

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

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

Emergencies: (856) 261-9336
(Accidents, Dying or Death)



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February 10, 2013 – The Fifth 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

Children's Liturgy: 3rd Sunday @ 9:00am

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm – 7:00pm Vigil

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".

SATURDAY February 9, 2013
4:30pm John Heining, Jr. r/b Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ

SUNDAY February 10, 2013
9:00am Michael G. Hagan, Jr. r/b Ed & Nancy Schmidt
10:30am Sandra Lepo r/b Leni & Louise Zinicola
Evelyn Capocetta r/b Kevin Seybold & Taylor
Judith Ann Gormley r/b Dc. Anthony & Phyl Cioe
Jeanne Burke r/b Pat Pickering & Family

MONDAY February 11, 2013
9:00am Verna Chwastyk r/b Elsie & Ellen Laurick

TUESDAY February 12, 2013
9:00am Joseph Nagle r/b Paul Tryson

WEDNESDAY February 13, 2013 (Ash Wednesday)
9:00am People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
Noon Liturgical Service with Distribution of Ashes
7:00pm People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

THURSDAY February 14, 2013
9:00am+Novena Evelyn Capocetta r/b Matt & Pat Petronis

FRIDAY February 15, 2013
9:00am Josephine Leahy r/b The Leahy Family
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY February 16, 2013
4:30pm Victoria Steinmetz r/b Alex Rende

SUNDAY February 17, 2013
9:00am Laura Wilk r/b The Hiller Family
10:30am Evelyn Capocetta r/b Don & Kathy Seybold
Joseph Bui r/b The Bui Family
Rev. William Francis Eckert
r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of The Brazilian Fire Victims.

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.

Feb. 2/3, 2013 Attendance/Collection	445/	\$6,619
Feb. 4/5, 2012 Comparison	551/	\$6,093
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,530

Special Diocesan Collections:

February 13, 2013: "Church in Europe" (Ash Wednesday)
February 17, 2013: "Operation Rice Bowl" (Diocese)



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, Edith Bielinski, Milton Burns, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Donato Gallicchio, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Rev. David Klein, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Wanda Loperfido, Maura Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Cyrol Valentino, Gloria Vendetti, John Vindick, Mary Vivielo, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for February 16/17

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: Mi. Ciarrocca, Ma. Ciarrocca, T. Mason
EM's: J. Heining, L. Heining, P. Antonelli, *alternate A. Knight
Lectors: L. Peischl, P. Tryson

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: E. Mattera, O. Graff, B. McHugh
EM's: S. Marano, S. Mufalli, L. McHugh, M. Miller
Lectors: J. Gerst, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: Ke. Coar, L. Fagan, J. Mack
EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, T. Link, W. Delfin
Lectors: J. Bowman, P. Cioe

Ash Wednesday, February 13th



Masses @ 9am & 7pm

Liturgical Service at Noon

All with Distribution of Ashes



Stations of the Cross begin this Friday, February 15th at 7pm.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

2/11-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Finance Council
 2/12-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 2/13-Ash Wed.-9am Mass, Noon Ashes, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Mass
 2/14-Thur.-9am Mass/Novena, 6 & 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion Club
 2/15-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross
 2/16-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 2/17-Sunday-NO RCIA, 9am School Mass & 10:30am Mass



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

As women, we all have unique circumstances, difficulties, hopes and dreams. But no matter where you are in your journey, God's Word can always offer inspiration, comfort, and support.

St. Stephen Ladies Monday Bible Study

Is a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where we meet and discuss interesting stories of the Bible and explore the messages the Bible brings to each of us in our own lives today. **Newcomers are always welcome!** Come join us, and discover how God's Word can help you become the woman God created you to be!

Meeting times: Mondays 1:00-2:30pm

Location: Stonegate Conference Room

Questions? Contact Eileen at (856) 662-8046 or email

heides@comcast.net.

Tuesday Night Rosary

Please join us every **Tuesday at 7:00pm** in the church in response to Our Lady of Fatima's request to pray the rosary for peace in the world.

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue February 13th @ 6:15PM

Thursday Night Discussion Club

**"Catholicism Session #8"
7pm in the Parish Center**



First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

Friday, March 1st, 9:30am-6:45pm.



"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 & Ministry Meetings

(All 7pm in the Parish Center)

February 11	Finance Council
February 18	Pastoral Council
February 25	Liturgy Board

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

All Paver Orders placed through December 31, 2012 are being completed by our engraver. Look for a display sometime next month!!

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.

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) 662-9338 or Loretta Steinmetz, RCIA Team Leader at (856) 227-4627 for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Scrip Fundraising Program

Scrip is available for purchase at the Scrip Table after all weekend Masses and at the rectory during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm (excluding Holy Days & Holidays). Scrip orders may also be submitted to the school and will then be processed via the rectory for later delivery.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place.

Contact Linda @ 661-8045 for February requests

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to GOD."

-Philippians 4:6

TIME OUT!

Gentlemen:

Give yourself a time out to Recharge your battery, Relax with friends, perhaps Resolve a problem on issues in your life. **Join us March 8-10 for a Men's Retreat at St. Joseph's in the Hills in Malvern, PA.**

Comments from recent new Retreatants: "That weekend really helped me relax", "That weekend helped me be a better husband and father", "The Malvern weekend changed my life".

For more info: Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753 or email Joe at jfagan1982@comcast.net. Register at www.malvernretreat.com

Natural Family Planning

(NFP) is a healthy, effective, economical, ecological, and communication enhancing way to plan your family in accord with Catholic teaching.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE:

Thursdays: February 21, March 21, and April 18, 2013

7 – 9:30 PM St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Center, Gibbsboro.

