

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

Reverend Vincent Orum, AJ, Administrator
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence
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Parish Contact Information

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September 27, 2009 – 26th 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. 28, 2009 – (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am Michelle Rizer r/b Dolores August
- TUESDAY** Sept. 29, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am Fran Sullivan r/b The Sullivan Family
- WEDNESDAY** Sept. 30, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am
- THURSDAY** October 1, 2009 (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am + Novena John T. Leahy r/b The Leahy Family
- FRIDAY** Oct. 2, 2009 – (Presider: Fr. Vince)
9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Alfreda Novak
Toni Pagnotti r/b Elizabeth Santore
- SATURDAY** October 3, 2009
9:00am Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
(Presider: Fr. Tom)
- 4:30pm Mickey Broom (15th Anniversary)
r/b Wife Catherine
Ida Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
(Presider: Fr. Vince)
- SUNDAY** October 4, 2009
9:00am Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
Angelina Pennestri r/b Marie & Mike McKenna
(Presider: Fr. Tom)
- 10:30am James Cummings, Sr. r/b Margaret Cummings
Dominic Terrasi r/b Bob & Angie Pino
(Presider: Fr. Vince)

***The Sanctuary Candle this week
is in Memory of Msgr. Joseph O’Connell.***

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. 19/20/, 2009 Attendance/Collection	876/	\$6,602
Sept. 20/21, 2008 Attendance/Collection	578/	\$4,415
Sept. 19/20, 2009 Catholic University Collection		\$ 633
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$6,154
Actual Y-T-D_Weekly Average:		\$5,434

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 October 3/4

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: E. Mattera, K. Sullivan, M. Hobbs
EM’s: The Sapienza’s, Sr. Eleanora, S. Eisenhardt, T. Mattera
Lectors: P. Palazzo, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: W. McHugh, M. North, H. Atchison
EM’s: The Monaco’s, S. Marano, N. Schmidt, P. Krohn
Lectors: L. Sperduto, D. Heck

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K & K Bowman, D. Saranchak
EM’s: W. Delfin, T. Scavuzzo, L. Solano, K. Fagan, L. D’Alessandro
Lectors: The Links

Next Diocesan Special 2nd Collection:
October 4, 2009: “Respect Life”

First Friday - October 2nd

Student Council Officers
will be Installed at the 9am Mass.

No Adoration due to Yard Sale setup.

Friday, October 9th Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9am Mass and continue until 7pm.

This Week @ St. Stephen's

9/28-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA, 7:30pm YAM
 9/29-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 9/30-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
 10/1-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir
 10/2-Friday-9am Mass (**Adoration postponed until October 9**)
 10/3-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 8am Yard Sale, 9am Mass,
 3:45 Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 10/4-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am

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.

PARISH SURVEY

Please submit your parish survey by dropping it off at the rectory or in the basket provided in the back of the church after all Masses. Additional copies are available on our website. Thank you.

Joe Haas, Pastoral Council President

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.

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 1 ADDITIONAL TEACHER, 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.

We recognize the following Catechists whose names were not listed in last week's church bulletin: **Joy Bowman, Lucille Buffington, Dan Steinmetz and Nancy Werner-Kaiser.**

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

Spirit Alive at Lourdes Wellness

Healing Power of Centering Prayer and *Lectio Divina*

Thursday Evenings in October 1,8,15, 22, and 29

7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Centering Prayer fosters inner stillness and *Lectio Divina* is a way of praying with scripture that saturates you in God's Word. We will practice 20 minutes of Centering Prayer and 20 minutes of *Lectio Divina*. These sessions will foster a sense of inner peace and healing and help to keep your prayer practice alive! This spiritual practice will have a positive effect in your everyday life! **Donation:** \$10.00 wkly

Register Today: Call Celeste at 856-869-3125

DAYTIME PROGRAMS

Group Spiritual Direction

Tuesdays, 10/6/09; 11/3/09; 12/1/09; 1/5/10; 2/2/10; 3/2/10; 4/6/10; 5/4/10. 10:30 - 11:30 am

Participants will be invited to grow spiritually through the reading and praying of scriptures throughout the year using the Joyce Rupp text, *Fresh Bread*. The author focuses on common elements and finds the "touch of God" - a rainbow, a friend, a fallen leaf. Find the touch of God in common events in your life!

Thomas Merton: "Becoming Who You Already Are"

Tuesdays, 10/13/09; 11/10/09; 12/8/09; 1/12/10; 2/9/10; 3/9/10; 4/13/10; 5/11/10

This series "Bridges to Contemplative Living" fosters a life that is more contemplative and peace-filled. Thomas Merton is widely known as a leading spiritual guide for the ordinary person. Prayer experience, readings from Merton and other spiritual masters, and questions for small-group dialogue provide a rich format for spiritual growth. The topic: "Becoming Who You Already Are".

