

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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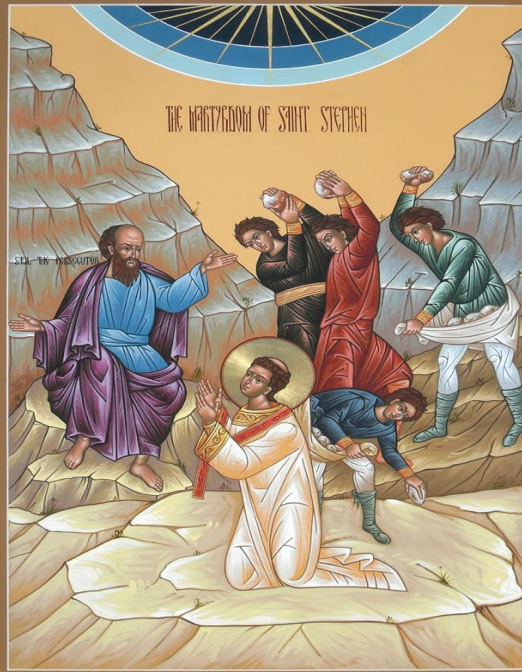
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Monday – Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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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.*

January 22, 2017 – The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion Service: Monday - 9:00am
Daily Mass: Tuesday thru Friday - 9:00am
Weekend Obligation:
Saturday – 4:30pm (*Reconciliation 3:45pm-4:15pm*)
Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am
Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm

Miraculous Medal Novena – Thursday after 9am Mass.
Eucharistic Exposition – First Friday from 9:30am-7pm.

Parish Membership – Moving INTO the parish all are asked to register as soon as possible.
Moving WITHIN or OUT – kindly notify rectory.

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 one 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.

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.

Sponsors – Must be a Confirmed Catholic of at least 16 years of age in good standing and active. If married, must have been married in the Catholic Church.

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 2018 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY 9:00am	January 22, 2017 Richard Brokowski r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	In Thanksgiving for Our Music Ministry's Dedication this Advent & Christmas Season
MONDAY 9:00am	January 23, 2017 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 24, 2017 John Sarich, Sr. r/b Dorothea Dodds
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 25, 2017 Grace Young r/b Her Daughter, Suzanne
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	January 26, 2017 Margaret Singer r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 27, 2017 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 28, 2017 Darlene Ward r/b Ed & Barb Weingard
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 29, 2017 Helen Huhn r/b Frank & Rita Miller
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family Edward DiDomenico r/b The Sooy 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.

January 14/15, 2017 Heating Fund Collection:	\$1,370
January 14/15, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$5,063
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,687

Special Collections:

- January 29th:** "Church in Latin America" (Diocese)
- March 1st:** "Church in Eastern Europe" (Ash Wed.)
- March 5th:** "Black & Indian Missions" (Diocese)

(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)



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:

- Dolores Afilani, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Cicccone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Sr., Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Mary Russell, Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Esther Tillinghast, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Viviello, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for January 28/29

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, *V. Thibault

Lectors: J. Gerst, B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, J. Vales

EM's: R. Leone, E. Nolte, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, *M. Conway

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, J. Scavuzzo

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Nicdao, R. Gardner, K. Fagan

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, T. Mattered, G. Tutwiler, D. Urgo, *M. Meloni

Lectors: J. Messina, M. Turan

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewards are Each Called"

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to **Stewardship**. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

1/23-Monday-9am Communion Service, 11am Ladies Bible Study
 1/24-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Board,
 7pm Health & Wellness Team Meeting
 1/25-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 1/26-Thurs.-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 1/27-Friday-9am Mass
 1/28-Saturday - 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 1/29-Sunday - 9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Ladies Bible Study

Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, lively discussions, and fun!

When: Mondays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.
 Phone or text: 610-805-5363 email: heides@comcast.net

*The woman who walks with God
 Always reaches her destination*

Tuesday Night Rosary

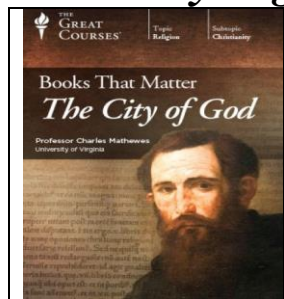
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

Come join us as we ask Our Lady to pray with us and for us. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the pinnacle of God's creation. She is the most perfect, the greatest, the holiest human being ever to live. When we repeat her name, we greatly honor God her Creator. Mary never keeps any glory for herself. Her soul magnifies the Lord. (Lk 1:46)

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue January 25th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue
January 26th @ 7pm in the
 Sr. Bernadette Parish Center
 with
 Prof. Charles Mathewes'
**"Books That Matter-
 The City of God"**

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
Friday, February 3, 2017
9:45am-7:00pm.



Art & Environment Ministry

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

Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide Electronic Giving, or eGiving, as a simple, secure & convenient method for making contributions. E-Giving 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the 10:30 AM Mass, children between the ages of 4 and 7 are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word for Children. Before the 1st Reading, children will be called forward. Led by adults they will process to the Parish Center where they will hear the readings and participate in activities that will help them to begin to better understand the meaning of God's Word. At the Offertory Procession, the children will be led back to Mass where they will rejoin their parents. We hope that you will allow your children to participate in this religious education experience.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

For Prayer Requests for the month of January contact
Betty @ 856-662-6928.

Parish Library

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Winter reading needs! We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. Please stop by after Masses.

**Hours: Saturday, 5:30-6:00pm
 Sunday, 10:00-10:30; 11:30-12:00**

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

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 order forms are on our website and in the rectory office. If there is a particular place, possibly near a loved one already on the walkway that you'd like a paver to be placed, please contact Michael Ciarrocca at 856-425-4799 or Ciarrocca@juno.com.

