

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

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(Accidents, Dying or Death)



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November 24, 2013 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

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".

MONDAY 9:00am	November 25, 2013 All Souls r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY 9:00am	November 26, 2013 All Souls r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am 7:00pm	November 27, 2013 (7pm Thanksgiving Vigil) All Souls r/b People of the Parish All Souls r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	November 28, 2013 All Souls r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY 9:00am	November 29, 2013 Louise Cirullo r/b Anna Cirullo
SATURDAY 4:30pm	November 30, 2013 William Sauer r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
SUNDAY 9:00am 10:30am	December 1, 2013 Joseph Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri William Sauer r/b His Wife, Theresa Marlene Matteo r/b Her Family Lillian Tomarchio r/b Elaine Peard Rev. Richard J. Lodge r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of All 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.

Nov. 16/17 Collection for The Philippines	\$1,680
Nov. 16/17, 2013 Attendance/Collection	639/ \$5,349
Nov. 17/18, 2012 Comparison	577/ \$5,719
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$4,963

Diocesan Special Collections:

11/24/13: "Human Development" - 12/8/13: "Religious Retirement"

Please help the victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan

If you missed the special collection for The Philippines last weekend, you can still give to Catholic Relief Services:

The official international humanitarian relief agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S., **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** is providing help to the people of the Philippines affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan. Millions of people need help. Please pray for the victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan.

Give generously by going to donate.crs.org/Haiyan.



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, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, John Maggioncalda, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Esther Nunez, Jennifer Osborn, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Theresa Sauer, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Anthony Vocale.

Ministry Schedule for Nov. 27, 30/Dec. 1

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Wednesday, 7:00pm Thanksgiving Vigil

Altar Servers: The Ciarroccas
EM's: T. Modzier, B. Taylor, L. Solano, M. Miller, L. D'Alessandro
Lector: W. McHugh

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: H. Atchison, S. Caban, J. Mack
EM's: B. Taylor, P. Petronis, L. Heining, J. Heining, *T. Angstman
Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

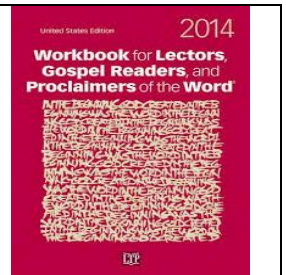
Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, O. Albert, C. Hearn
EM's: S. Marano, E. Nolte, L. Rosario, J. Rosario, *L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: Rh. Aleszczyk, Ry. Aleszczyk

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: D. Hughes, C. Hughes, N. Hughes
EM's: M. Meloni, C. Otto, L. Solano, T. Scavuzzo, *W. Delfin
Lectors: M. Turan, L. Fagan

Attention Lectors!

Your 2014
Lector Workbooks
are now available
for pickup in the Sacristy.
Thank you for all you do in
proclaiming God's Word
throughout the Liturgical Year!



Elderly Assistance Available

Parishioner Seeking PT employment assisting the elderly. Drive to appointments, shopping, light housekeeping or any other needs. Contact Maryann Costner at (856) 665-8627. Reasonable hourly rate.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

11/25-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Liturgy Board
11/26-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA
11/27-Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Thanksgiving Vigil
11/28-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, Happy Thanksgiving
11/29-Black Friday-9am Mass, School/Rectory Closed
11/30-Saturday-9am Men’s Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
12/1--Sunday-9am & 10:30am Mass, 7pm Advent Retreat begins

A Message for All the Ladies:



God values you, and  has a plan for your life!

Monday Ladies’ Bible Study

1-2:30pm in the Stonegate Conference Room.

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

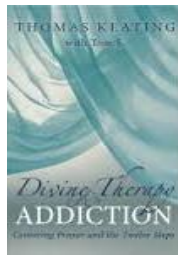
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue this Wednesday, November 27th @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues December 5th at 7pm in the Parish Center.

We are discussing “Divine Therapy & Addiction” by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO



First Friday Adoration

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



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

Art & Environment Ministry

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass is asked to contact our A&E Chairperson **Maria Haas at 665-8393**. Anyone who would like to make a donation for a tree to honor a deceased loved one or would like to join the A & E Ministry may call Maria at the number above.

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 Meetings

All at 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

- Monday, November 25 Liturgy Board**
- Monday, December 9 Finance Council**
- Monday, December 16 Pastoral Council**

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

AN ONGOING MEMORIAL!

All pavers are now installed and many spaces still available! 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.

On November 17th the Knights of Columbus Council 3512 presented Fr. Rocco with a check for \$5,157 from the Prayer Pavers to Our Lady fundraiser.



Scrip Fundraising Program

Scrip is available for purchase at the Scrip Table after all weekend Masses and at the rectory during regular business office hours, **Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm** (excluding Holy Days & Holidays).

St. Stephen’s Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you. Prayer requests for the month of November, please contact **Bernice @ 856-662-4641**.

LifeTouch Portrait Make-up Date!



Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013
11:30am-6:30pm
St. Stephen School
1st Floor

For those who missed appointments in October and also for those who are now interested in being a part of our Parish Directory! **To make an appointment (you must have one), please call Kelly at 856-397-7578.**

PICTURES READY FOR PICKUP!

The following family portraits, as per LifeTouch, are ready for pickup in the rectory:

Carter, Cirullo, Colon, Daniels, Dinoto, Fletcher, Hughes (2), Laramee, Leyman, Mack, Monaco, Pickering, Rende, Saul, Scavuzzo, Shea, Siperage, Solano, Von Alex.

