

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

### Reverend Daniel M. Rocco

Pastor

### Rev. Mr. Anthony Cioe

Permanent Deacon

### Mrs. Suzanne Underwood

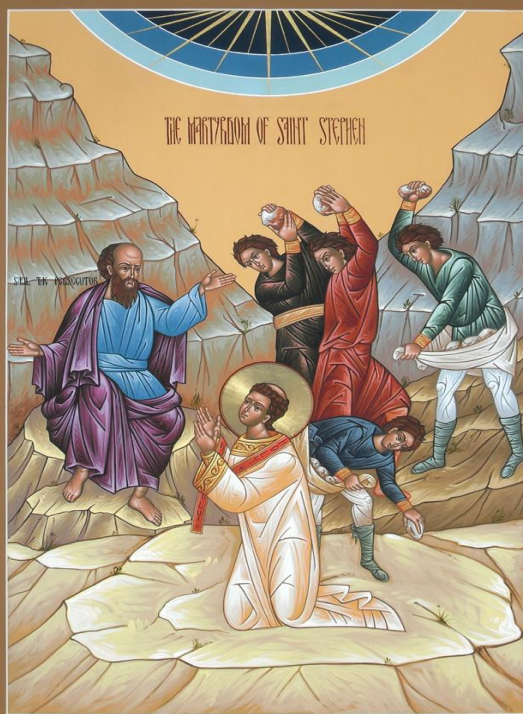
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

### Parish Trustees

Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

### Rectory Office Hours

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



## *Contact Info*

### Rectory Phone

(856) 662-9339

### Rectory Fax

(856) 662-4679

### Emergencies

(856) 261-9336

*(Accidents, Dying or Death)*

### Tribunal Parish Advocate

Deacon Anthony Cioe

(856) 227-2145

### Parish Email:

[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

### Parish Website:

[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 26, 2014 – The 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

### Mass Schedule

**Daily:** Monday 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

**MONDAY**            **October 27, 2014**  
9:00am                People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

**TUESDAY**           **October 28, 2014**  
9:00am                People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

**WEDNESDAY**      **October 29, 2014**  
9:00am                People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

**THURSDAY**         **October 30, 2014**  
9:00am+Novena     People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

**FRIDAY**             **October 31, 2014**  
9:00am                A Special Request r/b Family  
**7:00pm**                **Vigil Mass for All Saints Day** (no Obligation)

**SATURDAY**         **November 1, 2014 (All Saints' Day)**  
4:30pm                People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

**SUNDAY**            **November 2, 2014 (All Souls' Day)**  
9:00am                All Souls r/b People of the Parish  
10:30am               All Souls r/b People of the Parish

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of The Poor Souls in Purgatory.

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 18/19, 2014 Attendance/Collection	422/	\$4,128
October 19/20, 2013 Comparison	577/	\$5,415
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$4,729

Upcoming Special Collections:

- 11/2/14: "All Souls" (St. Stephen)
- 11/23/14: "Human Development" (Diocese)

## 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.

## First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 9:45am-7:00pm.**



# Remember Our Sick

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, Joy Bowman, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Nicole Franklin-Sonnie, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex, Barbara Weingard.

## St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



**We are here to pray for you.**  
Prayer requests for the month of **October**, please contact Betty @ (856) 662-6928.  
For **November** contact Linda @ (856) 661-8045.

## 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 **Parish Center Meeting Room**. **Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.**

## Ministry Schedule for November 1 / 2

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** T. Mason, S. Surgner, J. Bui  
**EM's:** V. Thibault, Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, A. Knight  
**Lectors:** L. Heininger, J. Heininger

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** C. Hearn, B. McHugh, M. Conway  
**EM's:** R. Davis, R. Leone, E. Nolte, L. Monaco, \*S. Marano  
**Lectors:** D. Steinmetz, M. Miller

### Sunday, 10:30am

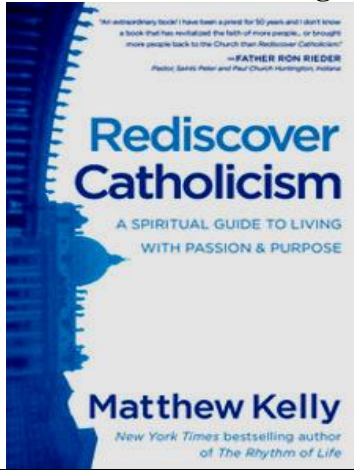
**Altar Servers:** The Hughes Boys  
**EM's:** J. Messina, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, T. Link, \*T. Mattera  
**Lectors:** M. Turan, J. Scavuzzo

## This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 10/27-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study
- 10/28-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 10/29-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 10/30-Thurs-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion Club
- 10/31-Friday-9am Mass, **7pm All Saints Vigil**
- 11/1-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 11/2-Sunday-9am Mass, **10:30am Mass of Remembrance**

# Thursday Night Discussion Club Continues this Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

We are now discussing:



**ALL ARE WELCOME TO CONTINUE OUR PARISH DISCUSSION IN PLANNING THE FUTURE OF ST. STEPHEN PARISH.**

## St. Stephen's New Mission Statement

*We, the Parish of St. Stephen, are a Catholic Community of Faith strengthened by the Eucharist, Who encourage our parishioners in developing a deeper sense of prayer, a commitment to the study of our faith tradition, and engendering acts of generosity in response to our gratitude for our Lord's many gifts and blessings. We recognize our call to give witness to our faith by sharing our hope and love with our families and neighbors.*

**St. Stephen's Discussion Group welcomes your comments on the above Mission Statement.**

**Please call the rectory to leave a message or Email us at [ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net) or speak with our Pastor or one of those attending the Discussion Group.**

## In Appreciation

Many thanks to Mr. Joseph Haas, President of Parish Council, and all who helped in making the Harvest reception a joyous occasion. Those who prepared and served and cleaned up truly serviced our St. Stephen Community in our Gratitude for God's Abundance.



## 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.

## To Jesus Through Mary Tuesday Night Rosary 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

Your devotion to the Blessed Mother was expressed by the response to the Knights' "Prayer Pavers to Our Lady". **Continue your devotion – Come pray with us!**

"To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Jesus."

**Blessed John Paul II, Apostolic Letter on the Rosary**

## 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) 662-9339 or Loretta Steinmetz, RCIA Team Leader at (856) 227-4980 for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.**

In advance of their sold out Carnegie Hall Appearance, please join **Phil Coulter, Andy Cooney and the Irish Pops Orchestra** for:

## "Celtic Twilight Christmas"

**December 6, 2014 7:30 PM TD Bank Arts Center Sewell, NJ** – Buses and groups are welcomed! Special discount for groups. (Groups should contact Jim Wiener @ 856-218-8902 or [Jweiner@wtps.org](mailto:Jweiner@wtps.org)). Proceeds will support the South Jersey Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships for financial assistance to attend Catholic Schools. To purchase tickets, make a donation or sponsor the event visit [www.cbsphilly.com/bishop](http://www.cbsphilly.com/bishop) or call Ticketmaster 1-800-745-3000.

# Mass of Remembrance



**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

- Mary J. Gundersen*
- Anne E. Cadge*
- Carol C. McCarroll*
- Marie C. Melchiorre*
- Olga V. Mignone*
- Alfreda B. Novak*
- Olivia G. “Dolly” Angelastro*
- Charles A. Magee, Jr.*
- John A. “Jack” Borden*
- Josephine E. Lamaina*
- Patricia M. DeLorenzo*
- Rudolph Stumpo*
- Kimberlee L. Przychowicz-Allen*
- Paula Rios-Perez*
- Thomas D. Fallon*
- David Mount, Jr.*
- Angela R. Lamaina*
- Joseph John Schmidt*
- Lucille Rippo*
- Robert W. Nutter, Jr.*
- Elizabeth “Betty” Picciano*
- Marie J. Wade*
- Maria Ida Fanelle*
- Catherine Hartson*
- Richard R. Hull*
- Anthony Louis Pingelli*
- Eugenia P. Legaspina*
- Nettie Ciccarella*
- Erika B. Kearney*
- Loretta Stayton*
- Gregory T. Hayes*
- Margaret Hughes*

## Mission Appeal Thanks

Dear Father Rocco,

On behalf of the Society of the Divine Savior (US Province), it is my pleasure to take this opportunity to say thank you very much for accepting us to do the Mission Appeal in your parish. We received a wonderful welcome from the whole community of parishioners. Please send a word of thanks to the parish from us. We really appreciated your cooperation.

