

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



*Different Histories...*

*One Faith...*

*Different Ages...*

## *Pastoral Staff*

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

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



## *Contact Information*

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## *February 23, 2014 – The Seventh 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 9:00am

**Holy Days:** 9:00am & 7:00pm

**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, 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 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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

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| <b>MONDAY</b><br>9:00am          | <b>February 24, 2014</b><br>John Sarich, Jr. r/b Dorothea Dodds  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>9:00am         | <b>February 25, 2014</b><br>A Special Intention r/b Family   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>9:00am       | <b>February 26, 2014</b><br>Marie Keating r/b Joe & Maria Haas   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>9:00am+Novena | <b>February 27, 2014</b><br>Olga Mignone r/b Rita Vogt   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>9:00am          | <b>February 28, 2014</b><br>Vito Lamaina (28 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)<br>r/b His Wife Tilda & Children |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>4:30pm        | <b>March 1, 2014</b><br>Eileen C. Tharrington r/b Ed & Barb Weingard                                     |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>9:00am          | <b>March 2, 2014</b><br>Gloria Vendetti r/b Gloria Tocco   |
| 10:30am                          | Beth Sutcliffe (15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)<br>r/b Her Husband Jim                                     |

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Ronald Wybranski.

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. 15/16, 2014 Collection           | \$5,192 |
| Feb. 16/17, 2013 Comparison           | \$4,759 |
| 2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection: | \$5,588 |
| Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:          | \$5,095 |

Next Diocesan Special Collection:  
3/5/14 - "Church in Europe"

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## St. Joseph's In the Hills Men's Retreat

March 7-9, 2014

- Some men come to relax, Some visit with friends
- Some are in crisis and need answers -All are welcome
- 18 men joined us last year from South Jersey
- You are invited March 7-9

More information at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)  
or call Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753.



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:

Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett,  
Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel,  
Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joe DiLorenzo, Patricia Domer,  
Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, 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, Maureen Lukasiak,  
Joann Lunsford, John Maggioncalda, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer,  
Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Esther Nunez,  
Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Betty Picciano,  
Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Loretta Stayton,  
Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini,  
Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia,  
Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivello,  
Anthony Vocale, Ed Weingard.

### Ministry Schedule for March 1 / 2

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

#### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, S. Caban, J. Bui  
EM's: L. Heininger, J. Heininger, A. Cirullo, A. Knight, \*T. Angstman  
Lector: R. Taylor

#### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: J. Mack, O. Graff, C. Hearn  
EM's: S. Marano, L. Monaco, L. D'Alessandro, E. Nolte  
Lector: D. Steinmetz

#### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, L. Fagan, O. Albert  
EM's: J. Fagan, K. Fagan, P. Cioe, M. Meloni, \*W. Delfin  
Lectors: J. Bowman, M. Turan

## On sale now!!!

### St. Stephens PTO- Disney Trip Raffle

Only \$2.00 per ticket- Tickets going fast!!! Limited amount to be sold. ....5day/4 night trip to Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. Est. Retail value \$2500.00. Drawing will be held on April 12-2014 @ Chef Mickey's spaghetti Dinner at St. Stephens 6-10pm. For Raffle Tickets please contact Denise Mc Hugh 609-315-1929 or [denise.mchugh15@verizon.net](mailto:denise.mchugh15@verizon.net).

We thank you for your generous support of the PTO and our Wonderful St. Stephens School !!!

#### Other Upcoming PTO events:

St. Stephen's Chic Fil A Spirit Nights  
March 3rd- April 10th

Mardi Gras Beef & Beer 2014 March 1st 2014  
Tickets on sale now

**This Week @ St. Stephen Parish**

2/24-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Liturgy Board  
2/25-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA  
2/26-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD  
2/27-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Book Club  
2/28-Friday-9am Mass  
3/1--Saturday-9am Ministry Retreat, 3:45pm Confession,  
4:30pm Mass, 7pm Mardi Gras Beef & Beer Night  
3/2--Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

*A Message for All the Ladies:*



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

**Monday Ladies' Bible Study**

1-2:30pm in the Stonegate Conference Room.