NEW!!!! RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Saturdays: 10/10; 11/7; 12/12; 1/2; 2/6; 3/6; 4/3; 5/1/10

Time: 9:30 am - 11 am

If you need or desire a retreat but cannot take the time away, give yourself the gift of this "Retreat in Everyday Life". You will be invited to pray each day with Scripture using the format of the Spiritual Exercises. We will meet monthly for sharing and input on the next month's prayer.

Donation for Programs: \$10.00 per session

Location: The Little Portion, 1049 Haddon Avenue,

Collingswood, NJ

Register Today: call Celeste at 856-869-3125

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### ***Paul VI High School Placement Testing***

Paul VI High School will hold placement testing for the class of 2014 on **November 14th and November 21st**. Every incoming student must take the placement test.

To register for one of these days, please contact Mr. Tom Nicoletti in the Guidance department, [tnicoletti@pvihs.org](mailto:tnicoletti@pvihs.org). The cost for testing will be \$20, checks can be made payable to Paul VI High School. For any further questions on placement testing please contact our Guidance office at (856) 858-4900 Ext.20.

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Bishop Eustace Open House

Sunday, October 18, 2009 from 11am-2pm

Come experience our commitment to academic excellence, spiritual development & personal growth while touring our beautiful 32-acre campus.

Lourdes Wellness Offers Spiritual Growth Sessions For Young Adults

Where: The Coffee Garden, "Holy Grounds"

57 East Kings Hwy, Audubon, NJ 08106

What: Social and Information Session

Date: Monday, October 5, 2009

Time: 7:30 pm

**Topic: "The Many Faces of God": Previewing the 2009-2010 Young Adult programs at Our Lady of Lourdes Wellness Center
Presented by: Sr. Ruthann O'Mara, SSJ; Tami Bloom, Marketing Director for Lourdes Wellness.**

**For more information, call Nick Boza,
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 609-413-2364**

Hats Off for Julian Benefit

Saturday, October 10th from 7-11pm in our 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.**

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### ***Altar Servers Meeting October 10<sup>th</sup>***

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

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2009 Public Square Rosary Rally

Honor Our Lady of Fatima

All parishioners are welcome to gather (at the rectory entrance) on Saturday Oct. 10th for the recitation of the **Rosary beginning at 12 noon sharp**. In 2007, the 90th Anniversary of the first apparition, the goal was 2000 rallies across the United States. In 2008, we achieved the goal of 3,445 rallies. This year's goal is 3,500. Please join us to help surpass the goal in honor of **Our Lady**.

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### ***Diocesan Biblical Institute***

The Diocese of Camden's Biblical Institute will begin four new Bible Study Groups in October, 2009. The Biblical Institute offers an in-depth and unique opportunity to explore the beauty and wonder of Sacred Scripture. By increasing our knowledge and experience of God's Word, we are drawn into a deeper relationship with our loving God. Learning is facilitated through a "hands on" process, which integrates Bible study, personal reflection, and application to daily life. The new classes will meet each week at the following parishes:

**St. Agnes, Blackwood, Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 p.m., starting 10/14/09**

**St. Augustine, Ocean City, Mondays, 9:00-11:00 a.m., starting 10/12/09**

**Assumption, Galloway, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., starting 10/15/09**

**Our Lady of Peace (formerly St. Mary), Williamstown, Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., starting 10/13/09**

To register, please contact Diane Scafidì at (856) 583-6129.

If you would like more detailed course information, please contact

**Dr. Frank Bleë, Office of Evangelization, Adult Faith Formation, Senior Ministries, at (856) 583-6105.**

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## *From the Office of the Bishop*

October 2009

### **Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:**

For over thirty years, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated **Respect Life Sunday** on the first Sunday in October. The theme this year is *Every Child Brings Us God's Smile*.

Our baptism challenges us to love our brothers and sisters in the truth of God's plan and compels us to oppose violence and injustice against any person whether it is through abortion, abuse, the death penalty or war. In our work to respect life in all its forms, we must love equally the unborn child and the mothers who carry them. The sick and the dying must be afforded proper medical care and protected from those who would seek to end their lives prematurely through euthanasia.

Our respect for life must include working to defend the institution of marriage as a sacred union between one man and one woman so as to provide the proper foundation for children who *bring us God's smile*. It also compels us to work to provide health care for all in a way that does not include procedures such as abortion or euthanasia and that provides a conscience clause for health care workers.

As you know, the Respect Life Collection is the primary source of funding for our Respect Life activities and initiatives. Your sacrificial financial support and prayers will help us respond to our vocational call to testify to "Christ's charity, through works of justice, peace and development, which is part and parcel of evangelization, because Jesus Christ, who loves us, is concerned with the whole person" (*Caritas in veritate*, 15).

I ask you once again to generously support this collection.

May God continue to guide you and bless you.

Fraternally,

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

## ***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.