

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

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September 7, 2008 – 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligations:

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 @ 1pm.

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 8, 2008 9:00am
TUESDAY September 9, 2008 9:00am Mary Horn (3rd Anniversary) r/b Son-in-Law Chuck Dan Conway r/b Family
WEDNESDAY September 10, 2008 9:00am Lori Pryzomski r/b Bill & Lucille Buffington
THURSDAY September 11, 2008 (Novena to follow) 9:00am Mateo Oler r/b Rita Vogt
FRIDAY September 12, 2008 9:00am Freda Olmo r/b Valerie Horta & Family
SATURDAY September 13, 2008 9:00am 4:30pm Nicola & Rosa Picciano r/b Betty & Nick William Loperfido r/b St. Stephen's Ushers
SUNDAY September 14, 2008 9:00am Joseph Schmidt r/b The Schmidt Family Eleanor Karnish r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
10:30am Marion Kaminski r/b Wife & Children (Catechetical Sunday celebrated @ 10:30am)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Mildred Moffa.

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.

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name and Amount. Rows include Offertory Collection August 30/31, 2008 (\$4,766.02), Comparison Sept. 1/2, 2007 (\$6,678.20), Budgeted Weekly Collection (\$7,200.00), and Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average (\$5,705.28).

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, 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, Mary McNulty, John McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Elena Melfi, John O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Chris Picciano, Rita Picciano, Leonard Rebilas, Rosemarie Rosolia, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Mary Jo Stedrak, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Anthony Vocale, Jean Wenstrom.

Ministry Schedule for September 13/14

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Hobbs, T. Holmes, R. Garofalo
EM's: S. Eisenhardt, M. Baratta, P. Antonelli, The Monaco's
Lectors: The McKenna's

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: S. Morales, M & C Hearn
EM's: S. Marano, R. Leone, T. Modzier, The Sapienza's
Lectors: M. Miller, D. Heck

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: S & S Rosa, L. Fagan, P. Luthman
EM's: T. Link, C. Otto, M. Meloni, The Fagans
Lectors: The Zieglers

September 14th bulletin deadline: Sept. 8th @ Noon

CCD Registrations are still ongoing.

However, registrations will not be accepted on opening night, September 10, 2008.

Forms are available on our parish website and in the Rectory office.

St. Vincent de Paul Hotline (856) 581-7980
New Playground Hotline (609) 238-9471

This Week @ St. Stephen's

9/8-Monday-9am Mass
 9/9-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 9/10-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD, 7pm Picnic Meeting
 9/11-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
 9/12-Friday-9am Mass
 9/13-Saturday-8am Men's Prayer Group, 9am Mass,
 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 9/14-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 September 18th.

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.*

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.

Just 2 weeks away!

St. Stephen's Community Picnic Church--School--Stonegate

Saturday, September 20, 2008

Noon-4pm followed by 4:30pm Outside Mass

Picnic Committee Meeting

Wed. September 10th at 7 pm at Stonegate

The Sunday 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, September 7, 2008 we will celebrate our last Sunday 4:30pm Mass. This also includes the Youth Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Effective Sunday September 14th, Sunday Masses will only be celebrated at 9am & 10:30am.

Rectory Office Hours

Effective Sept. 8th we will resume our normal office hours of **Monday thru Friday from 9am-4:30pm.** Our extended office hours with volunteers until 7pm have been discontinued.

Altar Flower Donations

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass, **please contact Maria Haas @ 665-8393**

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.

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.

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## 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.**

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CCHS College Night Sept. 9th

Camden Catholic High School will have its 40th Regional College Information Program Tuesday evening, September 9th starting at 7:30pm. Representatives from 150 colleges and universities will be available in the gymnasium. Public and parochial high school students, along with their parents or guardians are welcome to attend. CCHS has one of the first college nights in the State with a history of excellent attendance. **The official Financial Aid Night is in our auditorium on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:30pm.**

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## 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Call Mike or Maureen at (856) 401-2633 for tickets.

