

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

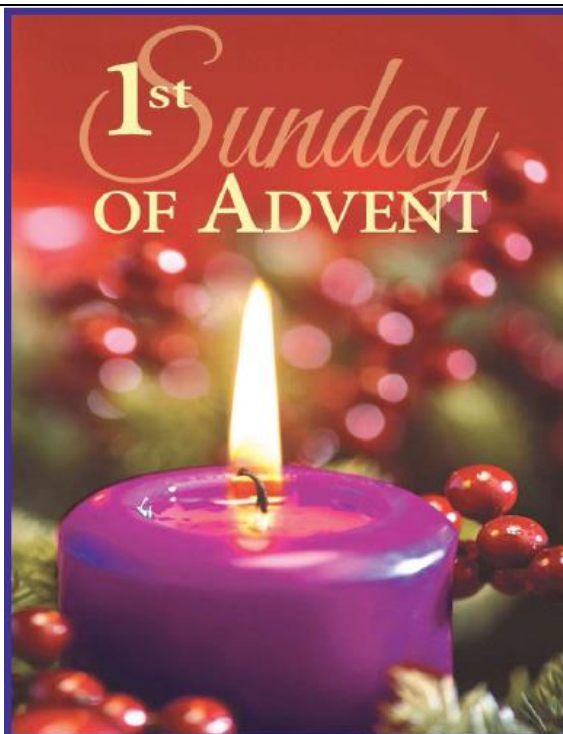
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

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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

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(856) 261-9336
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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.*

November 27, 2016 – The First Sunday of Advent

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	November 27, 2016
9:00am	Deceased Members of the Terlizzi Family r/b Roseann & Bob DiGiovanni
10:30am	Julian Terzini (Nov. 28 th Birthday Remembrance) r/b His Sister, Donna Marlene Matteo r/b Her Family Vincent Pecora r/b People of the Parish
MONDAY	November 28, 2016
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	November 29, 2016
9:00am	Msgr. Felix M. O'Neill r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	November 30, 2016
9:00am	Louise Cirullo r/b Her Daughter, Anna
THURSDAY	December 1, 2016
9:00am/Novena	Chris Picciano (8 th Anniversary) r/b Dad
FRIDAY	December 2, 2016 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am	Esther DeCarlo r/b Nick Picciano
SATURDAY	December 3, 2016
4:30pm	Albert Capaldi r/b The Midili Family
SUNDAY	December 4, 2016
9:00am	Joseph Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	In Memory of the Deceased Members of The Knights of Columbus Counsel 3512



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
**In Memory of
Debbi Morrissey**

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.

Offertory Figures for Nov. 19/20 will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on Nov. 18th.

2016-2017 Weekly Collection Target: **\$4,600**
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: **\$4,546**

Special Collections/Envelopes:

December 11th: "Retired Religious" (Diocese)
December 4-25: Christmas Flower Memorials (St. Stephen)



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 Alessandrini, 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, 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, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Mary 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 December 3/4

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, *Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: J. Melfi, J. Gerst

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, J. Vales

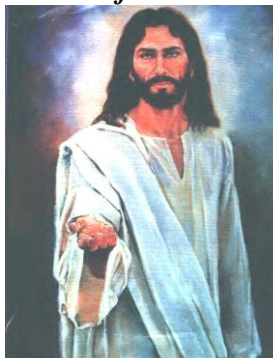
EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, R. Leone, *M. Bufanio
Lectors: Jared Rivera, J. Scavuzzo

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, C. Aleszczyk

EM's: M. Meloni, M. Conway, T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, *T. Mattera
Lectors: M. Miller, J. Messina

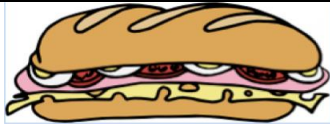
A SPECIAL INVITATION Just for You!



You are cordially invited to come into the silence and spend one hour with Our Lord during our **First Friday Adoration December 2, 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.



**Knights of Columbus,
Council 3512
Hoagie Sale**

As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 & \$6.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **December 3/4**. For info call 856-227-4980.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 11/28-Monday-9am Communion Service, 11am Ladies Bible Study
- 11/29-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 11/30-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 12/1-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
- 12/2-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 12/3-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 12/4-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

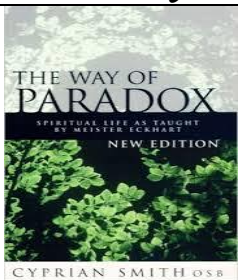
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

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

Continue November 30th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue
December 1st @ 7pm in the
Sr. Bernadette Parish Center
with Cyprian Smith's
The Way of Paradox,
spiritual life as taught
by Meister Eckhart.

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 November contact
Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.
In December contact
Diane @ 856-308-8224.

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.

WILL YOU TAKE A BABY BOTTLE.....AGAIN???



And help the homeless, pregnant mothers of Good Counsel Homes?

The weekend of December 3rd and 4th, Good Counsel Homes will be sharing the story of what your ongoing support financial support has allowed us to do in our Good Counsel Home. The Riverside home, opened for over 5 years now, has witnessed the birth to 59 babies!! You will simply be asked to take a baby bottle home with you, fill it with spare change, dollars, checks, or whatever your means allow, and return it within the next two weeks. If you would like to volunteer at our home, please call JoAnn DiNoia-(609-387-2928) or email joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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/>

Christmas Trip to NYC Dec. 6th

Father Ed Lyons' Christmas Trip to NYC will be Tuesday, December 6th to Radio City Music Hall. \$160pp includes breakfast, round-trip motor coach, show ticket, St. Patrick's, shopping opportunity, elegant dinner, and a free gift. For tickets and more info call (609) 927-1669.

ADVENT

-The Church begins a new Liturgical year

-Advent lasts for **four weeks**, from the first Sunday of Advent until Christmas Day

-“Advent” means “coming”.

-The Advent season is a time of prayer and preparation for the feast of Christmas

-Customs of the season include the **Advent Wreath** (3 violet & 1 pink candle) and the **Jesse Tree** (symbols of the family of Jesus)

-Vestments during Advent are **violet**




Advent Week 1

As you light the first candle in the Advent wreath, take a slow deep breath. Remember that achieving the perfectly orchestrated holiday doesn't matter. What matters is watching for God in every situation.

The 2016-2017 Liturgical Calendar at a Glance

Oh Come All Ye Faithful!

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

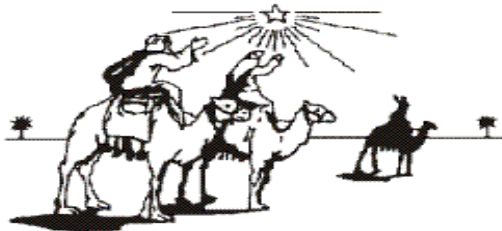


This year our Angel Tree Gifts will benefit the Needy Residents of our Pennsauken community and you will choose the gender and age (Newborn-15yrs.) of your child recipient. Please specify these details on the back of the Angel Tag. Kindly place your UNWRAPPED gifts under the tree by Friday December 16th. All NEW TOYS are acceptable and GIFT CARDS are suitable for older children.

*NOTE: This year Pennsauken Township prefers NO CLOTHES.

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## Advent / Christmas Schedule



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Beginning of Liturgical Year  
November 27, 2016

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
Thursday, December 8, 2016, 9:00am & 7:00pm Mass

PENITENTIAL SERVICE  
Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 7:30pm  
(After the Rosary)

CONFESSION  
Saturdays: December 3, 10, 17, 3:45-4:15pm

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES  
Saturday, December 24, 2016  
4:30 PM Children's Mass & 10:00 PM Vigil

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES  
Sunday, December 25, 2016  
9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

ST. STEPHEN'S FEAST DAY MASS  
Monday, December 26, 2016  
9:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS  
Saturday, December 31, 2016  
4:30PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES  
Sunday, January 1, 2017  
9:00 AM & 10:30AM

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES  
March 1, 2017 - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

LENTEN FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7 at 7pm

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE  
To Be Determined

2017 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE  
April 9: Palm Sunday Masses-9am & 10:30am  
April 13: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper-7pm  
April 14: Good Friday Liturgical Service – 3pm  
April 15: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – 8pm  
April 16: Easter Sunday Masses – 9am & 10:30am

FIRST PENANCE  
To Be Determined

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
Sunday, May 7, 2017

CONFIRMATION  
To Be Determined by the Bishop

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
Thursday, May 25, 2017 – 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION  
Tuesday, August 15, 2017 - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

FALL HARVEST MASS  
Saturday, October 28, 2017 – 4:30 PM

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS DAY  
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE  
Sunday, November 5, 2017 – 10:30 AM

THANKSGIVING VIGIL MASS  
Wednesday, November 22, 2017 - 7:00 PM