

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

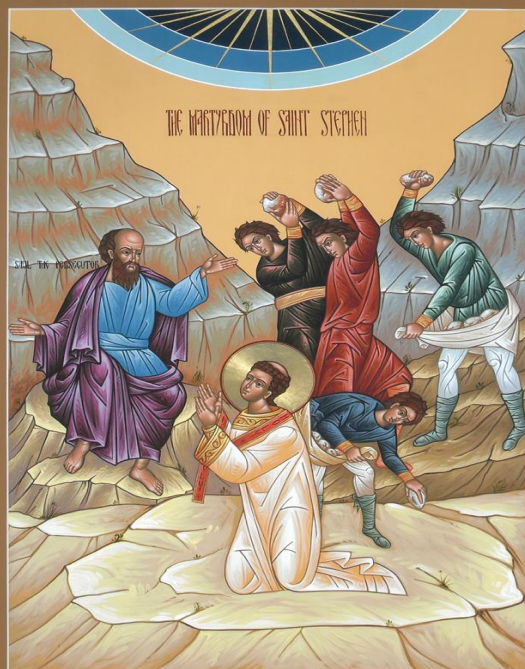
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Rose Marie Davis
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339
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(856) 662-4679

Emergencies
(856) 261-9336
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Deacon Anthony R. Cioe
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www.StStephensPennsauken.com

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 29, 2017 – The Fourth 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	January 29, 2017
9:00am	Helen Huhn r/b Frank & Rita Miller
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family Edward DiDomenico r/b The Sooy Family
MONDAY	January 30, 2017
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY	January 31, 2017
9:00am	Rev. Joseph M. Hayden r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	February 1, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY	February 2, 2017
9:00am/Novena	Pauline Palumo r/b Dorothea Dodds
FRIDAY	February 3, 2017 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am	Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter
SATURDAY	February 4, 2017
4:30pm	Diane Fitzpatrick r/b Her Brother, John Fitzpatrick
SUNDAY	February 5, 2017
9:00am	Gloria Vendetti r/b Her Husband, Anthony Vendetti
10:30am	Edward & Ruth DiDomenico r/b Gabriella, Phil & Philip Brown Emma Pica r/b The Messina 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 21/22, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$4,863
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,693

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:

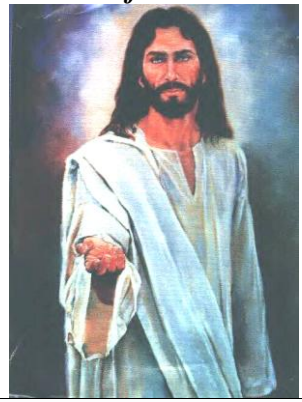
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Ministry Schedule for February 4/5

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm
Altar Server: J. Bui
EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, *V. Thibault
Lectors: B. Mattia, P. Nolte
Sunday, 9:00am
Altar Server: J. Vales
EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, R. Leone, *M. Bufanio
Lectors: Joan Rivera, Jared Rivera
Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers: M. Daniels, C. Nicdao, C. Gardner
EM's: M. Meloni, M. Conway, T. Angstman, W. Delfin, *T. Scavuzzo
Lectors: J. Messina, R. Aleszczyk

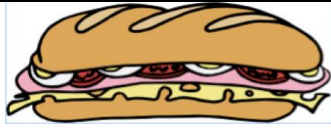
A SPECIAL INVITATION Just for You!



You are cordially invited to come into the silence and spend one hour with Our Lord during our **First Friday Adoration February 3, 2017.**

Jesus said to His Apostles,
 "Could you not watch one hour with me?"
 He is asking us the same question today.
 Won't you say "YES" to His invitation?

RSVP to Rosemarie Leone @ 856-662-0035.