Register online at: www.ccli.org (click on search/register for class) and enter zip code.

Deadline for registration: February 17th

Virtual Online NFP courses and a Home Study Course in NFP are also available at www.ccli.org.

For more information contact Cecilia at 856-753-1906 or sj.nfp@comcast.net, www.live-the-love.org.

Theology on Tap

"Lent for Dummies: Why We Do What We Do"

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from 7 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Welcoming young adults, single or married in their 20s and 30s! Dubh Linn Square, 482 East Evesham Road, Cherry Hill
Guest Presenter: Fr. Rob Sinatra from the Rowan University Newman House & Diocese of Camden Tribunal.

Cost: No cost to attend.

Participants are welcome to purchase food and beverages.

For more info: (856) 583-6122,

gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org, or join

"Theology on Tap – South Jersey" on Facebook

or follow "Theology on Tap SJ" on Twitter.

Camden Catholic High School presents the musical

"Once On This Island"

March 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7:30 PM.

March 10 and 17 at 2:00 PM.

Visit www.cchsarts.com for the student produced commercial, tickets, more show information and our exciting events schedule. **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND** is a one-act musical, with a book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty. Based on the 1985 novel "My Love, My Love", it also includes elements of "Romeo and Juliet" and the fairytale "The Little Mermaid." Enjoy the sites and sounds of this Caribbean-flavored family musical with almost non-stop song and dance.

Watch Bishop Sullivan's Installation live-Feb. 12 at 2 PM

The installation of Bishop Dennis Sullivan as the eighth bishop of Camden will take place on **Tuesday, February 12, at 2 PM** at St. Agnes Church (Our Lady of Hope Parish), Blackwood. Admission, because of limited seating, will be by invitation only. Guests must present a ticket to attend the installation. To give everyone an opportunity to view the ceremony, the diocese has arranged for a live broadcast on **EWTN Global Catholic Network** (check cable listings in your area) and on the internet at www.camdendiocese.org.

FAITH ALIVE!

Teens in Grades 8-12 are invited to the Diocesan Youth Congress on **Sunday, March 24, 2013** at St. Simon Stock Parish in Berlin. This daylong event provides teens with a chance to make new friends, explore their faith and connect more deeply with God. The schedule includes dynamic speakers, inspiring prayer and worship, and fun social opportunities. For more information visit Youth Ministries at www.camdendiocese.org. Begin Holy Week and Easter by discovering how to bring faith alive!

People for the Poor Raffle

People for the Poor, Inc., is a non profit, 501(c)3 organization that helps soup kitchens and homeless shelters in the South Jersey area.

They will be selling chances on a Dell Inspiron 15.6", 4 gb memory, and a 500 gb hard drive lap top. They will be selling the weekend of **February 10th**. Chances are \$5.00 and all proceeds go to helping the homeless shelters and soup kitchens in the South Jersey area.

Drawing on **Saturday, March 16, 2013** at 10:00pm, at the beef & beer, Chinese auction, which will be held at Our Lady of Hope Parish Center (formerly, St. Agnes, 701 Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood, NJ. For more information see our website at www.peopleforthepeople.org

Merion Mercy Academy News

Merion Mercy Academy is offering a practice High School Placement Exam on **Saturday, March 2**. For more information and to register, go to www.merion-mercy.com/admissions.

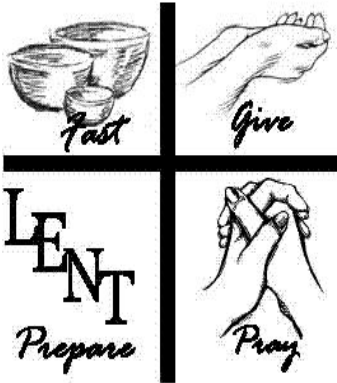
Merion Mercy is now enrolling students in its 2013 Summer Programs. We are pleased to announce our expanded academic and enrichment programs and sports camps for boys and girls entering grades 6-12. To download a brochure with a full listing of classes and to register online, visit our website at www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms.

Stonegate Bake Sale

February 21st at 12:30pm

Stonegate Community Room

Call Marion @ 663-5599 for more info.



Lent 2013

“Journey of the Heart”



2/09-2/10/2013	Saturday/Sunday	Journey of the Heart Booklet distributed & Renewal of Marriage Vows
2/13/2013	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday - Mass and Ashes: 9:00am & 7:00pm, Noon Service: Ashes Only
2/15/2013	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Traditional Stations)
2/17/2013	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent
2/19/2013	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
2/22/2013	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Senior Stations)
2/24/2013	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
2/26/2013	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/1/2013	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Mary Stations)
3/3/2013	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
3/4/2013	Monday	Lenten Retreat by Sr. Peggy Devlin - 7:00 PM (Church) "Road to Resurrection"
3/5/2013	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/8/2013	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Children's Stations)
3/10/2013	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
3/12/2013	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/15/2013	Friday	Soup Night - 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM (Cafeteria)
		Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Peace and Justice Stations)
3/17/2013	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
3/19/2013	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Penance Service-7:30 PM
3/22/2013	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Traditional Stations)
3/24/2013	Sunday	Passion Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
3/28/2013	Thursday	Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
3/29/2013	Friday	Good Friday
		Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM
		Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM
3/30/2013	Saturday	Holy Saturday
		Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM
		Blessing of Food - Noon
		Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
3/31/2013	Sunday	Easter Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM