

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

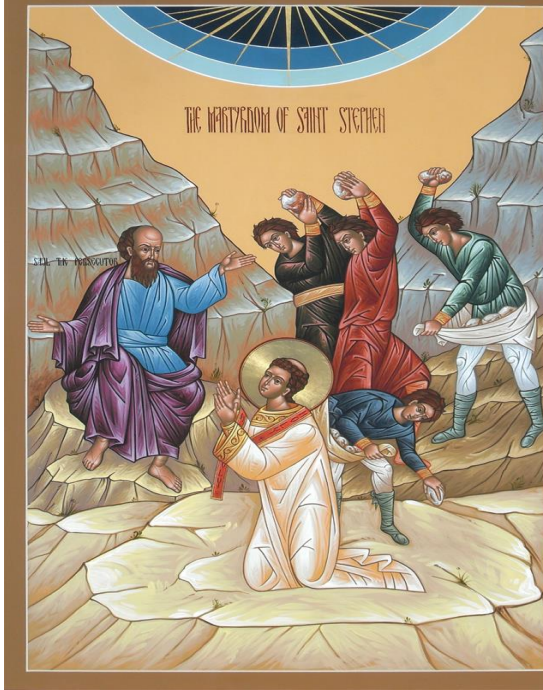
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Pastor

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Rectory Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339
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(856) 662-4679

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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.*

December 27, 2015 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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 & 2017 Mass Books are open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	December 27, 2015
9:00am	Louis, Josephine & Vincent L. Buondonno r/b Rose Davis
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family Daniel Kirschner r/b Rosina & Susan Midili
MONDAY	December 28, 2015
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY	December 29, 2015
9:00am	Robert W. Kozempel r/b Gerry Kozempel
WEDNESDAY	December 30, 2015
9:00am	Sam & Julia DiPaolo r/b Daughter
THURSDAY	December 31, 2015 (New Year's Eve)
9:00am Daily	Edward J. Reilly (96 th Birthday Remembrance) r/b Frank & Rita Miller
4:30pm Vigil	Howard & Clara Buffington r/b Daughter-in-Law
FRIDAY	January 1, 2016 (Mother of God Holy Day)
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY	January 2, 2016
4:30pm	Louise Pigliacelli (6 th Anniversary) r/b Her Husband, Frank Pigliacelli
SUNDAY	January 3, 2016
9:00am	John Conboy r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Olga V. Mignone r/b Donald Mignone John Kerwick r/b His Wife, Son and Family Richard Cesta r/b The McHugh 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.

December 12/13, 2015 Collection:	\$5,146
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,629

December 19/20 Offertory Figures will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on 12/17/15.

Upcoming Special Collections:

January 1, 2016: "Solemnity of Mary" (St. Stephen)
January 17, 2016: "Parish Heating Fund" (St. Stephen)
(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, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Joy Bowman, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, 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, Helen Huhn, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSSJ, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Denise McHugh, Dorothy McPeak, 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, Joanne Szumowski, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Donna Jean Vinciquerro, Mary Vivello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard, Keith Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for Dec. 31/Jan. 1/2/3

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

** Designates Alternate Server*

New Year's Eve, Thursday 4:30pm Mother of God Vigil

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: A. Cirullo, R. Davis, V. Thibault, Sr. Eleanora

Lectors: J. Messina, B. Mattia

New Year's Day, Friday 9:00am Mother of God Holy Day

Altar Server: TBD

EM's: R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro, E. Nolte, M. Meloni

Lectors: J. Melfi, R. Taylor

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, *B. Taylor

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: M. Conway

EM's: R. Leone, M. Conway, R. Davis, N. Schmidt, *E. Nolte

Lectors: M. Miller, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: C. Aleszczyk

EM's: T. Angstman, D. Urgo, T. Mattered, *M. Meloni

Lector: M. Turan



The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass times for this
Holy Day of Obligation:

Thursday, December 31st: 4:30pm Vigil

Friday, January 1st: 9:00am Mass

The Rectory Office will be closed on Friday, January 1st.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

12/28-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
 12/29-Tuesday-9am Mass, 1:30pm Blood Drive, 7pm Rosary
 12/30-Wednesday-9am Mass, NO CCD
 12/31-Thurs.-9am Daily Mass, 4:30pm Mother of God Vigil
 1 / 1 -Friday-9:00am Mother of God Holy Day Mass
 1 / 2 -Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 1 / 3 -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 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

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 resume January 6th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will resume Thursday January 7th @ 7pm in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center and discuss the question: **"Why can't non-Catholics receive the Eucharist?"**

Later in 2016 we will be discussing the following areas of concern to our parishioners: **Abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning and several other topics.**

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
**Friday, February 5, 2016,
 9:45am-7:00pm.**



HEARTFELT THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks to the parishioners and student volunteers who helped beautify the campus grounds and church during the Advent and Christmas Liturgical Season. Taking time to "serve" brings us closer to the Lord!!! -**Art & Environment Ministry**

THANK YOU TO ST. STEPHEN'S ANGELS

A special thank you to all the parishioners who helped make our ANGEL TREE a huge success! We delivered, to Pennsauken Township, 13 large bags filled with toys and gifts to assist families in our local community.

