

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

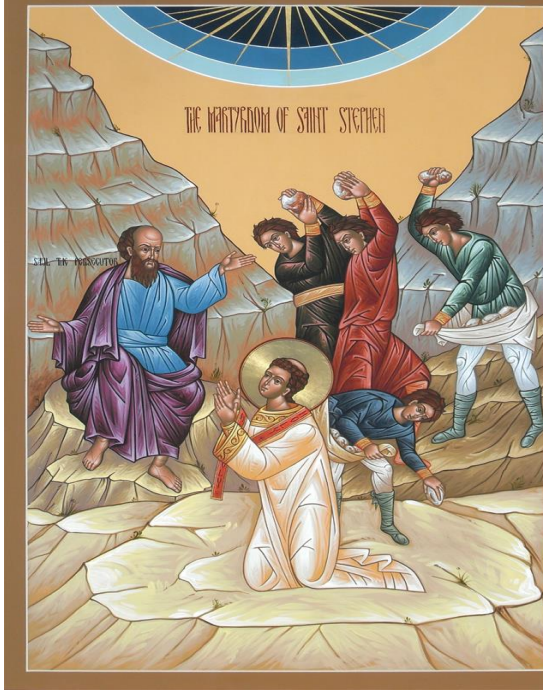
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
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**Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe**  
Permanent Deacon

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
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**Rectory Office Hours**  
Monday thru Friday  
9:00am-4:30pm



## *Contact Info*

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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.*

***February 21, 2016 – The Second Sunday of Lent***

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

**In the event of a WINTER STORM, MASSES ARE STILL CELEBRATED, BUT DISCRETION SHOULD BE USED DEPENDING UPON YOUR PERSONAL SITUATION.**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 21, 2016</b> Victor Gerst, Jr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Frank Lombardi r/b Suzanne Underwood
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 22, 2016</b> <i>Communion Service</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 23, 2016</b> Osea M. Gatti r/b Larry Gatti, Jr.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 24, 2016</b> Lucille M. McLaughlin r/b The Sooy Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 25, 2016</b> Rev. Vincent G. Carpinelli r/b People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 26, 2016</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>February 27, 2016</b> Joseph & Elena Melfi r/b Daughters Janis & Lynne
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 28, 2016</b> Christina M. Scappa r/b The Batavick / DiLorenzo Family
10:30am	Elizabeth Sutcliffe r/b Her Husband, Jim Msgr. Joseph O'Connell (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Feb. 29 <sup>th</sup> ) r/b People of the Parish



**The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
In Memory of John J. Flacco**

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.

<b>February 13/14, 2016 Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,031</b>
<b>2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$4,647</b>

Upcoming Special Collections:

- February 28<sup>th</sup>:** "Rice Bowl and Black & Indian Missions"
- March 6<sup>th</sup>:** "Catholic Relief Services" (Diocese)
- March 6-20:** "Easter Flower Memorials" (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, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Michael DiVito, 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, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., John Howard, Helen Huhn, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Jr., Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Vivielo, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard, Keith Wilson.

**Ministry Schedule for February 27/28**

*\* Designates Alternate Server*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**  
**Altar Server:** J. Bui  
**EM's:** V. Thibault, J. Heining, L. Heining, A. Knight, \*C. Pandola  
**Lector:** J. Melfi

**Sunday, 9:00am**  
**Altar Servers:** M. Conway, B. McHugh  
**EM's:** R. Leone, N. Schmidt, L. McHugh, E. Nolte, \*R. Davis  
**Lectors:** J. Scavuzzo, Joan Rivera

**Sunday, 10:30am**  
**Altar Server:** K. Fagan  
**EM's:** Geo. Tutwiler, T. Mattera, M. Meloni, M. Miller, \*T. Scavuzzo  
**Lectors:** R. Aleszczyk, C. Aleszczyk

**"Stewards Show Gratitude"**

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (GENESIS 15:7)*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we as *Stewards* show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?



**2016 House of Charity Appeal**

<b>2016 House of Charity y-t-d</b>	<b>\$3,025 (6%)</b>
<b>2016 House of Charity Goal</b>	<b>\$53,295</b>

Let a gift to the House of Charity allow the fire of love to grow in you. Your donation helps ensure that vital programs continue, which not only give financial support but also teaches others how to improve their difficult situations and become more independent.

**Thank you to the 15 families that have given generously thus far.** If you have not pledged as yet, extra pledge cards are available in the lobby of our church outside the Sacristy.

### ***This Week @ St. Stephen Parish***

2/22-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study, 6:30pm Deacons Meeting  
 2/23-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Liturgy Board, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Reflections on the Works of Mercy  
 2/24-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes  
 2/25-Thurs.-9am Mass, 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club  
 2/26-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross  
 2/27-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 2/28-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

### *Ladies Bible Study*

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***

**Continue February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.**

### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

Will continue this **Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** in the Sister Bernadette Parish Center and we'll be discussing the question: **"Why is living together before a marriage so wrong? Wouldn't that prevent problems in the future?"**

### ***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, March 4, 2016, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



### ***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](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.

### ***St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You***



**We are here to pray for you.**  
 For Prayer Requests for the month of February, please contact **Maryann @ 856-477-2789.**

### ***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 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 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).



### **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 rejoice 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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).

# Malvern Men's Retreat March 11-13



Gentlemen,

Please join us for a retreat to St. Joseph's in the hills in Malvern Pa. **March 11-13**. Why should you make a retreat?

