November 16, 2008 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule
Daily: Monday thru Saturday – 9:00am
Weekend Obligation:
Saturday – 4:30pm
Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am
Children’s/Youth Mass: 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.
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
November 17, 2008
9:00am
Grace Moffett r/b Family

TUESDAY
November 18, 2008
9:00am
Gordon Hartson r/b Wife Catherine

WEDNESDAY
November 19, 2008
9:00am
For All Souls Day Intentions

THURSDAY
November 20, 2008 (Novena to follow)
9:00am
Thelma & Wally Baker
r/b Loving Daughter Elaine

FRIDAY
November 21, 2008
9:00am
For All Souls Day Intentions

SATURDAY
November 22, 2008
9:00am
Good Intentions of the People of the Parish
4:30pm
Otto “Genie” Herrmann r/b Kathy Boyer
John O’Connor r/b M/M David Ardire

SUNDAY
November 23, 2008 (10:30am RCIA Rite of Welcome)
9:00am
Thomas DiBenedetto
r/b Tony & Adele Altadonna
Sigmund Spiewak
r/b Michael Gerst & Kyung Sook Choi
10:30am
Good Intentions of the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Our All Souls Intentions.
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.

Attendance/Collection Nov. 8/9, 2008 526 / $5,253
Attendance/Collection Nov. 10/11, 2007 630 / $7,004
Budgeted Weekly Collection: $7,200
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average: $5,685

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.

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:

Ministry Schedule for November 22/23

Saturday, 4:30pm
Altar Servers: R. Garofalo, M. Hobbs, K. Hulsey
EM’s: P. Antonelli, M. Novoa, L. Garofalo, The Monaco’s
Lectors: The McKenna’s

Sunday, 9:00am
Altar Servers: S. Morales, W. McHugh, M. DiRico
EM’s: S. Marano, L. McHugh, A. DiGiacomo, The Sapienza’s
Lectors: The Zieglers

Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers: L. Fagan, S & S Rosa
EM’s: M. Meloni, L. Solano, G. Tutwiler, The Fagans
Lectors: J. Messina, C. Otto

Nov. 23rd bulletin deadline: Nov. 17th @ Noon
Nov. 30th bulletin deadline: Nov. 20th @ Noon

Next Special 2nd Collection:
November 23rd - “Human Development”

CCD Program Needs
Our CCD Program is still in need of Subs and Aides. If you feel a calling to this wonderful Ministry, please call Adeline Gramlich, CRE at (856) 662-9338.

Winter Coat Found
A black Akademiks winter coat left in the convent after the Giant Yard Sale 10/18/08. Call Jim in the rectory @ 662-9338.
This Week @ St. Stephen’s
11/17-Monday-9am Mass, 7:15pm RCIA
11/18-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
11/19-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm CCD
11/20-Thursday-8am Mass/Novenas, 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir
11/21-Friday-9am Mass
11/22-Saturday-8am Men’s Prayer Group, 9am Mass, 9:30am A&E, Christmas Festival 2-8pm, 3:45-4:15pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
11/23-Sunday-Masses @ 9am & 10:30am, Christmas Festival 9am-2pm

PTA GIFT CARD PROGRAM
The St. Stephen PTA Gift Card program is in full swing for this holiday season and orders will be received until Thursday, December 4th. An order form was placed in last week's bulletin. Should you need another form please feel free to stop by the school or pick one up in the back of church. For any questions please contact Katy Fagan @ 662-5908 or katyfagan@comcast.net.

ST. STEPHEN’S PTA
2008 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
St. Stephen’s PTA is hosting their annual Christmas Festival on Saturday, November 22nd from 2:00pm until 8:00pm and on Sunday, November 23rd from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Bring the family there’s something for everyone. Crafts, Chinese Auction, Incredible Homemade Food and our Wonderful Bake Table. To make our Christmas Festival complete Santa Claus will also be on hand for pictures with everyone. So come and start the holiday season with the St. Stephen’s family.

CRAFTERS/VENDORS ARE WANTED
If you are interested please contact Betsy Mason at 856-910-0205 or email elizmason@comcast.net

Celebrating Multiculturalism
Friday, December 5, 2008 @ 7 p.m.
“God of a thousand faces, help us also to acknowledge You are worshipped in many languages, in different songs and rhythms of life from our own.”
The honor of your presence is requested at an evening that celebrates our diversity as a Christian community. Please join us as an active participant to express our uniqueness in Christ through prayer, music and food. For further information, please call Mary Sue Link @ (856) 854-7120.

St Stephen's Young Adult Ministry
St Stephen's YAM, ages 21-40, is currently 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 welcome to attend.
**Thanksgiving Liturgy Nov. 26th**

On Wednesday, November 26th @ 7:00pm, we will celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Liturgy. This regular event in our parish over many years is a wonderful experience of prayer, singing and celebrating all for which we have to thank Almighty God. All are welcome to bring in a loaf of bread to be blessed as a way of extending the blessing of the Eucharist to your Thanksgiving tables.

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**Why Be Catholic?**

*Hosted by St. Rose of Lima Youth Group*

**Sunday, November 16th @ 7:30pm**

St. Rose of Lima School Cafeteria

300 Kings Hwy., Haddon Hts, NJ

Free Seminar, no registration required.

Catholic author & speaker Matthew Pinto will share his story of going from an apathetic teenager to a fervent believer in Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. If you need a boost to your faith or want answers to challenging questions about the faith, plan on attending this very inspirational and uplifting evening.

