In his letter to Robert, David Louch, C.Ss.R. speaks about the Occasion of Sin and what it is. The article below appears at www.Liguori.org. Here is the full text:

Occasions of sin are people, places, or situations that can easily lead a person to sin or give them an opportunity to commit a sin. There are two types: remote and proximate (also called near).

If the attraction is not strong or has only a small probability of leading to sin, the occasion is remote. Remote occasions of sin are always around us, and we have no obligation to try to avoid them.

If the attraction is powerful or the probability of its leading to sin is great, the occasion is called proximate. Saint Alphonsus suggested that if a person sins four out of ten times in a given situation, that situation should be regarded as a proximate occasion of sin.

Proximate or near occasions of sin are further classified as necessary or voluntary. A necessary proximate occasion cannot be avoided or can be avoided only with great difficulty, for example, an occasion associated with doing one's job or being in prison.

A voluntary proximate occasion is freely and voluntarily entered into. We must avoid voluntary proximate occasions of grave sin.

Among the many means at our disposal for avoiding occasions of sin, the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist have pride of place. Prayer and self-discipline also help.

-David Louch, C.Ss.R.

House of Charity Employee Giving Campaign

Many businesses will begin their Employee Giving Campaigns this month and continue to solicit donations throughout the fall months. Whether through the United Way or another corporate giving campaign, employees welcome the opportunity to participate when they can direct their donations toward charities that reflect their beliefs and social concerns. Please remember...if you do participate, the **House of Charity** is a qualified non-member Donor Option Agency.

Kindly ask your agency representative for a pledge form and complete the form using your **Home Address**. These may also be available online. In addition, designate House of Charity in the Donor Choice section along with any other information they may require. Some agencies use a specific code that can be found on the **Employee Giving Poster located in our church lobby**. Please feel free to take an informational card that will assist you in completing your form.

Donors to last year's campaign will receive a letter from Mariann Gettings, Director of the House of Charity—Bishop's Annual Appeal, which will provide specific information to aid Employee Giving Donors in completing their forms. Donor-designated gifts to the House of Charity through an Employee Giving Campaign will be gratefully acknowledged if the donor authorizes it, and will be credited to the parish for the 2010 House of Charity Appeal.

The vital human needs of people in the Diocese of Camden throughout Southern New Jersey will be served to the fullest extent of our capability through your generosity to the House of Charity.