- ❖ 42 hours of peace and quiet away from the "real world"
- ❖ spend time with friends or make new ones
- ❖ work out some personal issues
- ❖ spend time with other men whose faith is central in their lives
- ❖ connect with God in a personal way

The retreat begins on Friday evening and finishes by 12:30 on Sunday. For information or registration [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or contact Joe Fagan 609-471-0753 [jfagan1982@comcast.net](mailto:jfagan1982@comcast.net)

**YOU WILL BE A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR GROUP!**

## FaithFULL Food Drive March 6<sup>th</sup>

As part of the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis has called upon all of us to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The first corporal work of mercy is to Feed the Hungry. 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 third annual faithFULL Food Drive. On Sunday, March 6, every parish and school in the diocese will be asked to bring food donations to area food banks. **We are in need of canned tuna, chicken, soup, beans, chili, beef stew, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned fruits, veggies, applesauce, canned fruit juices and vegetable juices.**

For more information, contact your faith community's food drive point person, and visit [www.camdendiocese.org/faithfull](http://www.camdendiocese.org/faithfull) .

## Paul VI High School News

Paul VI High School presents FOOTLOOSE.

Paul VI is grateful to Colin Aleszczyk & Kelly Coar of St. Stephen Parish, for helping to bring this year's stellar production to the stage! Evening performances will be held at Paul VI on **February 26th and 27th** at 7:30 p.m.; Matinee is at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, February 21st**. Tickets are \$12 each for general admission, and can be reserved by emailing [nestrella@pvihs.org](mailto:nestrella@pvihs.org). More information is available at [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org).

**Paul VI Alumni Night at the Play.** PVI Alumni are invited to visit their alma mater for the **Friday February 26th**, 7:30 p.m. performance of FOOTLOOSE. General admission ticket prices of \$12 include seating in the beautiful Paul VI theater and a complimentary wine and cheese held before the show from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please contact Mary Anne Yeager at [myeager@pvihs.org](mailto:myeager@pvihs.org) for more information.

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## Camden Catholic High School News

**Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students** are being scheduled throughout 2016 at Camden Catholic High School. Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy. Contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: [janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

### The Arts at CCHS Presents PIPPIN

**March 11, 12, 18 & 19** at 7:30 p.m. and March 13 at 2 p.m.

\$12/person. Purchase tickets online at [www.cchsperformingarts.com](http://www.cchsperformingarts.com) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.

### 10th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Reception

**Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

Honoring the very best students, athletes, philanthropists and professionals in the Camden Catholic family. Ceremony followed by celebratory reception including beer, wine, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres. \$50/person in advance. \$60 at the door. To purchase tickets visit [www.camdencatholic.org/halloffame](http://www.camdencatholic.org/halloffame) or call/email Janet Indelicato 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or [janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org).

## 2016 Inductees

### Emerald - Academics / Arts

Anita (Pat) Brown '66, Sister Janet Theresa Marchesani '56, Daniel McDiye '59, John L. Pund '74, Thomas Shusted '44 (posthumous), Gerard P. Smith '52

### 1887 - Special

Richard Kelly '55 and Bartholomew Sheehan '23 (posthumous)

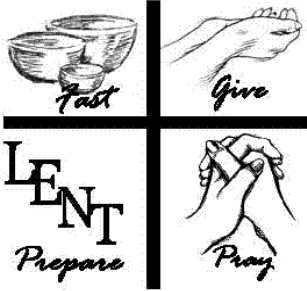
### Green & White - Athletics

Maureen Lee Behm '92, Michael Booth '00, Margaret Iezzi Cheli '88, Jennifer Mayfield LaFave '90, Scott Yeager '97, 1951 Varsity Baseball Team, 2005 Varsity Wrestling Team

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## Merion Mercy HSPT Test Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

Merion Mercy will be administering a practice high school placement test (HSPT) for seventh graders on February 27th from 9:00 to 1:00 with lunch included. The fee is \$35.00. Registration can be completed at [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com). The fee is \$35.00. There will also be an extensive tour for parents that will take place during the testing.



# LENT 2016

## *“Renew Our Hearts”*



2/21/2016	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
2/23/2016	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflections on the Works of Mercy
2/26/2016	Friday	Stations of the Cross (Traditional) 7:00 PM
2/28/2016	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
3/1/2016	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflections on the Works of Mercy
3/4/2016	Friday	Stations of the Cross (Mary theme) 7:00 PM
3/6/2016	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
3/8/2016	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflections on the Works of Mercy
3/11/2016	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
3/13/2016	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
3/15/2016	Tuesday	Penance Service at 7:30 PM following the Rosary at 7:00 PM
3/18/2016	Friday	<p><b><u>The Franciscan Mystery Players present “Jesus the Healer” at 7:30PM</u></b></p> <p>This is an UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE OF HEALING presented by the FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our Parish’s spiritual journey. Because of the intensity of the subject matter of suffering and death, it may not be recommended for children.</p> <p>We strongly encourage all our ADULTS and TEENS to attend this unique and prayerful presentation on <u>Friday, March 18, 2016 at 7:30 PM</u>. <b>DON’T MISS THIS!!!!</b></p>
3/20/2016	Sunday	Passion Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM, 3pm Filipino Apostolate Mass
3/24/2016	Thursday	Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM, Repose of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Center until 11:00pm
3/25/2016	Friday	Good Friday
		Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM
		Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM
3/26/2016	Saturday	Holy Saturday
		Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM
		Blessing of Food - Noon
		Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
3/27/2016	Sunday	Easter Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM