

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

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Contact Information

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January 19, 2014 – The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Friday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligation:

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

Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am

Children's Liturgy: 3rd Sunday @ 9:00am

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm

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.

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.

Tribunal Parish Advocate-Dc. Anthony Cioe- (856) 227-2145

Rectory Office Hours-Monday thru Friday 9am-4:30pm
(Closed all Holy Days of Obligation & National Holidays)

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Family or Friends having a weekend 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 church 10 minutes prior to Saturday/Sunday 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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	January 20, 2014 Ida Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 21, 2014 Helen Andrychowski r/b Josephine Marzille
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 22, 2014 A Special Intention r/b Family
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	January 23, 2014 A Special Intention r/b Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 24, 2014 Kathleen A. Shiflet r/b Rose Davis
SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 25, 2014 Robert J. Markley r/b Carmel Naples & Phyllis Mignogna
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 26, 2014 Barbara Joyce r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Wife, Theresa Catherine & Charles Magee r/b Family Rev. Thomas E. Ploude r/b People of the Parish Alfreda Novak r/b Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ

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.

Jan. 11/12, 2014 Attendance/Collection	462/	\$5,456
Jan. 12/13, 2013 Comparison	473/	\$4,627
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,092

Diocesan Special Collection: 1/26/14: "Mission Membership"
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People for the Poor Chances Feb. 8/9

As you may be aware, People for the Poor is a 100% Volunteer Organization that does nothing but fundraisers & EVERY PENNY goes to Homeless Shelters & Soup Kitchens throughout South Jersey.

We will be selling chances at St. Stephen's for a Time Share ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD the weekend of February 8 & 9th...the cost per chance is \$5 - the reason for the \$5 is because that will feed a person breakfast, lunch AND dinner for a day.

Remember Our Sick

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:

Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joe DiLorenzo, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, John Maggioncalda, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivillo, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex.

Ministry Schedule for January 25/26

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, J. Bui, O. Bui

EM's: B. Taylor, A. Cirullo, C. Pandola, A. Pandola, *Sr. Eleanora

Lector: W. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: T. Albert, B. McHugh, O. Albert

EM's: S. Marano, M. Miller, L. D'Alessandro, N. Schmidt, *R. Davis

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: J. Mack, M. Conway, L. Fagan

EM's: Geo. Tutwiler, T. Link, J. Messina, L. Solano, *W. Delfin

Lectors: C. Otto, C. Aleszczyk

Every life is sacred.



2nd Annual Diocese of Camden

Respect Life Mass

Wednesday, January 22, 12:05 pm

Presider: Bishop Dennis Sullivan

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden

On the 41st anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision, we pray for an end to abortion and for a greater respect for all life.

A collection will be taken to support diocesan respect life ministries.

Questions? Email Mike at: michael.laskey@camdendiocese.org



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This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

1/20--Monday-9am Mass, School & Rectory Closed MLK Day,
1pm Bible Study, 7pm Pastoral Council
 1/21--Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA
 1/22--Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 6:30pm Eucharist Workshop,
7pm Spiritual Life Committee
 1/23--Thur-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Book Club
 1/24--Friday-9am Mass
 1/25--Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 1/26--Sunday-9am School Mass, 10:30am Mass,
 Catholic Schools Week is celebrated from January 26th - 31st.

A Message for All the Ladies:



God values you, and  has a plan for your life!

Monday Ladies' Bible Study

1-2:30pm in the Stonegate Conference Room.

To Jesus Through Mary Tuesday Night

Rosary 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

Your devotion to the Blessed Mother was expressed by the response to the Knights' "Prayer Pavers to Our Lady".

Continue your devotion - Come pray with us!

"To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Jesus."

Blessed John Paul II, Apostolic Letter on the Rosary

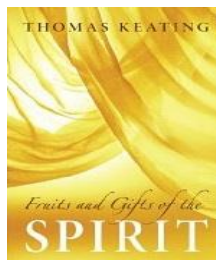
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue Wednesday, January 22nd @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues January 23rd at 7pm in the Parish Center.

