

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe

Permanent Deacon

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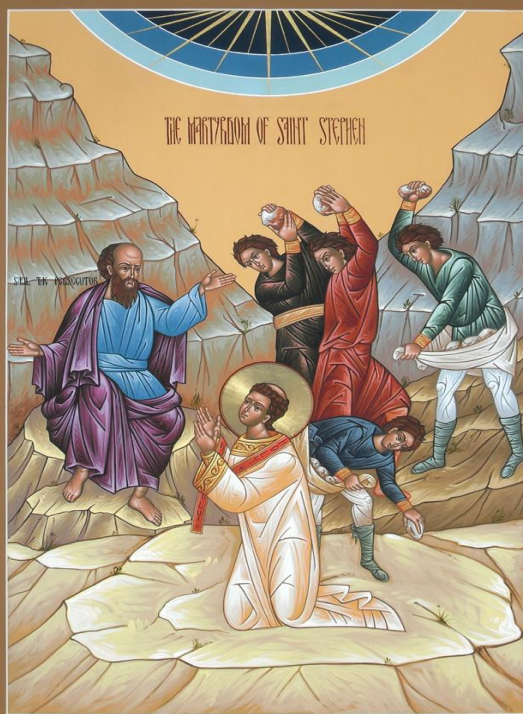
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Religious Education

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Rose Marie Davis
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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

Emergencies

(856) 261-9336

(Accidents, Dying or Death)

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(856) 227-2145

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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.

February 1, 2015 – The Fourth 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, 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.

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

MONDAY 9:00am	February 2, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	February 3, 2015 Roger Daujeumont r/b Aida S. Rocco
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	February 4, 2015 Robert Norris r/b Donald Mignone
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	February 5, 2015 Anne Marie Meyer r/b The McHugh Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	February 6, 2015 (First Friday Adoration) Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter
SATURDAY 4:30pm	February 7, 2015 Rose McBarron r/b The Stemetzki Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	February 8, 2015 Catherine Hartson r/b Deacon Anthony & Phyl Cioe
10:30am	Christopher N. Raiser r/b Joe Haas

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of The Buondonno Family

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.

January 24/25, 2015 Collection:	\$5,118
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,971

Next Special Collection:
February 18, 2015 "Eastern Europe"
(Diocese - Ash Wednesday)
(posted as a courtesy for our 20+ E-givers)

Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide **Electronic Giving, or e-Giving**, 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.**

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, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigiaccelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Dolores VonAlex, Barbara Weingard.

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Ministry Schedule for February 7/8

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, L. Heining, *J. Heining

Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, Q. Nguyen

EM's: N. Schmidt, L. D'Alessandro, R. Davis, R. Leone, *S. Marano

Lectors: P. Nolte, W. McHugh

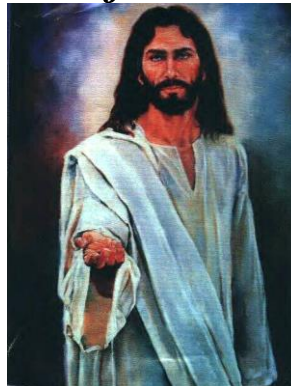
Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Hughes Boys

EM's: J. Messina, L. Solano, Geo. Tutwiler, T. Link, *P. Cioe

Lectors: M. Miller, E. Mattera

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 February 6, 2015.**

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?

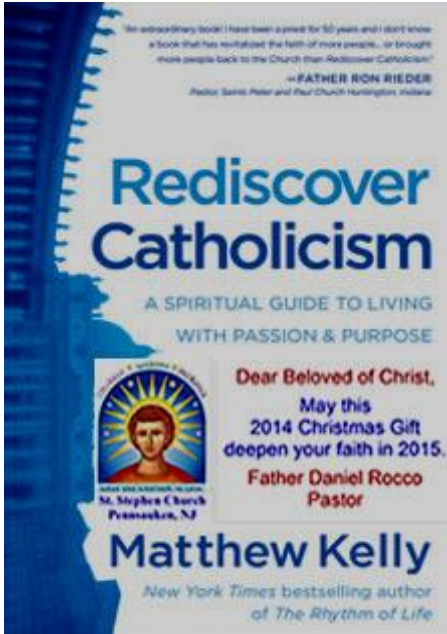
RSVP to Rosemarie Leone @ 856-662-0035.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

2/2-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study
2/3-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
2/4-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
2/5-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
2/6-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
2/7-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
2/8--Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues February 5, 2015 @ 7pm.



Please join us as we continue to discuss "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly, the book we were generously gifted with this Christmas. Let's start the new year learning more about God's love and the gift of our Catholic faith. A good resolution for 2015 can be "to become a better version of myself" and help others as they journey to become all God calls us to be. The discussion club needs your voice, see you Thursday, February 5th in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center.

Extra copies of "Rediscover Catholicism" are available in the Rectory. They are free to all Parishioners and \$5 if you'd like to purchase one for a friend.

First Friday Adoration

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



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

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.



Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, lively discussions, and fun!

When: Mondays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Where: Stonegate Main Conference Room

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.
Phone: 662-8046 email: heides@comcast.net

"The woman who walks with God always reaches her destination"

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

Prayer requests for the month of February, please contact Bernadette @ 854-2928.

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



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.

Parish Library

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

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.

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?

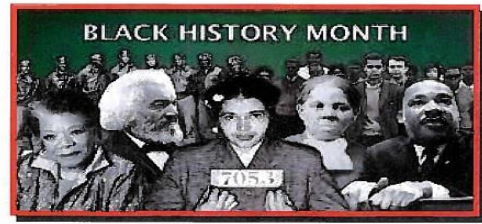
--Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church.

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.

FaithFULL Food Drive March 1st

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us that whenever we feed the least of our brothers and sisters, we feed Jesus himself. At this time of the year, many food pantries find themselves with empty shelves while the requests for food are still great.

In response, the Diocese of Camden is organizing its second annual faithFULL Food Drive. On Sunday, March 1, every parish and school in the diocese will be asked to bring food donations to area food banks. For more information, contact your faith community's food drive point person, and visit www.camdendiocese.org/faithfull.



PLEASE JOIN US IN
CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH
WITH MASS

AT

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
2677 DELSEA DRIVE, FRANKLINVILLE, NEW JERSEY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015

1:30 PM

MOST REVEREND DENNIS J. SULLIVAN, D.D.
CELEBRANT
REV. JAMES GOODE, OFM
HOMILIST

Prayer Service & Discussion "Walking With The Saints"

The Cause for the Canonization of
Father Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)



Guest Speaker:

Brother A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem.

Special Assistant to the Bishop for the Cause
Seminarian and Priesthood Candidate

In January of 2010, His Eminence Cardinal Francis George, OMI announced the Archdiocese's pursuit of the cause for canonization of Father Augustus Tolton, 1854-1897. The requisite historical and theological commissions are done compiling the Acta (dossier) of his life and arguing his virtues as well as taking testimonials in ecclesiastical court regarding spiritual favors and possible miracles to aid the Cause. In his capacity as Diocesan Postulator for the Cause, Most Reverend, Bishop Joseph N. Perry appointed Brother A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem. as his Special Assistant to help with popularizing the Cause through public speaking events, fundraisers and educational programs. Join us to get a first-hand update of the progress the Cause has made and the movement that is taking place in the Church.

Friday, February 20, 2015
7:00 p.m.

St. Stephen Catholic Church
6306 Browning Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08109
Light refreshments immediately following in the Pastoral Center



For more information, contact:
James E. Andrews, Director
Back Catholic Ministries
856-583-6184

All community organizations
parishes and persons are welcome

Parish Guidelines for the prevention of the spread of the flu during Mass



- Parishioners who feel ill should be reminded to stay at home and refrain from attendance at Mass or other church events until they are fully recovered. Illness is a justifiable excuse from the Sunday Mass obligation.
- During the flu season, the faithful should be encouraged to share the Sign of Peace without touching hands or kissing. This may be done with eye-contact, a smile, and a bow of the head while saying the words “May the peace of Christ be with you.”
The GIRM helps in this by saying in Chapter II par.82: “...the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity...it is appropriate that each person, in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace only to those nearest.”
- During the flu season, priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be especially reminded of the need to practice good preventative hygiene. Ministers of Holy Communion should be encouraged to wash their hands before Mass begins, and even to use an alcohol-based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- The faithful should be instructed not to receive from the cup if they feel ill. That "no one is ever under an obligation to receive from the chalice" and that "anyone who is ill, or suspects he or she is ill, should refrain from receiving from the chalice out of good will and consider receiving the host in the hand rather than by the mouth." (USCCB – Secretariat for Divine Worship)
- During the flu season, greeters and ushers should use verbal greetings only and not shake hands with parishioners.

WHY DO WE...

Enter the church as we do?

Upon arriving at church, there are many things that take place prior to the start of Mass which serve to focus our minds in preparation for the Eucharistic Celebration.

At the entrance of the church there are fonts which are small bowls of Holy Water. This Holy Water is present so we may bless ourselves as we enter into Christ's presence. Each time we do this we are renewing our Baptismal commitment with water and the invocation of the Holy Trinity. In this symbolic act, we are imploring God's Grace and protection, as well as forgiveness of our venial sins.

The Sign of the Cross is the holiest of all signs. It has been performed in various ways throughout the ages, having been initially documented by the theologian Tertullian in 211. Around the start of the 12th century, Pope Innocent III instructed on the Sign of the Cross as “Three fingers (representing the Trinity) are passed from above to below, because Christ descended from heaven to earth, then from left to right, because we cross from misery (left) to glory (right), just as Christ crossed from death to life, from Hades to Paradise”. If the Sign of the Cross is done with devotion, a partial indulgence in the form of remission from punishment for venial sins is granted. The Sign of the Cross is both a blessing and a demonstration – we invoke the blessing of God as we demonstrate the visible sign that we belong to Christ. It is a prayer, both spoken and gestured with reverence and respect.

We are greeted by one or more parishioners as we pass through the vestibule, frequently by ushers or by those who will help celebrate the Mass. The congregation is also encouraged to greet one another “As we are a Communion of Faith” The greeting of friends and strangers alike symbolizes our gathering as one family in the presence of our Father. “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst” (Matt 18:20).

As we prepare to enter a pew, we genuflect facing the Tabernacle. This is done as single genuflect, the right knee touched briefly to the floor as the Sign of the Cross is made. This is the proper act of veneration accorded to Christ unexposed within the tabernacle. A double genuflect, or kneeling on both knees, and bowing the head slightly is the proper act of reverence before the Blessed Sacrament when it is exposed. In the case of physical inability to genuflect, a solemn bow is appropriate. Genuflection is not performed when the Eucharist is not present in church, such as during Holy Week, or when Mass is celebrated in an alternate setting. This act of homage to our Lord also serves as our acknowledgement that Christ is actually present with us in the Eucharist. This awareness of his physical presence in the Consecrated Host is the essence of what differentiates us as Catholics from all other Christian Faiths.

BECOME ENGAGED: When we are focused on the meaning behind these rituals instead of performing them by rote, we are preparing our minds and our hearts to partake fully in the celebration of the Mass and receive the gifts imparted to us from Jesus in this celebration of the Eucharist.