

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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September 21, 2008 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligation:

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 @ 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 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 22, 2008**
9:00am Madeline Tryson r/b Husband Paul
- TUESDAY** **September 23, 2008**
9:00am
- WEDNESDAY** **September 24, 2008**
9:00am
- THURSDAY** **September 25, 2008 (Novena to follow)**
9:00am Francis Albani r/b Sr. Eleanora Faiola
- FRIDAY** **September 26, 2008**
9:00am
- SATURDAY** **September 27, 2008 (Mission Appeal)**
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
4:30pm Mateo Oler r/b The Knight Family
 Stanley & Anna Bernoskie r/b Nick & Betty
- SUNDAY** **September 28, 2008 (Mission Appeal)**
9:00am Margaret Malito r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
 Francis Deighan r/b Wife Veronica & Family
- 10:30am Francis Albani r/b Joanne & Frank
 Joseph Mannix r/b The Schuettrumpf Family

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in
Memory of Marion Kaminski.***

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.

Offertory Collection Sept. 13/14, 2008:	\$5,937.00
Comparison Sept. 15/16, 2007:	\$6,419.19
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$7,200.00
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$6,038.17

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, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, 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 27/28

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Vance, S. Ruff, R. Garofalo
EM's: P. Krohn, T. Angstman, L. Garofalo, T. Veneziani, S. Eisenhardt
Lectors: M. Turan, M. Vance

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M & C Hearn, E. Corbett
EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, J. Rosario, L. McHugh, R. Leone
Lectors: G. Sapienza, K. Layton

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Coars
EM's: M. Coar, B. Buffington, L. Solano, M. Meloni, C. Otto
Lectors: M. Coar, K. Jakobowski

September 28th bulletin deadline: Sept. 22nd @ Noon

Next Special 2nd Collection:

Sept. 27/28: Mission Appeal – India

(See Page 5 for details. No envelope was supplied in mailing)

**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

9/22-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA
 9/23-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 9/24-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
 9/25-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7:15pm Choir Practice
 9/26-Friday-9am Mass, 6:30pm YAM Movie Night
 9/27-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 9/28-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 October 2nd.

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. 30th @ 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.

Altar Flower Donations

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass, please contact **Maria Haas @ 665-839**.

This weeks altar flowers are donated by the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in loving memory and celebration of the birthday of **Helen Croge**.

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**.

St. Stephen's BookMates!

The BookMates interfaith literacy program is coming to St. Stephen School and we need your help! If you are available to read for one hour each week during the school day with young St. Stephen students or would like more information about the program, please contact **Julie Silver, BookMates Program Coordinator, at (856) 751-9500, ext. 143**. BookMates is a social justice project of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Southern New Jersey and the Catholic Jewish Commission.

CCHS Alumni Barbeque

Camden Catholic's Alumni Association is sponsoring a BBQ on **Friday, October 10th @ 5:30pm** on the school's softball field. The homecoming football game vs. Holy Cross will follow at 7pm. RSVP to camdenatholicalumni@comcast.net.

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.

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 30th. Call Mike or Maureen at (856) 401-2633 for tickets.

Stewardship Reflection "Attitude of Gratitude"

"Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." -Matthew 10:8

Stewardship encourages us to give of our time, talent and treasure without regard to repayment, but from our gratitude for all the blessings we have received.

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.

BINGO @ Cooper River West!

5101 N. Park Drive in Pennsauken
Tuesday, September 30th from 8am-9:30am
\$2 cover charge, light breakfast, space limited.
Must RSVP by Sept. 26th to (856) 665-8844

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 11th 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. Sacred Scripture in the Life of the Church

131 "And such is the force and power of the Word of God that it can serve the Church as her support and vigor, and the children of the Church as strength for their faith, food for the soul, and a pure and lasting fount of spiritual life."¹⁰⁹ Hence "access to Sacred Scripture ought to be open wide to the Christian faithful."¹¹⁰

132 "Therefore, the study of the sacred page should be the very soul of sacred theology. The ministry of the Word, too - pastoral preaching, catechetical and all forms of Christian instruction, among which the liturgical homily should hold pride of place - is healthily nourished and thrives in holiness through the Word of Scripture."¹¹¹

133 The Church "forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful. . . to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."¹¹²

Spirit Alive @ Lourdes Terrific Thursdays

Group Spiritual Direction: The Cup of Our Life September 25 - \$15

Based on the book "The Cup of Our Life" by Joyce Rupp, this small group experience of spiritual direction will explore, reflect and share on five different images of the cup of life.

Spiritual Discernment: An Authentic Way to Live October 2,9,16,23, and 30 - \$10

Explore the fundamentals of spiritual discernment, some important considerations in making a decision and six useful aids in the everyday discernment.

Presenter for each series: Sr. Ruthann T. O'Mara, SSJ
Time: Programs begin at 7 PM.
Please come 5 minutes prior to the time.

Please register at least one week in advance to prevent program cancellations.
General information and Registration: 856-869-3125

Lourdes Spirituality Center at The Little Portion

1049 Haddon Avenue, 2nd Floor (Steps)
Collingswood, NJ
(856) 869-3125

www.lourdeswellnesscenter.org

Welcome Rev. Paul Leon Varuvel

Mission Coordinator for the Diocese of Kottar, India who will be visiting St. Stephen's the Weekend of September 27-28, 2008

KOTTAR

A Vibrant Missionary Diocese of India!

The diocese of Kottar is the southernmost ecclesiastical unit of India, comprising the district of Kanyakumari, in the State of Tamil Nadu. According to a persistent oral tradition, Christianity reached this part of India through the missionary efforts of St. Thomas the Apostle. Later, St. Francis Xavier, the great Jesuit missionary, evangelized this area in the 16th century (1542-1549). Kottar was erected as a separate diocese in 1930.

Though small in territory, the diocese of Kottar is densely populated. There are about two million people in an area of just 645 sq. miles. Catholics constitute about 20% of the population. Fishing and farming are the main traditional occupations of the Catholic community here.

Our Needs and Concerns

The major concerns of the diocese of Kottar are: *Evangelization, Fostering Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life, Education, and Socio-economic Development.*

We need your help and prayers for the success of the mission work of the diocese of Kottar. These are our pressing needs:

- Evangelization – deepening the faith and spreading the Gospel
- Training catechists and other leaders among the Laity for Gospel work
- Fostering vocations to the priesthood and the religious life
- Constructing/repairing small functional mission buildings to be used as places of worship
- Improving the socio-economic condition of the poor
- Promoting dialogue and understanding among Christians, Hindus and Muslims
- Establishing and strengthening small Faith Sharing Communities

The Asian Tsunami

The diocese of Kottar was severely hit by the recent Asian tsunami of December 26, 2004. More than 900 people, almost all of them Catholics, lost their lives; 33 villages and hamlets were badly damaged, and thousands were rendered homeless. With assistance from agencies, especially Catholic Relief Services (CRS) of the U.S. Bishops' Conference, the diocese of Kottar is coordinating efforts to construct houses for those affected.

The Bishop of Kottar, Most Rev. Peter Remigius, and the people of the diocese of Kottar thank you for your generosity and assure you and your families of their prayers!

For further information:

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