

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

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

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



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February 17, 2013 – The First Sunday in Lent

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".

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| SATURDAY 4:30pm | February 16, 2013 Victoria Steinmetz r/b Alex Rende |
| SUNDAY 9:00am | February 17, 2013 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 |
| MONDAY 9:00am | February 18, 2013 Anne Flynn r/b The Sisters of Saint Joseph |
| TUESDAY 9:00am | February 19, 2013 Ralph Cavallo r/b His Wife, Gertrude |
| WEDNESDAY 9:00am | February 20, 2013 Sandra Lepo r/b Lucille Buffington |
| THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena | February 21, 2013 John Sarich, Jr. r/b Dorothea Dodds |
| FRIDAY 9:00am 7:00pm | February 22, 2013 Vito Lamaina r/b His Wife Tilda & Children Stations of the Cross |
| SATURDAY 4:30pm | February 23, 2013 Victoria Steinmetz r/b Knights of Columbus 3512 |
| SUNDAY 9:00am | February 24, 2013 Victor Gerst, Jr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst |
| 10:30am | Jennie Farmer r/b Richard Beyer Anna Phan r/b The Bui Family Adrian DesRosiers r/b His Loving Wife Anthony Meloni r/b Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren |

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Walter Lane.

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.

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| Feb. 9/10, 2013 Attendance/Collection | 509/ | \$5,589 |
| Feb. 11/12, 2012 Comparison | 516/ | \$5,070 |
| Budgeted Weekly Collection: | | \$5,500 |
| Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average: | | \$5,532 |

Special Diocesan Collections:

February 17, 2013: "Operation Rice Bowl"
March 10, 2013: "Catholic Relief"



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, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Deacon Ernie Picknally, Frank Pigiaccelli, 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 Vивиello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for February 23/24

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: H. Atchison, C. Hughes, N. Hughes
EM's: T. Angstman, B. Taylor, T. Scavuzzo, *alternate Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: J. Melfi, W. Mattia

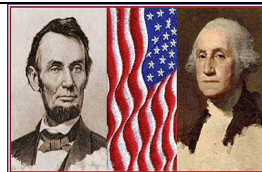
Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, O. Graff, S. Caban
EM's: S. Marano, T. Modzier, R. Leone, R. Davis
Lectors: J. Messina, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, M. Ciarrocca, M. Ciarrocca
EM's: L. D'Alessandro, J. Bowman, K. Fagan, J. Fagan
Lectors: M. Miller, C. Otto

President's Day, February 18th



On Monday, February 18th we will observe Presidents' Day, a national holiday. **Our school, rectory and all Diocesan offices will be closed.**



BAKE SALE

Stonegate Community Room

February 21st at 12:30pm

Call Marion @ 663-5599 for more info.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

2/18-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Pastoral Council,
 (School & Rectory are closed Presidents' Day)
 2/19-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Reflection
 2/20-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD
 2/21-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion Club
 2/22-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Senior Stations of the Cross
 2/23-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 2/24-Sunday-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 20th @ 6:15PM

Thursday Night Discussion Club

New Series: "What is Faith?"

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)

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

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

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# 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](http://www.camdendiocese.org). Begin Holy Week and Easter by discovering how to bring faith alive!

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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.

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# 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](http://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](http://www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms).

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Camden Catholic High School Registration

Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 8-11AM in the school Cafeteria (300 Cuthbert Boulevard, Cherry Hill)

All 8th grade families are welcome to the registration. Walk-ups welcome. Questions, call 856-663-2247 ext 49.

First Reconciliation

February 9, 2013

The following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on February 9th.

Please keep them in your prayers as they now prepare for their First Holy Communion on May 4th.

- Michelle Ciarrocca**
- Francis Coar**
- Juan Colon**
- Morgan Daniels**
- Lohan Kane**
- Joseph Kroberger**
- Jaymie Miller**
- Jason Miller**
- Liam Quemel**
- Maison Robinson**
- Tristen Schneider**
- Jack Schuler**
- Alexis Tepper**
- Michael Tepper**
- Peter Tepper**
- Sarah VonHofen**

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# Alumni on the Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students from our parish who have been named to the following Honor Rolls:

Paul VI First Honors:  
**Laura Fagan, Grade 10**

Paul VI Second Honors:  
**Zachary Hiller, Grade 10**  
**Caroline Otto, Grade 11**

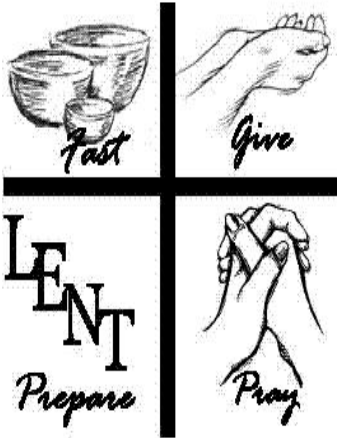
Merion Mercy Academy Honors:  
**Elizabeth Mattera, Grade 10**

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2013 Operation Rice Bowl

You're invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl!

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. **Rice Bowls will be available February 16 & 17.** Please be sure to take one home and use the easy and fun resources to deepen your family's Lenten experience. Your prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten season will help Catholic Relief Services continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world and to end global poverty.



Lent 2013

“Journey of the Heart”



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| 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 |