

# St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



## Pastoral Staff

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## September 5, 2010 – The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Friday – 9:00am

#### Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm (Confessions 3:45pm-4:15pm)

Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am

Children's Liturgy: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 9:00am

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 @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month @ Noon.

Reconciliation – Saturday from 3:45pm-4:15pm

Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist –

Upon request after the 4:30pm Mass in the Chapel.

Prior notification is necessary by calling the rectory Monday-Friday. Also call the 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 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.

**Per Diocesan Policy:**

One (1) Mass Intention limit per Mass except for 10:30am on Sunday, which now has a maximum of four (4) intentions.

The 2011 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 6, 2010</b> Joseph Linka r/b Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 7, 2010</b> Mary Jo Stedrak r/b Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 8, 2010</b> Richard D'Alessandro r/b Angela DiCarlo
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>September 9, 2010</b> Mary Horn (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b Son-in-Law Chuck
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 10, 2010</b> Susie Furlano r/b Lucille Buffington
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>September 11, 2010</b> Marion Borreggine r/b Pat Petronis & Mary Novoa
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 12, 2010</b> Vincent L. Buondonno r/b The Faculty & Students of St. Stephen School
10:30am	John O'Connor r/b Wife Florence & Family William & Mary McNulty r/b James & Michele Casey Emilio & Julian Terzini r/b Donna & David Kane Jean Rooney r/b Joe & Maria Haas

**The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
In Memory of Mary Jo Stedrak.**

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>August 28/29, 2010 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>495/</b>	<b>\$5,801</b>
<b>August 29/30, 2009 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>575/</b>	<b>\$4,986</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$5,673</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,395</b>

Next Special Second Collection:  
September 12, 2010: "Holy Father / Peter Pence"

**Knights Flea Market Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St Cecilia's schoolyard. For information, contact Lonnie at 856-662-6049.



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 Alessandrone, Victor Ambruso, Dolly Angelastro, Evelyn Capaldi, Evelyn Capocetta, Dorothy Coyle, Margaret Cummings, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Thomas Holmes Sr., Rita Insley, Ben Johnson, Donna Krawchuk, Harry Lavall, Sandy Lepo, Joann Lunsford, Katherine Maggioncalda, Vincent Marchese, Marlene Matteo, Harry Mayer, Francis McCann, Dolores McCollum, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, John Messina, John Meyer, Mark Newell, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pendtleton, Rita Picciano, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Helen Villanueva, Anthony Vocale, Rita Weingard.**

If you know that someone on the above sick list is no longer in need of prayers, please contact the rectory office at 662-9338, ext.6 so that we may remove their name. Thank you.

**Ministry Schedule for September 11/12**

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** M. Hobbs, K. Hulsey, T. Mason  
**EM's:** A. Knight, P. Krohn, The Pandola's, P. Petronis  
**Lectors:** P. Tryson, L. Heininger

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** C. Hearn, C&D Hughes  
**EM's:** L. McHugh, R. Davis, T. Modzier, S. Mufalli, S. Marano  
**Lectors:** The Luthmans

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** The Coars  
**EM's:** J. Messina, M. Miller, L. Solano, M. Meloni, W. Delfin  
**Lectors:** M. Turan, C. Otto

**Assisted Listening Devices now available!**



Our sound system now supports individual assisted listening devices. These devices are available to individuals who have trouble hearing during Mass. An earpiece is connected to a small, easy to operate, portable receiver, which allows for greater clarity of the spoken word. The devices can be used wherever you sit during Mass, you have control over your own volume level and you are welcome to use your personal earphone/plug with the device (1/8" plug), or you may purchase a set from us for \$2. Think of days-gone-by transistor radios and how easy they were to operate – one wheel controls both power and volume! Please see an usher at least 15 minutes before Mass to reserve one of the four (4) units we have available in the Sacristy.

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**FULL PAGE BULLETIN INSERTS** are to be submitted to the rectory by 9am Thursday morning, 10 days before the issue date. Once approved, our bulletin company will copy & insert these for our church, thus saving us the cost of paper and copying.