We are discussing "Fruits & Gifts of the Spirit" by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO



First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, Feb. 7th, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



"The worship given to the Trinity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...must fill our churches also outside the timetable of Masses...Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation of the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease." -Blessed John Paul II

Saturday 9am Men's Prayer Group

Please join us for our Men's Scripture/Prayer Group. We meet every Saturday morning at 9am for one-half hour in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Closings

On Monday January 20th we will observe the **Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a national holiday.** The school, rectory, and all Diocesan offices will be closed.

Art & Environment Ministry

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

Bereavement Committee

The Bereavement Committee is seeking volunteers to help minister to those who've recently lost loved ones in our community of faith. To join this special ministry, please call **Joy Bowman at 662-4803.**

Council & Board Meetings

All at 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

Monday, January 20	Pastoral Council
Wednesday, January 22	Spiritual Life
Monday, January 27	Liturgy Board
Monday, February 10	Finance Council

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

AN ONGOING MEMORIAL!

All pavers are now installed and many spaces still available!

Pavers to form a concrete path from our church to the Blessed Mother are available in 3 sizes: 4"x8" \$100, 8"x8" \$175, and 12"x12" \$500. Samples are available after weekend Masses and in the school office, order forms are on our website and in the rectory office.

Info is available @ www.ststephenspennsauken.com or by calling Michael Ciarrocca at 856-425-4799.

RCIA Ministry

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. **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.**

Scrip Fundraising Program

Scrip is available for purchase at the Scrip Table after all weekend Masses and at the rectory during regular business office hours, **Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm** (excluding Holy Days & Holidays).

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.
Prayer requests for the month of January, please contact **Michael @ 662-2543.**

Thank You from Sr. Bernadette

In honor of Sr. Bernadette's 77th birthday on January 5th, the parish arranged a Mass for her good intentions to be celebrated at 9am on Wednesday, March 19th, the Feast Day of Saint Joseph. Sister sends along her heartfelt thanks for this gesture and wishes everyone a safe, happy and healthy New Year—and also to stay warm!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry at Mary Queen of All Saints Parish needs help on Saturday mornings. Assist in distributing food orders to needy members of the community who pick up at the food pantry. Location is St. Cecilia's school on Camden Ave in Pennsauken, NJ. Great opportunity for students to get service hours. Contact Mary McGinley for details 856-662-2332.

www.maryqueenofallsaints.org

St. Joseph's In the Hills Men's Retreat March 7-9, 2014

- Some men come to relax
- Some visit with friends
- Some are in crisis and need answers
- All are welcome
- 18 men joined us last year from South Jersey
- You are invited March 7-9

More information at www.malvernretreat.com
or call Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753.

A Closer Walk with God

Desiring a closer walk with God? Join us as we ask for the infusion of Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Presence of Jesus Christ. Silent Meditation, Reflection & Adoration. All are warmly welcome to attend!

St. Rose of Lima Church ~ Main Church
300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035
Sunday March 16, 2014 from 2-3:30 pm

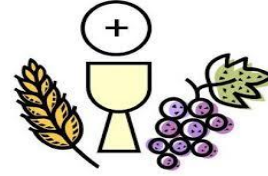
Presenter: Fr. Joseph Byerley
Silent Spiritual Meditation, Reflection & Adoration
Using the thoughts & works of our great saints
Future Date: June 8, 2014

2014 Mission Trip to Guatemala

Christ Our Light Church in Cherry Hill is sponsoring its seventh mission trip to Guatemala, scheduled for June 21-28, 2014. Information sessions are being held on **Sunday, January 26th** at 8:30 am, 10:00 am and noon. The trip is focused on a ministry of presence with the indigenous Maya of the Quiche region of Guatemala. Cost of the trip is approximately \$1400 which includes airfare, accommodations and supplies. If interested, please contact Pat Slater, Pastoral Associate for Justice and Community Outreach, 856-667-2440 x. 327 or by e-mail at pslater@christourlight.net.