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Stewardship Reflection

“Bountiful Blessings”

“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” -II Corinthians 9:6

Have you ever taken a moment to figure out how much time, on average, you spend a week volunteering in your Church and in your community? The good stewardship of time reaps bountiful blessings.

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## Catholic Divorce Ministry

The Catholic Divorce Ministry of the Diocese of Camden will sponsor a support group for separated or divorced adults dealing with the pain that comes with the breakup of a marriage. **This 10-week seminar and support group will meet from 7:30pm-9:00pm starting on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Haddon Hts.** Registration is required by calling Ann at (856) 869-0076. There is a \$35 registration fee for the workbooks used.

## 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. The Canon of Scripture - The New Testament

**124** "The Word of God, which is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, is set forth and displays its power in a most wonderful way in the writings of the New Testament"<sup>96</sup> which hand on the ultimate truth of God's Revelation. Their central object is Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son: his acts, teachings, Passion and glorification, and his Church's beginnings under the Spirit's guidance.<sup>97</sup>

**125** The *Gospels* are the heart of all the Scriptures "because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Savior".<sup>98</sup>

**126** We can distinguish three stages in the formation of the Gospels:

1. *The life and teaching of Jesus.* The Church holds firmly that the four Gospels, "whose historicity she unhesitatingly affirms, faithfully hand on what Jesus, the Son of God, while he lived among men, really did and taught for their eternal salvation, until the day when he was taken up."<sup>99</sup>

2. *The oral tradition.* "For, after the ascension of the Lord, the apostles handed on to their hearers what he had said and done, but with that fuller understanding which they, instructed by the glorious events of Christ and enlightened by the Spirit of truth, now enjoyed."<sup>100</sup>

3. *The written Gospels.* "The sacred authors, in writing the four Gospels, selected certain of the many elements which had been handed on, either orally or already in written form; others they synthesized or explained with an eye to the situation of the churches, the while sustaining the form of preaching, but always in such a fashion that they have told us the honest truth about Jesus."<sup>101</sup>

**127** The fourfold Gospel holds a unique place in the Church, as is evident both in the veneration which the liturgy accords it and in the surpassing attraction it has exercised on the saints at all times:

There is no doctrine which could be better, more precious and more splendid than the text of the Gospel. Behold and retain what our Lord and Master, Christ, has taught by his words and accomplished by his deeds.<sup>102</sup> But above all it's the gospels that occupy my mind when I'm at prayer; my poor soul has so many needs, and yet this is the one thing needful. I'm always finding fresh lights there; hidden meanings which had meant nothing to me hitherto.<sup>103</sup>

## *Sunday School Jokes of the Week*

**A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best**, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

*An old classic:*

**Three boys are in the schoolyard** bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100." The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

**When they took Jesus down from the cross**, a follower named Joseph offered his newly finished tomb in which to place the body. After they had reverently laid him out in the tomb, Joseph returned to his house to tell his wife of Jesus' followers accepting his kind and generous offer of their new tomb for the Son of God.

His wife grew angry. "We are in the twilight of our years and that tomb was to be for our own burial," she chided.

"It took many years to carve that out of the stone mountain. Now what are we to do?"

Joseph said, "Don't worry. It'll only be for the weekend."

**A Sunday school teacher** was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "Honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

**At Sunday School** they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

**Sister Mary Ann**, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a Texaco gasoline station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned.

Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient.

Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm turning Catholic."

**A Sunday School teacher** asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, "They couldn't get a baby-sitter."

### **LONG BEFORE THE COMPUTER...**

An application was for employment  
A program was a TV show  
A cursor used profanity  
A keyboard was a piano!  
Memory was something that you lost with age  
A CD was a bank account  
And a floppy disk was something  
Terribly wrong in your back.

Compress was something you did to garbage  
Not something you did to a file  
And if you unzipped anything in public  
You'd be in jail for a while!  
Log on was adding wood to a fire  
Hard drive was a long trip on the road  
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived  
And a backup happened to your commode!

Cut - you did with a pocket knife  
Paste you did with glue  
A web was a spider's home  
And a virus was the flu!  
I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper  
And the memory in my head  
I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash  
But when it happens they wish they were dead.