May Almighty God bless you in your daily ministry.

**Fr. Ferdiand Lukoa, SDS, Director of the Mission Office**

\*Note: **Father Tom Tureman, SDS** conducted our Mission Appeal on the weekend of September 6/7. Our parish collected and donated over \$1,500 toward his good work in Tanzania.

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## 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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).

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<p><b>Knights of Columbus, Council 3512</b></p> <p><b>Hoagie Sale</b></p>	
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As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **November 1 & 2**. For info call 856-227-4980.

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<p><b>OPERATION DIAPER DRIVE</b></p>  <p><small>It's a cause you can really get behind</small></p>	<p><b>November 8th &amp; 9th</b></p>
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The **Knights of Columbus** have received an appeal from the Diocese and Catholic Charities to help replenish their Diaper Bank. Please help us answer this request by donating diapers and baby wipes at the Masses on the **weekend of Nov. 8th and 9th**. As always, the Knights of Columbus appreciate the generous support we receive from the parishioners of St. Stephen for our fundraising efforts and charitable works. Men of the parish are always welcome and encouraged to join our order.

Please contact **Glenn Johnson** at cell# **609-922-4349** if you have any questions. [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

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<p><b>Christmas Craft Fair</b></p>	 <p><b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b> <small>IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.</small></p>
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The **Knights of Columbus** are looking for vendors for our **Christmas theme Craft Fair** on **Friday and Saturday, November 28th and 29th**, at **St. Cecilia’s school auditorium**. Home-made crafts, baked goods, Christmas decorations and ornaments, sports memorabilia, and whatever else your specialty might be are welcome. For more information, please call **Lonnie Monaco** at **609-238-9512**.

## **Finance Council Meeting Notes Tuesday, October 14, 2014**

In Attendance: Fr. Daniel Rocco, Rita Vogt, Rose Davis, Keith Knight, Deacon Anthony Cioe, and Lonnie Monaco.

Fr. Rocco opened the meeting at 7:04 PM with a prayer.

Our first order of business included discussion among the group to continue to explore options for the potential re-use of the school building. The ongoing expense for upkeep of the school building is about \$3,000 per month. Sale of the remaining school furniture has netted the parish about \$6,000. We then discussed our present debt. There are approximately 100 former St Stephen students who are continuing their catholic education at surrounding Catholic schools. These schools are contacting our parish, requesting the funding vouchers (\$1,000 each) for these students. These requests are being forwarded to the diocese, who will make the necessary payments, for which St Stephen parish will reimburse the diocese. The parish presently has approximately half of the \$100,000 needed for the voucher program. Combining this with our existing debt to the diocese is \$472,000 and the remaining debt for the teachers' pension and health insurance of \$26,000 brings our total debt to \$550,000.

There still remains the question of the actual square footage of our school, which will be resolved before the parish enters into any serious negotiation for its lease or sale. Members of the parish will be meeting with representatives of the diocese to resolve this matter. In the meantime, preparations are being made to winterize the building.

Parish Finances: Members of the Finance Committee reviewed the parish financial statements, including the balance sheet as of September 30, 2014 and the profit and loss budget vs actual statement for September 2014.

→Income: Total income for September 2014 was over budget by \$6,971 (due to the sale of school furniture) or approximately 24% higher than projected in the budget. Ordinary income was under budget by \$1,459.53, representing collections taken in at weekend and holy day Masses.

→Expenses: During the month of September 2014, the parish was \$4,643 or approximately 16% over budget, mostly due to the \$3,000 cost for the upkeep of the school. Utility costs were nearly on budget. Assets and Liabilities: As of September 30, 2014, the parish had \$39,989 in the operating account, \$110 in the reserve account, and \$32,002 in the Msgr. O'Connell Scholarship Fund (which may not be used for ordinary parish expenses). All parish accounts payable were current at the end of September.

Fr. Rocco closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:12 PM.

The next Finance Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lonnie Monaco  
10/15/14