**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**

**Wednesday Night CCD Classes**

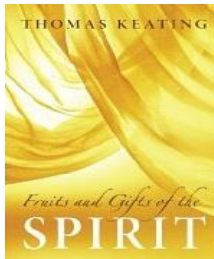
Continue Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.

**Thursday Night**

**Discussion Club**

Continues February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Center.

We are discussing "Fruits & Gifts of the Spirit" by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO



**First Friday Adoration**

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



"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 Meetings**

All at 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

Monday, February 24 Liturgy Board  
Monday, March 10 Finance Council  
Monday, March 31 Pastoral Council

**Prayer Pavers to Our Lady**

**AN ONGOING MEMORIAL!**

All pavers are now installed and many spaces still available!

**Congratulations and thank you to Florence O'Connor on purchasing two pavers. This brings our grand total to nearly \$15,300.00. Thank you to everyone for their support.**

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](http://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; 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 office hours, **Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm** (excluding Holy Days & Holidays).

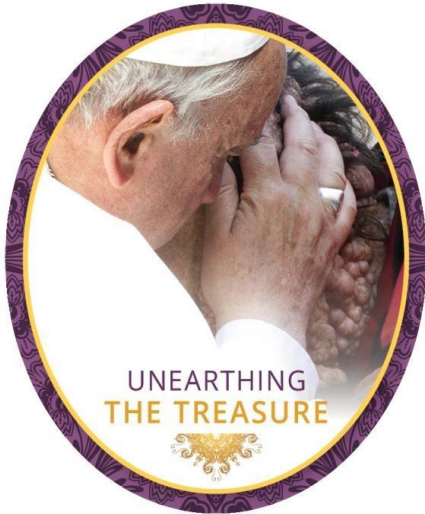
**St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You**



We are here to pray for you. Prayer requests for the month of February, please contact **Diane @ 308-8224**.



## 2014 House of Charity Campaign



Dear Parishioners,

Within the next few weeks you should receive a letter and brochure from Bishop Sullivan regarding the *2014 House of Charity – Bishop’s Annual Appeal*. The theme this year is ***Unearthing the Treasure***. I hope you will take a few minutes to review those materials and the wonderful opportunity that a donation to this vital program will provide.

By your gift to the *House of Charity*, you show the many who are in great need of pastoral, charitable, educational and social ministry in our Diocese that you treasure them in Jesus’ name. When you make a sacrificial gift to the *House of Charity*, you offer the treasure of hope. You offer the treasure of God’s love.

Please know that I am most grateful to you for your continued generosity to our parish, and for your willingness to consider the needs of those less fortunate in our community. I ask you to pray for me and our community as we seek to live the Gospel and serve each other in Jesus’ name.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Sincerely,  
**Father Daniel M. Rocco**  
 Pastor

# St. Stephen's Mardi Gras Night

## St. Stephen's Mardi Gras Night



**PTO BEEF & BEER**



*Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soda*  
**BYOB**

**Raffles**

**Dancing**

**COME OUT FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND TO HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!**  
**THOSE THAT ATTENDED LAST YEAR HAD A BLAST!**

WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014

TIME: 7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

WHERE: ST. STEPHEN'S GYM

COST: \$20 PER PERSON

**Pre-register - CASH ONLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

For questions call Kim Cianciotti Hiller @ 856-938-7075

# An Invitation for Saint Stephen Ministries Members Come and Prepare Your Heart For Lent



About Our Retreat Director **Ginny Licata** is a long-time resident of New Jersey and the Camden Diocese. She taught in high schools for twenty years and at Camden County College for twenty-five years. After retirement she was invited to become a member of the staff of the Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland where she offers weekend retreats. She is also a spiritual director and is presently a member of Holy Family Parish in Sewell .

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit"*

**1 Corinthians 4-6**

**Ministries Retreat**  
**Saturday March 1**  
**Saint Stephen Parish Center**  
**9:00 AM to Noon**  
**Followed by Lunch**

We will take time during this morning of prayer to allow Christ to question our understanding of who He is, and we will open our minds and hearts as He challenges us to make Him the center and foundation of our lives and our ministries.

Please let your Ministry Leader Know If You Will, or  
Will Not Be Able To Attend

***Come And Join Us***  
***As We Prepare Our Hearts For Lent***