With much appreciation, **St. Stephen's Liturgy Committee**

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

For Prayer Requests for the month of December, please contact **Betty @ 856-662-6928.**

For the month of January, please contact **Linda @ 856-661-8045.**

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

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.

Good Counsel Baby Bottles

It's not too late to return any baby bottles for Good Counsel Homes. Any bottle or donation can be brought to church next Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

Reading Reflections The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Reading 1 Reflection - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Whether we are five, or fifteen, or thirty-five years old, the Lord expects us to show respect for our parents. A mother or father shares in God's work of teaching, guiding, and caring for us. We honor our mothers and fathers and guardians by obeying them in all reasonable ways, and by comforting and caring for them when they are in need. Those who honor their parents will be richly rewarded.

Reading 2 Reflection - Colossians 3:12-21

How can families and Christian communities live together in peace? The letter to the Colossians today offers helpful advice. We should "put on" in compassion and kindness. We must be willing to forgive, no matter how many times a parent or brother or sister offends us, just as the Lord forgives us without limit. Over all other virtues we "put on love." When we allow ourselves to be truly loving, gratitude and joy overflow in our lives.

Gospel Reflection - Luke 2:41-52

Can you identify with Jesus in this wonderful story from Luke's Gospel? Jesus at the age of twelve is on the verge of becoming a man in the Jewish society of his day. He and his parents have traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. After the departure of Mary and Joseph, Jesus remains behind in the Temple. There he amazes the religious teachers with his wisdom and intelligence.

When Jesus' parents discover him missing, they are upset. Jesus explains the importance of putting God first in our lives. When we do this, everything else in life will fall into place.

Paul VI Slam Dunk Tours

The Paul VI Eagles are ready to soar! Please join us for a special pre-game tour of our beautiful school, followed by an exciting Paul VI home basketball game:

Paul VI Girls v. Timber Creek, Saturday, January 9, 2016, Tours at noon, Game at 1 PM

Paul VI Girls v. Cherokee, Thursday, January 28, 2016, Tours at 6 PM, Game at 7 PM

Reservations are appreciated; please visit www.pvihs.org for more information or to make a reservation. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Please come to the gym entrance at tour time; students and an accompanying adult will receive a complimentary game passes. Questions? Please email Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Director of Admissions at kstewart@pvihs.org.

Blood Drive December 29th



The Knights of Columbus Council #3512 will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Tuesday, December 29th from 1:30pm until 6:30pm at the Sister Bernadette Parish Center.** Sign-up sheets will be available in the back of the church after all Masses. Call Lonnie at 856-662-6049 for more information.

Full-Time Maintenance Position

Christ the King Parish in Haddonfield is seeking a full-time maintenance worker. This position maintains the school and parish buildings, ensuring that all buildings and grounds are safe, clean, and appealing. We are looking for an energetic independent worker with experience in minor carpentry, electrical, and plumbing repair work, as well as, custodial work. This position requires a valid driver's license and the ability to obtain boiler inspection certification. Position reports directly to the Pastor. For your convenience there is a link to the full job description on our website: www.ctkhaddonfield.org.

Submit resume electronically to pastor@ctkhaddonfield.org or by mail to: Christ the King Parish, 200 Windsor Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033 ATTN: Pastor (No phone calls, please).

#Know Mercy
Gay & Catholic:
Accepting My Sexuality, Finding Community, Living My Faith

DATE: Tues., Jan. 12, 2016
TIME: 7:00 p.m. - Doors Open
7:30 p.m. - Presentation Begins
LOCATION: Tir Na Nog
482 E. Evesham Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

PRESENTED BY:
Eve Tushnet
Author of "Gay & Catholic"

Future Theology on Tap Events
Mar. 15, 2016
Tir Na Nog, Cherry Hill, NJ
Topic: Encounter Mercy

Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, in their late teens (18-19), 20s & 30s.

Diocese of Camden - Young Adult and Campus Ministries 856.583.2908 • 609.604.0200 • theologyontap@camdenocese.org
Join "Theology on Tap - South Jersey" on Facebook. Twitter feed: "TheologyonTapSJ"
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Afternoon of Jazz, Plus

You are invited to the 25th Annual
Afternoon of Jazz, Plus

*Sponsored by the Diocese of Camden
Black Catholic Ministry Commission
to benefit the BCMC Scholarship Fund.*

*Join us for fun, fellowship, a superb dinner and
dancing to the renown sounds of*

TO THE MAX!

Date: Sunday, February 14, 2016

**Place: Masso's Crystal Manor
210 South Delsea Drive, Glassboro, NJ 08028
856-881-6855**

**Time: 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
\$40.00 per person**

Mail your check made out to "Diocese of Camden" and
the completed form below to

**Mr. James E. Andrews, Director
Diocese of Camden
Black Catholic Ministries
631 Market Street
Camden, NJ 08102**

For more information, contact James Andrews at
856-583-2907 or James.Andrews@camdendiocese.org
or

Lisa Scott Coley, Chairperson, at lisascott6@verizon.net.
or

Contact your local BCMC member:

Name _____

Contact Info _____

2016 Afternoon of Jazz, Plus

Name: _____ Number in Party: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Menu Selection (Number of Each):

_____ CHICKEN _____ FISH

