

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

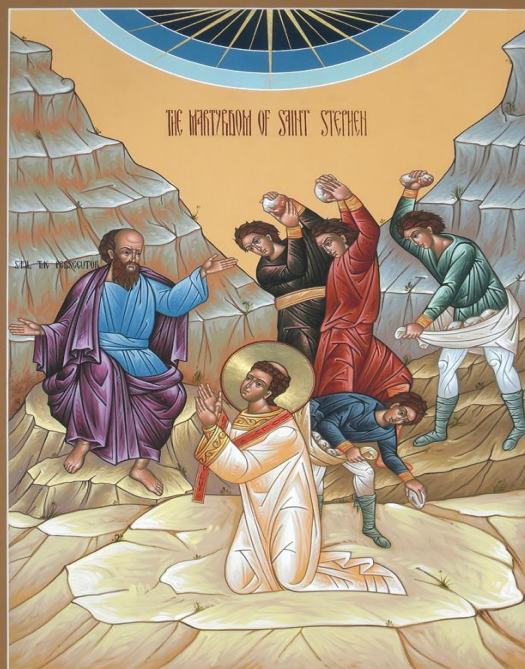
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
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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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Parish Website:
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.*

October 2, 2016 – The 27th 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 2017 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	October 2, 2016
9:00am	Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Helen Huhn r/b St. Stephen's Choir Mary V. Sonnie r/b The Angstman Family Ruth O'Brien r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Marlene Matteo r/b Her Family
MONDAY	October 3, 2016
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	October 4, 2016
9:00am	Ida Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY	October 5, 2016
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY	October 6, 2016
9:00am/Novena	Leona Zembrzuwski r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
FRIDAY	October 7, 2016
9:00am	Louis & Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter
SATURDAY	October 8, 2016
4:30pm	Frank Principato r/b Jim & Janice Rotondo
SUNDAY	October 9, 2016
9:00am	Chris Picciano (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Dad
10:30am	Maria Withers r/b Donna & David Kane Helen Huhn r/b The Angstman Family



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
**In Memory of
Louise Pigliacelli**

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.

September 24/25 Louisiana Flood Collection:	\$ 805
September 24/25, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$3,971
2016-2017 Weekly Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,415

Special Collections:

October 2nd: "Pro-Life" (Diocese)
October 16th: "World Mission Sunday" (Diocese)
(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

Bulletin articles should be received by Noon on Monday to be reviewed, approved, and formatted for publication. For best results, please submit 10 days before bulletin date.



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, Arthur Alessandrone, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joseph Fagan, 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, Darlene Marcinczyk, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie 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 October 8/9

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

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

Lectors: J. Melfi, J. Gerst

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, J. Vales

EM's: E. Nolte, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, *R. Davis

Lectors: W. McHugh, J. Scavuzzo

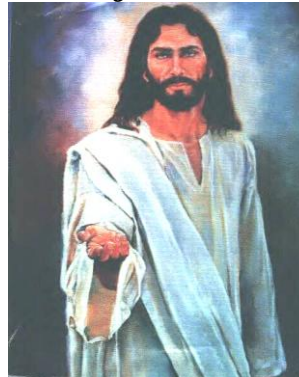
Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, R. Gardner, C. Gardner

EM's: M. Conway, G. Tutwiler, T. Scavuzzo, M. Meloni, *T. Angstman

Lectors: P. Cioe, J. Messina

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 October 7, 2016.**

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.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 10/3-Monday-9am Communion Service, 11am Ladies Bible Study, 7pm Health & Wellness Ministry Meeting
- 10/4-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 10/5-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 10/6-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
- 10/7-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 10/8-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 10/9-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

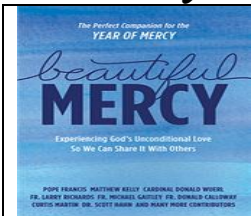
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. 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

Will continue October 5th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue
October 6th @ 7pm in the
Sr. Bernadette Parish Center
with the
Spiritual Works of Mercy.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
**Friday, October 7, 2016,
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 October contact Lois - 856-665-1221.

Parish Library

Our Cup Runneth Over!

Until further notice, we can't accept any more books!

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Summer 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 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).

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.

Bishop Eustace Prep Events

Open House and Scholarship/Entrance Exam Information

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School invites students and parents to our Open House on **Sunday, October 23, 2016** 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 29, 2016** 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 15, 2016** 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.

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Camden Catholic Events

Camden Catholic High School Open House

Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m. (check-in begins at 6:30). Learn how we empower today's students to find their purpose through academics, arts and spirituality. Meet our faculty, students, coaches and administration, tour the campus, and "Catch the Spirit" of CCHS! RSVP online: www.camdenatholic.org/openhouse.