More info: Stephen Lamprou (856) 296-4450

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**Camden Catholic High School**

**FAFSA Workshop**

CCHS is sponsoring a Financial Aid Workshop on Tuesday evening, November 25th @ 7:30pm in the cafeteria. A financial aid official will assist parents/students in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for college.

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**St. Peter's, Merchantville** is hosting a play on Nov. 29th at 6 PM on the life of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta being held in the church auditorium. The women doing the play performed at Sydney, Australia to the World Youth Group this summer. The tickets are $10 Adult, $5 Children under 10. This cost includes a light meal with performance immediately following. Call Barbara DeFranco 665-2579 or Joan Decker 663-7418 for tickets.

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**Offertory Envelopes Info**

Offertory envelopes from the FJ Remey company in NY are mailed out 6 times per year to active registered families.

*If you don't receive envelopes, it's possible that:*
1. You have never officially registered here
2. You’re registered, but haven’t used an envelope in 9-12 months (the cost of envelopes exceeds your donations)
3. You are an automatic E-Giver (quite the growing trend!)

If you wish to register and/or receive envelopes, please call the rectory @ 662-9338. Temporary envelopes are available outside the Sacristy in the meantime. Thank you!

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**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*(A weekly continuing series)*

**Section One, “I Believe-We Believe”**

Chapter 3: Man’s Response to God

**Article 2: We Believe**

166 Faith is a personal act - the free response of the human person to the initiative of God who reveals himself. But faith is not an isolated act. No one can believe alone, just as no one can live alone. You have not given yourself faith as you have not given yourself life. The believer has received faith from others and should hand it on to others. Our love for Jesus and for our neighbor impels us to speak to others about our faith. Each believer is thus a link in the great chain of believers. I cannot believe without being carried by the faith of others, and by my faith I help support others in the faith.

167 "I believe" (Apostles' Creed) is the faith of the Church professed personally by each believer, principally during Baptism. "We believe" (Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed) is the faith of the Church confessed by the bishops assembled in council or more generally by the liturgical assembly of believers. "I believe" is also the Church, our mother, responding to God by faith as she teaches us to say both "I believe" and "We believe".

1. "LORD, LOOK UPON THE FAITH OF YOUR CHURCH"

168 It is the Church that believes first, and so bears, nourishes and sustains my faith. Everywhere, it is the Church that first confesses the Lord: "Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you", as we sing in the hymn "Te Deum”; with her and in her, we are won over and brought to confess: "I believe", "We believe". It is through the Church that we receive faith and new life in Christ by Baptism. In the Rituale Romanum, the minister of Baptism asks the catechumen: "What do you ask of God's Church?" And the answer is: "Faith." "What does faith offer you?" "Eternal life." 54

169 Salvation comes from God alone; but because we receive the life of faith through the Church, she is our mother: "We believe the Church as the mother of our new birth, and not in the Church as if she were the author of our salvation." 55 Because she is our mother, she is also our teacher in the faith.

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**Paul VI High School Open House**

Paul VI High School invites you to our annual Open House on Thursday, November 20, 2008 beginning at 6:30pm. Come and experience our active faith community. Meet our outstanding faculty and coaches. See what courses of study and programs we have to offer you! For further information, please contact Stefanie Markellos at 856-858-4900, ext. 36.
St. Stephen Parish – Current Councils & Committees

There will be a joint meeting of the Pastoral & Finance Councils on Monday, November 24th @ 7pm in the Stonegate Meeting Room.

**Bereavement Committee**
Rick & Denise Caruso-Chairpersons
Joy Bowman
Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ
Sr. Eleanor Faiola
Lucille Buffington
Deacon Ernest Picknally

**Children’s Liturgy** (Our School & CCD)
Mary Novoa-Chairperson
Pat Petronis
Tery Mattera

**Finance Council**
Anthony Saranchak-Chairperson
Craig Otto
Lonnie Monaco
Kathy Boyer
Gary Sapienza
Bill Mattia

**Fundraising Committee**
Dan Steinmetz-Chairperson
Keith Knight
Anthony Leone
Jim Pennestri
John Fitzpatrick
Dennis Rooney

**Hospitality**
Rich Pilla-Chairperson
Rick Taylor

**House of Charity**
Marcia Miller-Chairperson
Rose Marie Davis
Cindy Luthman

**Liturgical Committee**
Mary Ann Meloni-Chairperson
Mary Sue Link
Donna McKeen
Nancy Werner Kaiser
Terry Scavuzzo

**Nursing Home/Homebound Visits**
Lonnie & Mary Sharon Monaco-Chairpersons
Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ
Terry Modzier
Katy Fagan
Sharon Stehm
Kathleen Stehm
Sr. Eleanor Faiola

**Pastoral Council**

*Ex Officio:*
Deacon Ernie Picknally,
Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ
Sr. Ruthann O’Mara, SSJ
Pat Higgins

*Members:*
Jack Mattera
Christopher Hearn
Ryan McCann
Joseph Haas
Terry Modzier
Elizabeth McHugh

**Sacristians**
Sal Marano-Chairperson
Sam Loperfido
John Messina
Dot Coyle
Ann DiGiacomo
Catherine Broome
Linda Gruber
Lucille Buffington
Gertrude Cavallo
Elizabeth McHugh

**Young Adults Ministry**
Allyson Meloni-Chairperson
Sr. Ruthann O’Mara, SSJ
Rose Dominiano
J. D. Hull

**Youth Ministry**
Debbie Gravinese-Chairperson
Cindy Pandola
Donna McKeen
Sr. Ruthann O’Mara, SSJ
Joey Scavuzzo