

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco

Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe

Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood

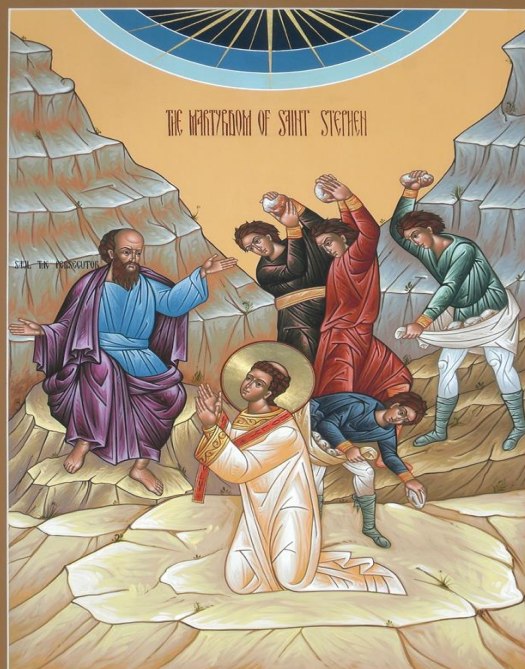
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees

Rose Marie Davis
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Rectory Office Hours

Monday – 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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Deacon Anthony R. Cioe
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Parish Website:

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 26, 2017 – The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, 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 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 2018 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	February 26, 2017
9:00am	Betty Yoder r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Kevin Hogan r/b Herb & Nancy Schreiber
MONDAY	February 27, 2017
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	February 28, 2017
9:00am	Msgr. Joseph F. O'Connell (9 th Anniversary) r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	March 1, 2017 (Ash Wednesday)
9:00am	Mass of Thanksgiving to God r/b Sen Ho Family
7:00pm	Margaret O'Donnell (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Maria & John Fitzpatrick
THURSDAY	March 2, 2017
9:00am/Novena	Joseph A. Gaffney, Jr. r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
FRIDAY	March 3, 2017 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am	Teresa M. Schute (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Fr. Daniel Rocco and Mother
SATURDAY	March 4, 2017
4:30pm	John Fitzpatrick, Sr. (1 st Anniversary March 3 rd) r/b John Fitzpatrick, Jr. & Maria Fitzpatrick
SUNDAY	March 5, 2017
9:00am	Vincent L. Buondonno r/b His Sister
10:30am	Elizabeth Sutcliffe r/b Her Husband, Jim



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
**In Memory of
Natalie Argondizzi**

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.

February 18/19, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$4,338
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,651

Special Collections:

March 1st: "Church in Eastern Europe" (Ash Wednesday)
March 5th: "Black & Indian Missions" (Diocese)
March 19th: "Operation Rice Bowl" (Diocese)
 (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, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Raymond Amatrudo, Sr., Eleanor Becker, Bernadette Bierbach, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Sr., Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Rosemarie Rosolia, Patricia Ruhl, Dean & Mary Russell, Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Esther Tillinghast, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary VivIELlo, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for March 4/5

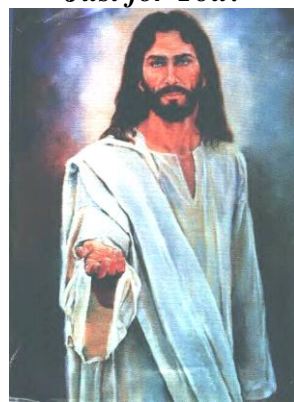
** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm
Altar Server: TBD
EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, *C. Pandola
Lectors: B. Mattia, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 9:00am
Altar Servers: TBD
EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, M. Bufanio, *R. Leone
Lectors: Joan Rivera, Jared Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers: TBD
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, W. Delfin, T. Urgo, D. Urgo, *T. Angstman
Lector: M. Turan