Continues This Wednesday

EUCCHARIST WORKSHOP



Explore the central mystery of our Faith by taking a deeper look at this most Holy Sacrament. This spiritual study program, presented by **Father Robert Barron** on DVD, will give us a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's Divine Life that you can receive at every Mass. Please join us for one or all sessions, as we discover and celebrate what Vatican II called the "source and summit of the Christian life." **This is a five-session workshop offered on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Family Center, being held from January 15-February 12th.**



January 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

At Baptism, we take on the responsibility to be Jesus' witnesses to and to share our faith with those whom we encounter in our daily lives and to millions unknown to us, to the two-thirds of the world who have yet to hear the Good News of God's love.

The **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**, founded in 1822 by a French lay woman, is the basic means of support for the Church's worldwide missions in dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

On the weekend of **January 25-26**, all of us in the Diocese of Camden will have an opportunity to make a special commitment to the worldwide missionary work of the Church through enrollment in the Propagation of the Faith on **Mission Membership Sunday**. In doing so, we can reach out to the peoples of the world and to provide the financial resources to assist priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists as they help young people who are searching for meaning in life, comfort refugees in their spiritual and material needs, minister to the sick, teach small children, prepare adults for Baptism, or bring help and hope to the suffering in times of natural disaster and war.

With gratitude for your support of the missions, I thank you for all you have done and will do for the Church's missionary work through the Propagation of the Faith.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.
Bishop of Camden



Saint Stephen SCHOOL

Developing scholars, leaders and friends in faith

Dear Parents:

January 14, 2014

As you know, the St. Stephen school community has been working hard to address economic challenges caused by declining enrollment at the school. Not enough parents have chosen us to educate their children. This declining enrollment has resulted in a reduction of tuition income and increasing budget deficits that have depleted our parish resources.

After careful consultation with the school board, the parish council and the parish finance council and having met with Bishop Sullivan and his school advisors, and having carefully weighed the current data and the prospects for turning around our financial situation, it is clear that we will be unable to keep the St. Stephen School open beyond this current school year.

We know that the challenges facing St. Stephen School have been well known and that this decision may not come as a surprise to the school community. Yet, we also understand that this does not diminish the sadness and disappointment that we all feel at this time. We know that support for St. Stephen School has required a deep commitment and great sacrifice on the part of parishioners, faculty and parents alike. This decision should not diminish the pride we all have in the school for its academic excellence, its strong sense of community, or its success fostering moral values in our children.

Nor should it diminish our future commitment to Catholic school education for the children of our parish.

To this end, we have been working to develop the best plans possible to ensure that students will have continued access to quality Catholic education starting with the 2014-15 school year. In collaboration with the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools, we will work to address critical transition issues and to facilitate the enrollment of your children in another nearby Catholic elementary school.

To help in this transition, St. Stephen Parish will provide a tuition voucher in the amount of \$1,000 per child to another Catholic school for the 2014-15 school year for any student registered at the new school by February 27, 2014. This, of course, is with the understanding that families complete their financial responsibility to St. Stephen School.

Additionally, representatives from area Catholic schools will be here at St. Stephen School on January 21, 2014, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, to meet with our families. Each of the schools will also hold open houses at their locations on the following dates (7:00-8:30 PM):

Good Shepherd, Collingswood	January 23, 2014	St. Rose of Lima, Haddon Heights	February 6, 2014
Resurrection, Cherry Hill	January 22, 2014	St. Cecelia, Pennsauken	January 30, 2014
Christ the King, Haddonfield	February 4, 2014	St. Peter, Merchantville	February 3, 2014

The Office of Catholic Schools and the Human Resources Department of the Diocese of Camden will work with the faculty and staff to assist them in trying to secure future employment at another school within the diocese. In the event they are unable to do that, an assistance plan will be provided to them.

As we work to address these transition issues, know we will continue in the remaining months of the school year to adhere to our school calendar and to continue our school program without interruption. Indeed, we are counting on the continued commitment of parents, faculty and administration to ensure that students receive the highest quality of instruction and care until the end of the school year in June.

Finally, we thank you, the parents and guardians, for your support of Catholic education and our teachers who have so ably taught our students. Your expressions of support, your suggestions and honest feedback have been important as we consider the best ways to ensure that Catholic school education remains available to families in our community.

We also ask for your understanding and prayers as we work together to address the challenges facing our parish and school.

Sincerely,

Rev. Daniel M. Rocco

Pastor

Mrs. Patricia Higgins

Principal