**Knights of Columbus,
Council 3512
Hoagie Sale**

As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 & \$6.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **February 4/5**. For info call 856-227-4980.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 1/30-Monday-9am Communion Service, 11am Ladies Bible Study
- 1/31-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Fire Dept. Meeting
- 2/1-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 2/2-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 2/3-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 2/4-Saturday - 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 2/5-Sunday - 9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



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

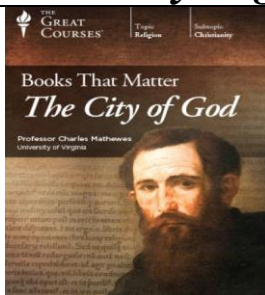
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

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 February 1st at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue
February 2nd @ 7pm in the
Sr. Bernadette Parish Center
with
Prof. Charles Mathewes'
**"Books That Matter-
The City of God"**

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**.
February contact **Maryann-856-333-6525**.

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

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 eccllesia@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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GOOD COUNSEL HOMES THANKS YOU...

The Mom's, babies, staff and volunteers of Good Counsel Homes, Riverside are thankful for the extreme generosity of the parishioners of St. Stephen Parish. **The baby bottles returned to date amounted to \$3,589.01.** Your response to help our mothers and babies speaks to your commitment to our home and we thank you.

May the New Year be abundant with blessings.
JoAnn DiNoia, 609-387-2928;
joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org

PS. There are still 100 bottles not returned--you can still return your bottles to the parish office if you forgot -- even an empty returned bottle is a donation as this is one less we have to purchase.)

Paul VI High School News

Paul VI High School ANNUAL 8th GRADE WINTER DANCE. Eighth grade students are invited to Paul VI High School for the annual 8th 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 5th, \$8 at the door. Reservations are available by visiting the ADMISSIONS EVENTS page of the Paul VI website, 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.

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.

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.

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## Camden Catholic High School News

### The Arts at CCHS Presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

Tickets Now Available! [www.cchsp Performingarts.com](http://www.cchsp Performingarts.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.camden Catholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camden Catholic.org/admissionsevents), or call the Admissions Office at 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or email [janet.indelicato@camden Catholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camden Catholic.org).

### 8<sup>th</sup> 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.camden Catholic.org/admissions](http://www.camden Catholic.org/admissions).

### Irish Experience Guest Days

Only a few dates remain this year for 8<sup>th</sup> 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.camden Catholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camden Catholic.org/admissionsevents) or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: [janet.indelicato@camden Catholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camden Catholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

# Diocese of Camden February CAP Schedule

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

**CAP 1** teaches attendees to **recognize child abuse and neglect** and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

**CAP 2** is called **CAP's Bullying Prevention Program** and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

**CAP 3** is called **Cyber-Empowerment** and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere.

Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1, 2 or 3 when they renew their CAP.

The following sessions will be offered in February 2017:

### CAP Phase 1

**Thursday, February 2, 2:30 PM,**  
Gloucester Catholic High School (school cafeteria)

**Wednesday, February 8 7:00 PM**  
Christ the King School, Haddonfield  
(cafeteria—enter through back door)

**Wednesday, February 8 7:00 PM**  
Our Lady Star of the Sea School, Atlantic City (cafeteria)

**Monday, February 13 7:00 PM**  
St Mary School, Vineland (media center)

### CAP Phase 2

**Thursday, February 2 7:00PM** Gloucester Catholic High School (school cafeteria)

### CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment

**Tuesday, February 7 7:00 PM**  
Cape Trinity Early Childhood Center  
2901 New Jersey Ave. Wildwood

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP REGISTRATION LINE at the Office of Child and Youth Protection: (856)583-6165, or contact Maryellen Schell at [maryellen.schell@camdendiocese.org](mailto:maryellen.schell@camdendiocese.org). Please leave your name and the session date you plan to attend. You will not receive a call back. We ask that you register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.

The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the Diocesan website [www.camdendiocese.org/cyp](http://www.camdendiocese.org/cyp).

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER  
PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY.**

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](http://www.heart2heartinc.org) (events page)

For more information contact Bobbi Daniels  
at 856-406-6153 or [bd.heart2heart@gmail.com](mailto: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**

