

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Vincent Orum, A.J., Administrator  
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Permanent Deacon Raymond Ellis  
Sister Bernadette Mary Leahy, S.S.J.

## Parish Contact Information

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## September 28, 2008 – 26<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 29, 2008**  
 9:00am      Francis Albani r/b Friends from Stonegate

**TUESDAY**      **September 30, 2008**  
 9:00am      Good Intentions of M. Cody Dee  
 r/b Grandmother

**WEDNESDAY**      **October 1, 2008**  
 9:00am      John T. Leahy r/b The Leahy Family

**THURSDAY**      **October 2, 2008 (Novena to follow)**  
 9:00am      Toni Scarangelli r/b Aunt Honey & Family

**FRIDAY**      **October 3, 2008 (First Friday)**  
 9:00am      Anna Dippolito r/b Family

**SATURDAY**      **October 4, 2008**  
 9:00am      Good Intentions of the People of the Parish  
 4:30pm      Magdalene Ozelle (Fr. Vincent's Mother)  
 r/b Fr. Vincent Orum, AJ  
 William Loperfido r/b The Knight Family

**SUNDAY**      **October 5, 2008**  
 9:00am      Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri  
 Francis Albani r/b Kathy Boyer

10:30am      Jim Cummings, Sr. r/b Margaret Cummings  
 Charles & Catherine Magee r/b Family

***The Sanctuary Candle this week is in  
 Memory of The Unborn Children.***

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.

<b>Mass Attendance Sept. 20/21, 2008</b>	<b>578</b>
<b>Mass Attendance Sept. 22/23, 2007</b>	<b>575</b>
<b>Offertory Collection Sept. 20/21, 2008:</b>	<b>\$4,415.00</b>
<b>Comparison September 22/23, 2007:</b>	<b>\$6,421.00</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>	<b>\$7,200.00</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$5,902.91</b>

***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](http://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, Thomas Holmes, Sr., Jim Hutton, Rita Insley, Donna Krawchuk, Eleanor McBride, 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 October 4/5***

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers: TBA.**

**EM's:** P. Antonelli, T. Modzier, T. Mattered, The Klecko's

**Lectors:** P. Palazzo, R. Taylor

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers: TBA.**

**EM's:** S. Marano, K. Layton, L. Rosario, S. Mufalli, N. Schmidt

**Lectors:** The Sapienza's

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers: TBA.**

**EM's:** T. Link, J. Messina, L. Picknally, G. Tutwiler, L. D'Alessandro

**Lectors:** C. Otto, M. Link

October 5<sup>th</sup> bulletin deadline: Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> @ Noon

Next Special 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:

**October 5<sup>th</sup>: "Respect Life"**

**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.

***Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament***

**This Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the First Friday of the Month.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9am Mass and conclude at **4pm** (6pm Wedding).

## ***This Week @ St. Stephen's***

9/29-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA  
 9/30-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 10/1-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6pm Wedding Rehearsal, 6:30pm CCD  
 10/2-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir  
 10/3-First Friday-9am Mass, **Adoration until 4pm**, 6pm Wedding  
 10/4-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,  
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass, YA Pilgrimage  
 10/5-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 Mary Sharon @ 662-6049  
 for the month of October.

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." – Luke 18:27

### ***St. Stephen's Rosary Makers***

We now meet every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month @ 7pm at Stonegate.

Our next meeting will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### ***Giant Yard Sale II***

The Fundraising Committee will sponsor another Giant Parish Yard Sale on **Saturday, October 18, 2008**, rain date 10/25/08. To donate something you don't want, call **Nancy Loperfido** at 665-0173 to schedule a drop off or pickup.

We need a **hoard** of people to set up and run the sale from Thursday evening through Saturday, 10/18. To get on the list of volunteers, please call 227-4980.

*Items are not being accepted at the rectory this year. The next time for drop offs and pickups is Saturday morning, October 4, 2008. Please meet us at the rectory then at 8 A.M. to help with pickups, and bring your friends.*

### ***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.**

The October 2<sup>nd</sup> weekday altar flowers are in loving memory of **Toni Scarangelli** from **Aunt Honey and Family.**

## ***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.

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm** on the school's softball field. The homecoming football game vs. Holy Cross will follow at 7pm. RSVP to [camdenccatholicalumni@comcast.net](mailto:camdenccatholicalumni@comcast.net).

## *Spirit Alive @ Lourdes* *Terrific Thursdays*

**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](http://www.lourdeswellnesscenter.org)

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## *Stewardship Reflection*

“Stewardship Pleases God”

**“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices, of that kind.” -Hebrews 13:16**

Stewardship is a way of life, pleasing to God, in which we share of ourselves by giving our time, talent and treasure in service to the Lord.

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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. 28<sup>th</sup>** 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. Sacred Scripture in the Life of the Church**

#### **IN BRIEF**

**134** All Sacred Scripture is but one book, and this one book is Christ, "because all divine Scripture speaks of Christ, and all divine Scripture is fulfilled in Christ" (Hugh of St. Victor, *De arca Noe* 2,8:PL 176,642: cf. *ibid.* 2,9:PL 176,642-643).

**135** "The Sacred Scriptures contain the Word of God and, because they are inspired, they are truly the Word of God" (DV 24).

**136** God is the author of Sacred Scripture because he inspired its human authors; he acts in them and by means of them. He thus gives assurance that their writings teach without error his saving truth (cf. DV 11).

**137** Interpretation of the inspired Scripture must be attentive above all to what God wants to reveal through the sacred authors for our salvation. What comes from the Spirit is not fully "understood except by the Spirit's action" (cf. Origen, *Hom. in Ex.* 4, 5: PG 12, 320).

**138** The Church accepts and venerates as inspired the 46 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New.

**139** The four Gospels occupy a central place because Christ Jesus is their center.

**140** The unity of the two Testaments proceeds from the unity of God's plan and his Revelation. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two shed light on each other; both are true Word of God.

**141** "The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she venerated the Body of the Lord" (DV 21): both nourish and govern the whole Christian life. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (*Ps* 119:105; cf. *Is* 50:4).

# Diocese of Camden

## Office of the Bishop

October, 2008

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 *Hope and Trust in Life!*

The message of hope has been a consistent theme of Pope Benedict XVI during this past year. In his second encyclical, *In Hope We Are Saved (Spe Salvi)*, the Holy Father teaches us that “God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end, each one of us and humanity in its entirety.” The theme of his April visit to our country was *Christ Our Hope*. The Holy Father said those three words express the Church’s belief that Christ is the face of God in human history and gives fullness to people’s lives.

It is fitting, therefore, that we should celebrate *Respect Life Sunday 2008* in that spirit of hope and in the love of Jesus that heals and transforms our world. It is only in His love that we can build a culture where every one can hope and trust in life.

Since there is an unbreakable bond between the love of our God who has a human face and the love of our neighbor, we are compelled to oppose violence against persons in any form, whether it is through abortion, abuse, the death penalty or war. In our work to end abortion, 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 call to love compels us also to continue to work against embryonic stem cell research that destroys innocent human life and to promote umbilical cord and adult stem cell research. Our defense of life must also include working to eliminate racism, poverty and hunger. These are affronts to God Himself.

To do this we need your support. As you know, the Respect Life Collection is the primary source of funding for our Respect Life activities and initiatives. Your support will help us meet the challenge of building a Culture of Life in our time by moving the wider culture to respect the lives and dignity of all persons through education and service. I ask you once again to generously support this collection.

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

(The Respect Life Collection will be October 4/5, 2008)

# 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 2009 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.

Thank you.

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