

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
Permanent Deacon Ernest Picknally
Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal

Emergencies: (856) 261-9336
(Accidents, Dying or Death)



Contact Information

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January 6, 2013 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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 – 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.

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 2014 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 5, 2013 Ricardo Taylor, Sr. r/b Rita Vogt
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 6, 2013 Ben Trimboli r/b Debbie & Michael Vogt
10:30am	Corey Hufner r/b Michael Ciarrocca Mary Hastings r/b Pat & Earl Nolte & Family Edward English, Jr. r/b Michael Gorham Fr. Gerald J. Fitzpatrick, SJ r/b Virginia Licata
MONDAY 9:00am	January 7, 2013 Marie Zinicola r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 8, 2013 Jennie Farmer r/b Richard Beyer
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 9, 2013 Bill Buffington r/b His Wife, Lucille
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	January 10, 2013 Sr. Ann Thomas Sullivan, SSJ r/b Sr. Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 11, 2013 Salvatore & Julia DiPaolo r/b Daughter, Lucille
SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 12, 2013 Ricardo Taylor, Sr. r/b Dc. Anthony & Phyl Cioe
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 13, 2013 Donna Fricke r/b The Scavuzzo Family
10:30am	William Blumenstein r/b The McHugh Family Marie Zinicola r/b Lillian Tomarchio Vincenza Faiola r/b Sr. Eleanora & Family Herbert Schute r/b His Wife

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Frank & Josephine Celia.

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.

December 29/30 Offertory figures will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on 12/27/12.

Dec. 22/23, 2012 Attendance/Collection	558/ \$5,899
Christmas 2012 Collection	\$16,524
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,482

Next Special Diocesan Collection:

January 27, 2013: "Mission Membership Sunday"



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, Edith Bielinski, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Donato Gallicchio, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Judith Gormley, Thomas Holmes Sr., Rev. David Klein, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Wanda Loperfido, Maurn Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Cyrol Valentino, Gloria Vendetti, John Vindick, Mary Vivielo, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for January 12/13

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: Ma. Ciarrocca, Mi. Ciarrocca, T. Albert
EM's: A. Knight, P. Petronis, A. Pandola, *alternate C. Pandola
Lectors: P. Tryson, L. Peischl

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, O. Graff, I. Rosario
EM's: S. Marano, L. McHugh, M. Miller, T. Modzier
Lectors: J. Bowman, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: N. Hughes, C. Hughes, M. Conway
EM's: T. Link, T. Mattered, M. Meloni, W. Delfin
Lectors: P. Cioe, E. Mattered

Stewardship Reflection

Epiphany of the Lord

"STEWARDS DO HOMAGE"

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh ..." (MATTHEW 2:11)

Notice the distinct order of events in the Stewards visit. First they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we presume to present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what gifts God might be asking us to share. But when we kneel before Him in prayer we will find the answer.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

1/7--Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study
1/8--Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
1/9--Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD
1/10--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club, Choir
1/11--Friday-9am Mass
1/12--Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
1/13--Sunday-RCIA, 9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

Monday Afternoon Bible Study



1:00-2:30pm - Stonegate
Any questions, please call
Eileen at (856) 662-8046
or email me at
heides@comcast.net.
Please feel free to join us!

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.

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue January 9th @ 6:15PM

Thursday Night Discussion Club

7pm in the Parish Center



First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, Feb. 1st, 9:30am-6:45pm.**



"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 Rectory Basement Meeting Room. **Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.**

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place.

Contact Betty @ 662-6928 for January requests

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to GOD."

-*Philippians 4:6*



Sr. Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ
c/o Saint Joseph Villa (Room 409)
110 W. Wissahickon Ave.
Flourtown, PA 19031-1898
Direct Phone: (215) 836-3655

Art & Environment Ministry ***A Special Thank You!***

St. Stephen's Art and Environment Ministry wish to thank all the parishioners, Buildings and Grounds Ministry and all the AWESOME students for helping to prepare our church for the Christmas liturgical season. We are blessed to have so many dedicated members of our parish community. **Any student needing service hours are welcome to meet on Sunday Jan. 13th at 11:30 am to restore the church to Ordinary Time.**

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 & Ministry Meetings

(All Mondays @ 7pm in the Parish Center)

January 14	Finance Council
January 21	Pastoral Council
January 28	Liturgy Board

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 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 hours, Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm (excluding Holy Days & Holidays). Scrip orders may also be submitted to the school

and will then be processed via the rectory for later delivery.

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Penn Queen Fundraiser for St. Stephen!

Please bring this flyer with you each time you dine at The Penn Queen diner—located at 7349 North Crescent Blvd— In Pennsauken.

St. Stephens will receive proceeds from your check. If you do forget your Flyer—you can also mention St. Stephens at the register for us to receive credit.

Thank you in advance for dining at the Penn Queen and for Supporting St. Stephens Parish Community as well!!!



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*Diocesan Workshop*

***Disciples Called to Witnesses***

Do you want to share your journey of faith? A diocesan evangelization workshop called “Disciples Called to Witness” will be held **Thursday, January 10, 2013** at Holy Family Parish in Sewell. John and Therese Boucher from the Diocese of Trenton will be the guest speakers. This training will focus on the USCCB document for the New Evangelization, including the following topics: practical skills for sharing faith in Jesus with others in everyday life and parish ministry; how to seek the power of the Holy Spirit to be Christ’s witnesses; how to proclaim the Good News and invite inactive Catholics back to the Lord’s Table. Contact Andres Arango at [Andres.arango@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Andres.arango@camdendiocese.org) or call (856) 583-6170 to register. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

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Paul VI Slam Dunk Tours

Paul VI High School is pleased to offer special pre-game tours of the school for the following basketball games during the 2012-13 basketball season. No reservations are needed. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Please come to the gym entrance at tour time; middle school students and an accompanying adult will receive a complimentary game pass. Eligible games are as follows: Paul VI Boys v. Cherokee, Thursday, January 24, 2013, Tours at 4:30 PM, Game at 5:30 PM; Paul VI Girls v. Eastern, Saturday, January 26, 2013, Tours at 1:30 PM, Game at 2:30 PM; Paul VI Girls v. Camden Catholic, Sat. February 2, 2013, Tours at noon, Game at 1 PM.

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Director of Admissions at kstewart@pvihs.org.

***Catholic Young Adults Today:
Seeking, Searching, Serving
and Striving to be Disciples
Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 7 – 9:15 PM***

Welcoming Young Adults,
single or married, in their 20s and 30s!
**Dubh Linn Square,
482 East Evesham Road,
Cherry Hill, NJ**

Guest Presenter: Fr. Rocco Danzi SJ, from St. Peter’s University, Jersey City, NJ
Cost: No cost to attend.

Participants are welcome to purchase food and beverages.
For more info: (856) 583-6122,
gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org, or join
“Theology on Tap – South Jersey” on Facebook
or follow “Theology on Tap SJ” on Twitter.

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***Mass of Remembrance & Healing  
for those who have lost a child.***

January 16, 2013

The holidays can be especially difficult for those who have suffered the lost of a child, no matter the age of the child or the circumstance of the child’s death. If you have experienced this type of loss, would you like to remember that child in a special way and experience some hope and healing?

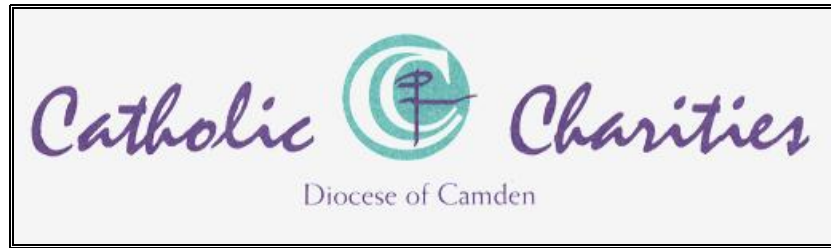
A Mass of Remembrance and Healing for those who have suffered the loss of a child due to any circumstance will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish/St. Luke Church (55 Warwick Road, Stratford, NJ 08084). Those attending are asked to bring a photo or remembrance of their child.

**For more information about the Mass please call Ellen or Billie, 856-627-2222. The Mass is sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.**

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Free Firewood Available!

**Call Lonnie at (856) 662-6049
to arrange a pickup.**



December 12, 2012

St. Stephen R.C. Church
Reverend Daniel Rocco
6306 Browning Road
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Dear Father Rocco, Parochial Vicars, Staff, and Parishioners,

On behalf of all of the victims of Hurricane Sandy, I wish to express my sincere thanks to you and the parish community of St. Stephen R.C. Church for your contribution of **\$3,200.00** on November 12, 2012 to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden for the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund.

Thanks to your generosity, Catholic Charities provided emergency relief supplies to some 15,000 people during our immediate disaster relief operations from November 3rd through November 30th, 2012. Now, equipped with the financial resources you have entrusted to us, we begin the long work of helping people recover. Already we have one staff member completely dedicated to working with hurricane victims in Atlantic and Cape May counties.

Disaster recovery work, like so much of Catholic Charities' daily work, is not glamorous. For every person we will work with, hours and hours of time will be spent with that person and their family as we help them plot the rebuilding of their lives. Thanks to you and the parish we have the confidence to begin and continue this work of disaster recovery borne of sacred resources which we ask God to bless.

We pray that our mutual care and concern for hurricane victims and poor and vulnerable people will be a fitting offering to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are humbled by your generosity. Know that we will be wise stewards of your gift.

In the Spirit of Mercy, and with great gratitude, I am,
Sincerely,

Kevin H. Hickey
Executive Director