**This Week @ St. Stephen Parish**

9/6-Monday-9am Mass, **Labor Day** (Rectory Closed)  
9/7-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, **7pm YAM**  
9/8-Wednesday-9am Mass, **School Reopens, 6pm CCD Teachers, 7pm Finance Council**  
9/9-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Youth Music, 7:15pm Choir  
9/10-Friday-9am Mass  
9/11-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, **1:30pm Youth Group BBQ, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass**  
9/12-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am



**Will resume every Monday @ 1pm in the Stonegate Conference Room after Labor Day.**

**Art & Environment Ministry**

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass may contact **Maria Haas** at 665-8393. Anyone who would like to make a donation for a tree to honor a deceased love one or would like to join the A & E Ministry may call 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 Rosary Makers**

You are cordially invited to join **The Rosary Makers** in their quest to make and distribute rosaries to missions throughout the world. The group meets at 7:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month in Stonegate's meeting room. If you have been a member in the past, this would be a great time to rejoin. All new members are welcome! This could be some time for yourself, and the chance to meet new people while helping to show your devotion to Mary, our Mother, and the Mother of our Savior. **Please consider giving two hours a month.**

**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 Michael @ 662-2543 for September requests.

**"Be joyful in hope. Patient in difficulty. Faithful in prayer."**  
-Romans 12:12

**Ministry of Greeting & Hospitality**

Anyone interested in joining the Ministry of Greeters, those who welcome parishioners and visitors to Mass every Sunday, is asked to call Mary Ann Meloni at 488-6143.

**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.**

**St. Stephen's SCRIP News!**

We are increasing our "In-stock" scrip" to include "itunes" (\$15, 5%) and Staples (\$25, 5%) gift cards. Scrip is available to purchase and to special order after all Masses and at the Rectory during the week. We are looking for volunteers to sell Scrip at the 4:30 and the 10:30 Masses. Please call the Rectory if you are interested.

**Our Nursing Home Ministry**

**Thank you for your support of the residents of Cooper River West with your prayers and donations of religious articles in the box in the church vestibule.** Parishioners are needed to join us on Wednesdays from 10am to Noon to bring the residents from their rooms to the Mass/Prayer Service. Eucharistic Ministers are also encouraged to serve at the Nursing Home. *Prayerfully consider volunteering for one Wednesday a month.* **Call or Email us for more info: Lonnie & Mary Sharon (856) 662-6049 or Email Monacofamily4@comcast.net**

**CCD REGISTRATION**

*(CCD begins September 22, 2010)*

Registration continues for next month and the fee remains at \$125 per family (**\$135 for late registrations after Sept. 8.**). Registration forms are available in the rectory and online on our website's CCD page.

**Join the Team! We are in need of Teachers & Teacher's Aides. If interested, please call Mrs. Adeline Gramlich at 662-9338, ext. 7.**

**The NEW TIME schedule on Wednesday nights for this year's classes will be 6:15pm-7:30pm.**

**Youth Enjoying Service!!!**

**The St. Stephen's Youth Group** is here to help our Senior neighbors! If you need assistance with weeding, raking or planting your garden this year, please call on us to help! Leave your name and phone number with Cindy at the Rectory (856) 662-9338, ext. 6 and we will set up a time to help.

**Bereavement Committee News**

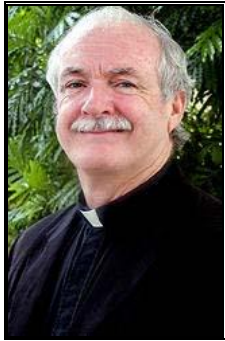
The Bereavement Committee is seeking volunteers to help minister to those who've recently lost loved ones. If you would like to join this special ministry, please call **Joy Bowman** at (856) 662-4803.

**Collectibles For Sale**

Several collectible items were salvaged from the recent Yard Sale donations. These include a group of **Longaberger baskets, P. Buckley Moss brooches, Dynasty, Brinn's, and Heritage Collectible dolls, and 2 single lens reflex cameras and accessories.**

They were set-aside in the hopes of selling them on **eBay**, but were not, due to the poor economy. If anyone is interested in purchasing them or knows of a person or business that would be willing to buy them at a reasonable price, please contact Lonnie or Mary Sharon at 662-6049. All proceeds benefit St Stephen's.