Camden Catholic High School Scholarship & High School Placement Test Saturday, **November 5** at 8:30 a.m. Pre-Register online www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents. 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. Select your day at www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

Irish Synergy Girls Leadership Event

Hosted by the Leadership Academy of Camden Catholic High School on **Sunday, October 30th** for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Visit www.camdenatholic.org/irishsynergy for more information.

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Merion Mercy Academy Events

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and their families are welcome to join us at **Merion Mercy Academy's Open House** to be held on Sunday, **October 9**. The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Mass followed by a welcome and overview and tours. The **Scholarship and Entrance Exam** will be given on Saturday, **October 29** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The make-up date is **November 5**. The Application/Test Registration can be completed online at www.merion-mercy.com.

Join St. Stephen's New Health & Wellness Team!

We will be meeting on **Monday, 10/3/16 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center**. If you have not signed up yet, you are welcome to join us then.

Are you interested in improving your health? Do you want to help others live the abundant life? Do you see a connection between care of the spirit and health and wellness of the body? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then we need you! Whether you are a healthcare professional, such as a physician, paramedic, dietician, nurse, etc., a professional in another field with an interest in health care, or a lay person with a desire to promote wholeness of the body and spirit, your help is needed. Please consider becoming a part of the Health and Wellness Team here at St. Stephen. Some of the functions of this team will be to plan health programs for the faith community, listen to the faith community's health concerns, and to work with the existing ministries of the parish to identify and address the health needs of the parish community.

Please contact the Rectory at 856-662-9339 or eccllesia@comcast.net and provide your name, telephone number, and email address. Then watch this bulletin for more information coming soon! Thank You!

Joanne DiBraccio, RN, CCM - Parish Nurse

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FIRST MOTHER FAMILY OUTREACH

Women from our diocese have formed a compassionate outreach for mothers who have not raised their firstborn children. In this Year of Mercy 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/>

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Specializing in lawn care, hedges, mulching, and odd jobs around the house.
Contact Drew at 609-315-3130.

Catholic Charities
Diocese of Camden



Showers of Mercy &

Diocese-Wide Diaper Drive

To close out the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Catholic Charities is collecting diapers (sizes NB-5) and wipes for mothers in need across South Jersey. Donate diapers and wipes, then come to a 'Shower of Mercy,' baby showers where we'll celebrate mothers in the community and give out the diapers.

Step 1: Donate Diapers/Wipes Step 2: Attend a Shower of Mercy



Now through
November 18

8 Drop-off Locations:

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| 1. Atlantic City | 5. Rio Grande |
| 2. Bridgeton | 6. Salem |
| 3. Camden | 7. Vineland |
| 4. Penns Grove | 8. Westville |

Find all addresses online at
CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/Locations
Diapers Sizes NB-5 requested



November 18
1-3 p.m.

5 Shower of Mercy Locations

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| 1. 9 North Georgia Ave.
Atlantic City, NJ | 4. Village Shoppes
1304 Rt. 47 South,
Unit C1
Rio Grande, NJ |
| 2. 1845 Haddon Ave.
Camden, NJ | |
| 3. 114 State St.
Penns Grove, NJ | 5. 810 E Montrose St.
Vineland, NJ |



CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/MERCY

Questions?
856-691-1841



Brian.Wagner@camdendiocese.org



**Diaper Donations may be dropped
off in our Church Vestibule.**



Please Join Us At GOOD COUNSEL'S BANQUET

Thursday, October 27, 6:00-9:00pm
THE MERION, 1901 US ROUTE 130,
CINNAMINSON

YOU are invited to attend Good Counsel's Tenth Annual Fund Raising Banquet to benefit the homeless, pregnant mothers of our Riverside home. Our key note speaker is Vicar General of the Camden Diocese, Father Robert Hughes. Come and hear one of the many success stories of one of Good Counsel's moms and how, through your financial support, she now has hope for her future. Reservations are required. Please contact Mary Ann Lorimer for information: 215-989-0021 or lorimerma@aol.com. Ask friends to join you and we will reserve a table of 10 just for you! A free will offering will be taken during the dinner. Celebrate the miracles of our Riverside home with us. I look forward to seeing you! JoAnn DiNoia
Joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org

Our Lady of Fatima 99th Anniversary

The Walls of Jericho prayer project is honoring Our Lady of Fatima as we approach the 99th Anniversary of her apparitions in Fatima. **Please join us in praying the Rosary at 7pm in the St. Rose of Lima Chapel, Haddon Heights, October 7-13.** For more information see www.fatima.wojworld.org.

Healing the Pain of Loss

We all experience many losses in our life, such as: loss of a loved one; loss of health; loss of a job; loss of youth. Join Sr. Mary Jo Kearns, RSM in a gentle step-by-step grief recovery process that helps one deal with unresolved emotions and complete the unfinished business around our losses. **This presentation is Saturday October 22 at St. Thomas More Parish, 10AM to 2:30PM with lunch included.** Sr. Mary Jo is a Certified Grief Counselor. **Call the parish office to register at 424-3212.**