Oh Come All Ye Faithful!

Please join us
this year to celebrate
the Christmas Season
ANGEL TREE



Our St. Stephen's School Community
Angel's will be tagged on the tree
beginning Nov. 30th

Kindly place your gifts under the tree by Dec.15th
Script gift cards are available for purchases for age appropriate gifts.

Thanksgiving Liturgy Nov. 27th

On Wednesday, November 27th @ 7:00pm, we will celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Liturgy. This regular event in our parish over many years is a wonderful experience of prayer, singing and celebrating all for which we have to thank Almighty God. Loaves of bread will be blessed as a way of extending the blessing of the Eucharist to your Thanksgiving tables.

St. Stephen's Class of '74 Reunion!

There will be a reunion of St. Stephen's 8th Grade Class of 1974 on Friday, November 29th at the Pub at 7pm. \$10 pay at the door, appetizer buffet and cash bar. RSVP/questions to **Thomas Nasuti 1-562-208-0221** (cell). Many classmates have already responded "yes", so don't miss out! If you know anyone from the class, please let them know.

Camden Catholic News

Congratulations to the following parishioners who were named to the Honor Roll at Camden Catholic High School:

Grade 9	Jasmine	Magalong
Grade 10	Dana	Surgner
Grade 11	Angela	FisherKeller
Grade 11	Caroline	Hearn
Grade 11	Taylor	Holmes
Grade 12	Abigail	Camden

Holiday Ladies Night Out Featuring "Designer Handbag Bingo"

Friday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the CCHS Cafeteria (300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill). \$25/person advance tickets (21 and over only) featuring "Designer Handbag Bingo," 50/50, raffle baskets, and vendor tables. Tickets include hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and 10 rounds of bingo. Tables of 8-10 can be reserved. Visit www.camdenatholic.org or email nmerenyi@camdenatholic.org.

Magical Morning with Santa at Camden Catholic High School,

Presented by the National Honor Society
Saturday, December 14, 9-11:30 a.m. for ages 10 and younger (and parents) in the CCHS Cafeteria (300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill). \$5.00 per child includes full breakfast, magic show, Christmas crafts and games, carols and music, face painting, prizes and raffles. And of course, a visit from Santa Claus! For questions or to reserve tickets, email Mr. Jeff Cordner at jcordner@camdenatholic.org.

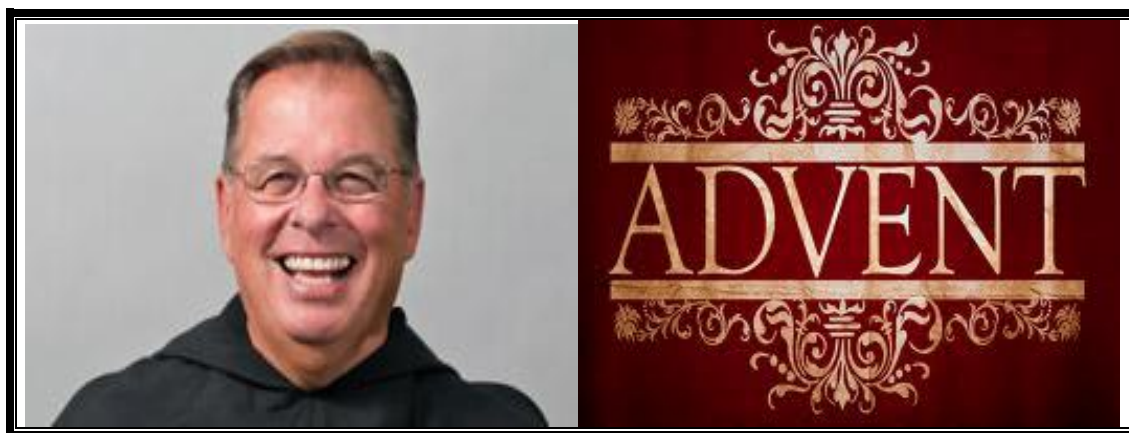
Gloucester Catholic News

The Gloucester Catholic Admissions Office announces their "Ram for a Day" program! Take the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Gloucester Catholic student and feel part of the GC family. For information regarding Gloucester Catholic's shadow program, contact Admissions Director, George Bakey, at gbakey@gchsrams.org or (856)-456-4400, ex 227.

Need the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas?

Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming weekend dates: Dec. 6-8, 2013; Jan. 24-26, 2014. Call: 1-609-827-7117. Email: mesjdooley@gmail.com. Visit: www.mesj.net.

Saint Stephen Parish is proud to present
Father Michael P. Sullivan, O.S.A.
as he facilitates our 2013 Advent Retreat
December 1, 2, 3 & 4 @ 7pm each night.



The themes for each night are:

Sunday: “To Be Born Again”

Monday: “The Healing Love of Jesus”

Tuesday: “The Call to be Church”

Wednesday: Our Response to the Call”

Father Michael P. Sullivan, O.S.A., was born in New York City in March, 1940. He received a bachelor's degree from Villanova University and his master's in theology from Augustinian College. Father Sullivan did graduate work at the Catholic University of America and also received a master's degree in counseling from St. John's University. Ordained in 1967, he spent eight years in parish ministry. Father Sullivan served as pastor in the Albany Diocese and as pastor of Saint Nicholas of Tolentine, the parish of his youth in N.Y.C. He has been a member of the executive board of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, and in this capacity he has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Australia. In 1980 he was appointed to full-time retreat work and parish renewal preaching.

(Free-Will Offering Accepted)