FIRST MOTHER FAMILY OUTREACH

Women from our diocese have formed a compassionate outreach for mothers who have not raised their firstborn children. We, as ordinary women, offer you our comfort and support because we understand that time does not erase the pain of adoption loss.

Contact us at: FirstMotherFamily@gmail.com

"This is my commandment:

Love one another as I have loved you." -John 15:12

<http://catholicstarherald.org/birth-mothers-find-support-in-shared-experience/>

Health and Wellness Team News

The next meeting for the Health and Wellness Team will be Tuesday 1/24/17 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Contact Joanne at Joanniedb@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Are you interested in learning CPR? Do you need to brush up on your skills? The Health and Wellness Team will be conducting a CPR class in February 2017, date to be determined. The class will be offered in the Parish Center and provided by a certified CPR instructor. Please note this class will not meet the requirements for CPR certification. It is only meant to teach basic skills. If there is a need for a certification class, we will explore that at another time. The class will be offered free of charge. If you are interested, please send an email message to the rectory, at ecclesia@comcast.net with your name, telephone number and email address and a preferred day: Monday or Tuesday evening, or Saturday. Someone will be in touch with you once the class is scheduled.

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### Diocesan Black History Month Mass

Join Bishop Sullivan, homilist Rev. Maurice J. Nutt, and the Diocesan Gospel Choir on Sun., Feb. 19, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, NJ 08081. A light reception will follow.

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Afternoon of Jazz

Don't miss this 26th annual dinner dance to benefit the Diocesan Black Catholic Ministries' Scholarship Fund on Sun., April 23, 3 – 8 p.m. at Masso's Crystal Manor, 210 S. Delsea Dr., Glassboro. Send a check made out to "Diocese of Camden" for \$40 per person and mail it to James E. Andrews, Director, Black Catholic Ministries, 631 Market St., Camden, NJ 08102.

Questions? Contact James at (856) 583-2907 or James.Andrews@camdendiocese.org.

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### CATHOLIC DIVORCE MINISTRY

Divorce and Beyond is a seminar/support group for those who are separated and have made the decision to divorce or have gone through a divorce. Our 12 WEEK program will be held in the parish center on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, beginning on March 1, 2017, at Our Lady of Peace Parish (St. Mary's Church), 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ. A \$20.00 registration fee will cover the cost of the seminar and materials. For more info, please call Debbie: 856-881-4133.

## Paul VI High School News

Paul VI High School ANNUAL 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE WINTER DANCE. Eighth grade students are invited to Paul VI High School for the annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Dance on Friday, February 3rd from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for students who make reservations prior to the 5<sup>th</sup>, \$8 at the door. Reservations are available by visiting the ADMISSIONS EVENTS page of the Paul VI website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org). Each student must present a completed, signed permission form to be admitted. Permission forms are available on the school website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org).

Paul VI PROSPECTIVE PARENTS' WINE & CHEESE will be held on Friday, February 3rd from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Paul VI dining hall. Parents interested in learning more about Paul VI High School are invited to meet current PVI parents and staff at this annual, informal information night. For reservations, please visit the ADMISSIONS EVENTS page of the Paul VI website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org).

Paul VI High School REGISTRATION FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS. Paul VI High School congratulates those students accepted into the Class of 2021! Registration will take place at the school on Saturday, February 25th, between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Questions about registration, or inquiries to apply to Paul VI, may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, (856) 858-4900 ext. 336, or [kstewart@pvihs.org](mailto:kstewart@pvihs.org).

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Camden Catholic High School News

The Arts at CCHS Presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

Tickets Now Available! www.cchspanperformingarts.com
Performances: March 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 7:30 p.m. and March 5 & 12 at 2 p.m. The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm and elegance. Join us to be entertained by the talented performing arts and music students of Camden Catholic High School.

Admissions Information Night: Thursday, February 2 from 7-9 p.m.

Whether you are an 8th grader still making your decision about high school, or a 6th or 7th grader planning for your future, please join us to learn more about the admissions process, curriculum, arts and athletics at Camden Catholic High School. This is a general information session in which you will have the opportunity to meet our students, faculty and administration, tour our campus, and have your questions answered. RSVP at www.camdencatholic.org/admissionsevents, or call the Admissions Office at 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or email janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org.

8th Graders:

Freshman Registration is Saturday, February 25 from 8-11 a.m. Admissions Applications for the Class of 2021 may be submitted on a rolling basis only as space permits. Please submit your application for admission as soon as possible in order to be considered for a spot in the CCHS Class of 2021. Visit www.camdencatholic.org/admissions.

Irish Experience Guest Days

Only a few dates remain this year for 8th grade students to shadow a current student at Camden Catholic High School. Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy. Select your day at www.camdencatholic.org/admissionsevents or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A Sunday, January 22, 2017

Today's Gospel (*Matthew 4:12-23*) describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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Join Heart-to-Heart for:

DANCE for LOVE!

**Couples AND Singles
come out to spread LOVE
this Valentine season!**

Heart Sponsors:



**Tickets may be purchased online:
www.heart2heartinc.org (events page)**

For more information contact Bobbi Daniels
at 856-406-6153 or bd.heart2heart@gmail.com

**Friday, February 10, 2017
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM**

Tickets: \$50

**Pennsauken Country Club
3800 Haddonfield Road, Pennsauken, NJ**

**Dance to DJ Double W's music,
tune up your line dancing skills
with instructors Bob & Lorraine,
and enjoy "dine and dance" finger food.**

Cash Bar