## Welcome Father Richard Kunzman!



Please join us next weekend as we welcome once again Father Richard Kunzman from **Cross International Catholic Outreach**. Father Kunzman, ordained in 1963 and is a priest of the Diocese of Camden, will celebrate all the Masses **September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Father studied at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J. and completed his studies for the Priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD. During his six years at St. Mary's he was awarded the AB, STB, and STL degrees. In 1962 he also received his M.ED from Loyola College in Baltimore. He did Graduate Studies in Psychology at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. In 1984 he received his doctorate in Pastoral Counseling (D.MIN) from Boston University in Boston, MA.

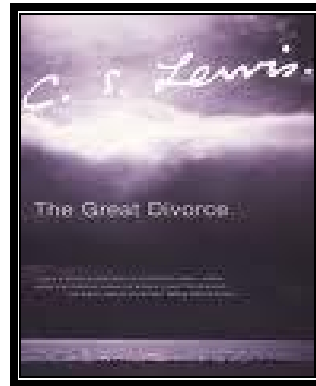
Father's ministry has been quite diverse. He has served as a Secondary School teacher, as a missionary with the Diocese of Camden's Mission in Brazil, and engaged in hospital ministry. He was Director of Pastoral Care at the New England Rehab Hospital in Woburn, MA. While in Boston he was a member of the Boston Theological Institute and helped train graduate students in their efforts to become hospital chaplains. He was chaplain at Rosemont College in Rosemont, PA. Father served for many years as a counselor for Catholic Social Services in Camden and also worked with the Family Life Bureau. Since 1990, Father Kunzman has preached in more than 700 parishes throughout the USA for the poorest of the poor.

Cross International's ministry began in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and home to some of the most destitute people in our modern world. Efforts have since grown to reach those suffering extreme poverty in other Caribbean countries as well as countries throughout Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

## Music Ministry Notes!

As the music ministry of St. Stephen Parish heads into the Fall season, it is with an eye to the future endeavors of our ministry. We would like to add a new group in the form of an **Ensemble**. This particular group is so named because it will include various instruments and voices. If you have been waiting anxiously for the chance to offer your talent to our parish family, here it is!!! **An informational meeting is scheduled for September 23rd at 6:00 in the church for all those who are interested. If you may be a little late due to work, etc. please come anyway.** We are hoping to make this a really dynamic musical group. In addition, that evening there will be a meeting for all children who want to be a part of our Children's Choir. This very talented group is re-emerging and we welcome all of those children who participated before, and cannot wait to meet new members. Our very own **Joe Scavuzzo** will be on board to facilitate getting this energetic group up and running again. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the parish office and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible. Make this the year that you share your God-given talents with our parish family. Thank you. -Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Music Director

## Join us for the first meeting of St. Stephen's C.S. Lewis Book Club!



We will be reading and discussing the works of this cornerstone Christian author and theologian.

*No previous experience necessary!*

Come on **September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Rectory** for a discussion of

The Great Divorce, Lewis' inspiring portrait of heaven and human nature.

**All are welcome! Any questions, call: Tricia Gardner at 546-5201.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sister Ruthann will have the following meetings in September, 2010:

**Monday, September 13th:  
Spiritual Life Board**

**Monday, September 20th:  
Pastoral Ministry Chairpersons**

Time: 7 PM - 8 PM  
Place: Stonegate Meeting Room

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

-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 Daniel Rocco 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).**

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# *Office of the Bishop*

## *Diocese of Camden*

August 2010

“God’s love . . . gives us the courage to continue seeking and working for the benefit of all”  
(*Caritas in Veritate*, no. 78).

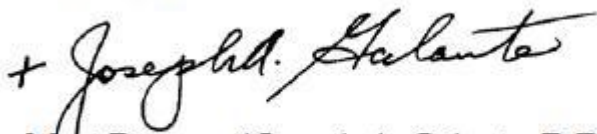
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Each year, the **Peter’s Pence Collection** allows the Holy Father to support victims of disaster, war, and oppression and others most in need of emergency assistance. The pope, being pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes, and the faithful in grave difficulties. Through loving charity, the Holy Father casts Christ’s love upon the world.

The collection will be taken up in parishes of our diocese **September 4-5** (Atlantic and Cape May Counties) and **September 11-12** (Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem Counties).

With gratitude for your past support, I ask you to give as generously as your means allow when the collection is taken up in your parish. Also I urge you to pray for the Holy Father as well as those in need throughout the world.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Galante". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

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