

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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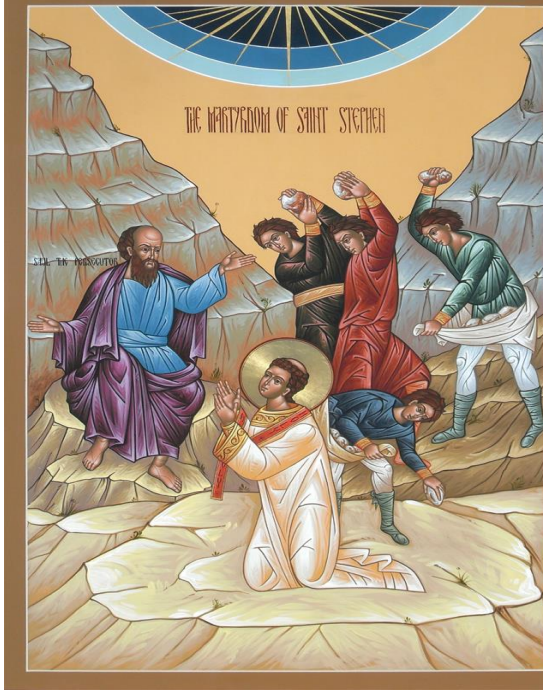
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Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



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.*

October 18, 2015 - The 29th 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 2016 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	October 18, 2015
9:00am	Jenny Hagan r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	John Kerwick r/b His Wife, Son & Family
MONDAY	October 19, 2015
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	October 20, 2015
9:00am	Communion Service (Priests' Convocation w/ Bishop)
WEDNESDAY	October 21, 2015
9:00am	Communion Service (Priests' Convocation w/ Bishop)
THURSDAY	October 22, 2015
9:00am+Novena	Richard McCormick r/b Dean & Mary Russell
FRIDAY	October 23, 2015
9:00am	Katherine Wilson r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY	October 24, 2015
4:30pm	Joseph D. Burns r/b The McHugh Family
SUNDAY	October 25, 2015
9:00am	Marie Miller r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Jose Angel Hinojosa r/b Mac & Valerie McDonnell Theresa Imbrogno r/b The Haas Family



**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of John Kerwick.**

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.

October 10/11, 2015 Collection:	\$4,821
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,588

Special Collections:

- October 18, 2015: "World Mission Sunday" (Diocese)**
 - November 2, 2015: "All Souls" (St. Stephen)**
 - November 22, 2015: "Human Development" (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, Eleanor Becker, Joy Bowman, Jackie Cardwell, Yolanda Colafrancesco, John Coyle, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Joseph Fagan, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Joseph Gerst, Nancy Gogel, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Chuck Hillwig, Thomas Holmes Sr., John Howard, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Arlene LaFreda, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Denise McHugh, Dorothy McPeak, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Donna Jean Vinciquerro, Mary Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for October 24/25

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, L. Heininger, **J. Heininger*

Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, M. Conway

EM's: L. McHugh, T. Modzier, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, **N. Schmidt*

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: K. Fagan

EM's: T. Mattered, M. Conway, G. Tutwiler, T. Scavuzzo, **T. Link*

Lector: M. Miller

ST. STEPHEN'S FALL HARVEST MASS AND RECEPTION

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th
4:30PM MASS**

Refreshments & Fellowship to follow
in St. Stephen's Parish Center

ALL ARE WELCOME!

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

10/19-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study,
 10/20-Tuesday-9am Communion Service, 7pm Rosary
 10/21-Wednesday-9am Communion Service, 6:15pm CCD
 10/22-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club,
 7:15 pm Adult Choir
 10/23-Friday-9am Mass
 10/24-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Harvest Mass
 10/25-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 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.
 Phone: 662-8046 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

"You will find Mary within the whole of the Christian Mystery, for devotion to her is not an end in itself, but the main road leading to Christ, to the glory of God, and to love of the Church."-Pope Paul VI

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue October 21st at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues this Thursday, October 22nd @ 7pm
 in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center



We are discussing:
***Galileo:
 Science, Faith,
 and the
 Catholic Church***
 by Dr. Guy Consolmagno,
 S.J., Ph.D.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
**Friday, November 6, 2015,
 9:45am-7:00pm.**



Art & Environment

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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.
 For Prayer Requests for the month of October, please contact Michael @ 856-662-2543.

Parish Library

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Fall 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**

If you would like to donate spiritual and religious books to the collection, please drop them off at the Parish center in the Library. If you would like to volunteer in the library, please contact Gail Tutwiler (gtutg@aol.com), Beth Picknally Camden (bethcorkabi@gmail.com) or Mary Sharon Monaco (monacofamily4@comcast.net; 609-238-1968).



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.

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

UPDATE: The Knights are pleased to announce that the latest set of pavers have been engraved and will be returned to us by the end of October. A time for the installation will be announced soon after.

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.

“Loss of a Loved One”

This is the 12th in an 18-week series dedicated to you who have felt the grief and loss of a Loved One:*

Shadows Near and Far *

Once, the sun cast my loved one’s shadow
Upon my silhouette and I was touched.
And behind, I saw the sun radiate
As if a golden halo was behind their head.

The sun still shines as brightly
As other shadows are cast upon my being.
But they cannot replace the emptiness
And the hole that lies within me.

Though their shadow may never be cast again,
They are part of the Eternal Light.
And the shadow that is cast within
Touches me to the depths of my soul.

It merges both of us into the Eternal Flame
As I am now illuminated by their Golden Halo.
Now the source of the Eternal Light
Reflects the precious memories we shared.

Yet, I can still hear the words of life
Echoing from their now silent lips
Urging me to pick myself up and march onward
To complete my journey without them.

Next week: a poem,

“Vigil on My Loved One’s Last Birthday”

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Prayer for our Troops

Lord, guard and guide all those who fly
and those who on the ocean ply.
Be with our troops upon the land
and all who for their country stand.
Be with these guardians day and night
and may their trust be in Thy might.

“MEDICARE 101”

- *Should you have a Medicare Supplement?
- *Or a different Medicare Advantage Plan?
- *Do you need help with your Medicare Part D Drug Plan?

If you need answers, please join us for one of the upcoming South Jersey Medicare Information Sessions:

Saturday, November 14th @ 10am
Tuesday, December 1st at 7pm
Both sessions in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center.

For further information, feel free to call
Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753.

Camden Catholic High School News

Open House Thursday, October 29 at 7 p.m. (check-in begins at 6:30). Join us to learn more about South Jersey’s top-ranked Catholic high school (according to Niche.com 2015 Rankings). Meet our faculty, students, coaches and administration, tour the campus, and “Catch the Spirit” of CCHS! RSVP online: www.camdencatholic.org/openhouse.

Camden Catholic High School Scholarship & High School Placement Test Saturday, November 7 at 8:30 a.m. Pre-Register online www.camdencatholic.org/admissions. Students interested in competing for Merit and Arts Scholarships must take the test at Camden Catholic.

Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students are being scheduled 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. Contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

Bishop Eustace Prep School News

Open House and Scholarship/Entrance Exam

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School invites students and parents to our Open House on Sunday, **October 18, 2015** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Experience firsthand our commitment to academic excellence, spiritual development, and personal growth, while touring our college style, 32-acre campus. Skip the lines and pre-register on our website! We also encourage interested 8th grade students to sit for our Scholarship/Entrance Exam on Saturday, **October 24, 2015** at 8:00 a.m. The fee for the exam is \$25. The eight highest scorers will be offered an academic scholarship. To prepare for scholarship and entrance exam season, we will offer a practice test on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. It will provide experience with the testing format and identify opportunities for improvement. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at (856) 662-2160, ext. 240, or visit our website at www.eustace.org.



Sunday, November 1st @ 10:30am
“BY NAME I HAVE CALLED YOU”

St. Stephen’s Mass to honor the families of our deceased members will take place on **Sunday, November 1st at the 10:30am Liturgy**. Our families will present flowers for a Memory Bouquet and they will be blessed and receive token angels in memory of their loved ones. Please plan to join us on this special day, and offer your love and condolences to our families. This year we will remember:

- Anthony R. Vocale*
- Marie E. Cusack*
- Josephine Pingelli*
- Rose Marie Mufalli*
- Joseph Anthony Pisko, Sr.*
- Dolores “Dee” Kelley*
- Robert J. Norris*
- Anne Marie Meyer*
- Deborah Morrissey*
- Kathleen M. Stehm*
- Loretta E. Casey*
- Mary S. Caruso*
- Osea M. Gatti*
- Beatrice Naurath*
- John T. Kerwick*
- Vincent J. Alkis*
- Lucille E. Pacholski*
- Christopher Raymond Oliveras*
- Theresa Garaguso*
- Mary “Ann” Leone*
- Dolores M. Von Alex*
- Frank Rosolia*
- Anna Carl*
- John Von Alex*
- Katherine Wilson*
- Marie E. Kaminski*
- Josephine R. DeRenzi*
- Bambina Dolores Stewart*
- Joseph K. Cramer*
- John Joseph Farina*
- Lena Gentile*



Members of the Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Council #3512, are presently seeking vendors for our 2015 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

It will be held at St. Cecilia's School, located at 49th Street & Westfield Avenue in Pennsauken New Jersey on Saturday, **December 5, 2015** from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Rental fees are \$35.00 for one 8-foot table or \$50.00 for two. Please contact Lonnie Monaco at 856 662-6049 to receive a rental application or for more information.



**Mass for Deceased Bishops,
Priests and Deacons**

We will remember in a special way those who have died this past year. Mass will be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden at 12:05 PM followed by lunch in Cathedral Hall.**

Please **RSVP by Tuesday, October 27th** to spatullo@camdendiocese.org or by phone 856-583-2855 or fax 856-966-5957. All parishioners are invited to attend. It is important that you respond since we need a count for lunch and we have limited space for parking.



Engaged Encounter Ministry

When the required Marriage Preparation Program is accomplished through Engaged Encounter Retreat Weekends good things are occurring. A vast majority of attending couples are reporting a much needed positive weekend of spiritual connection and opportunity for improved couple communication in preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage.

If you know an engaged couple, encourage them in their final time of preparation. Consider sponsoring their EE weekend. Contact: Mary Lou Hughes 856-583-2903.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

MARRIED COUPLES. Give your marriage a well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy!

The next weekend dates are **October 23-25 and December 11-13, 2015**. Call 609-742-4035 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.