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 March 3, 2017.**

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

2/27-Monday-9am Communion Service, 11am Ladies Bible Study,
7pm Health & Wellness Meeting
 2/28-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 3/1-Ash Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Mass
 3/2-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
 3/3-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm Stations of the Cross
 3/4-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 3/5-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 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)
 Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.
 Phone or text: 610-805-5363 email: heides@comcast.net

*The woman who walks with God
 Always reaches her destination*

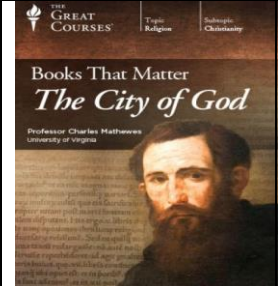
Tuesday Night Rosary

To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

Come join us as we ask Our Lady to pray with us and for us. 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)

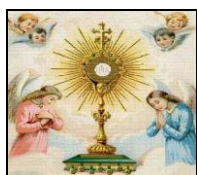
Wednesday Night CCD Classes Continue March 1st at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

	<p>Will continue March 2nd @ 7pm in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center with Prof. Charles Mathewes' "Books That Matter- The City of God"</p>
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First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
Friday, March 3, 2017
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 to set up your account.

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.

Health and Wellness Team News

The Health and Wellness Team will be conducting a CPR class on Saturday 3/25/17 from 9:00 am to 12 noon in the Parish Center. First Aid for choking, basic CPR, and Basic AED use will be covered. There is still time to sign up! Contact Joanne at Joannedb@comcast.net if you have any questions or would like to sign up.

**Our next meeting will be Monday,
 2/27/17 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.**

Parish Library

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**

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.

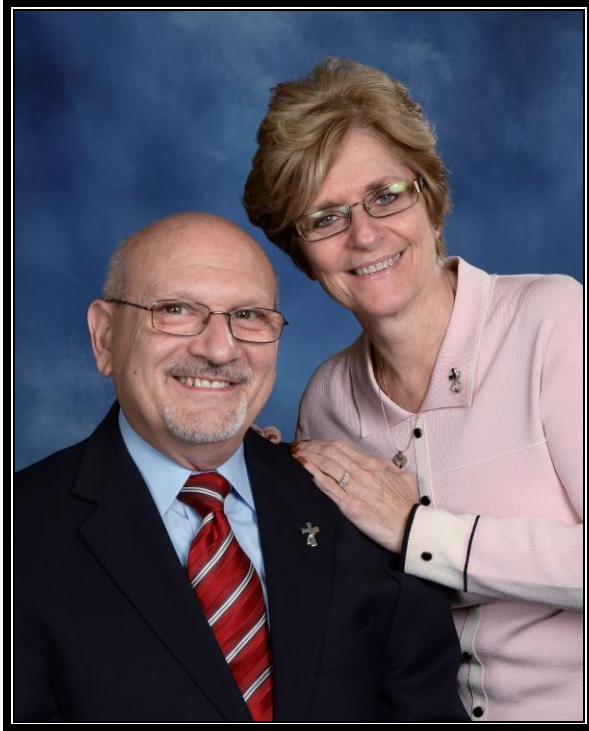
St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

For Prayer Requests for the month of February contact Maryann-856-333-6525.
 In March contact Lois-856-665-1221.

Arrivederci !!!



Deacon Anthony & Phyl Cioe

Thank you for:

- + Baptizing our Children
- + Your Service at the Altar
- + Patient Listening & Guidance
- + Your Kind & Gentle Disposition
- + Visiting our Sick and Homebound
- + Preparing our Couples for Marriage
- + Your Service to both Young and Old
- + Sharing God's Word in your Preaching
- + Consoling the Families of our Deceased



Office of the Bishop
Diocese of Camden

February 8, 2017

Deacon Anthony Cioe
551 Erial Road
Blackwood, N.J. 08012

Dear Deacon Cioe,

Your diaconal ministry, effective March 1, 2017, is changed from Saint Stephen Parish, Pennsauken to Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Turnersville. This assignment is effective for a term of five years.

You should meet with Monsignor Roger McGrath as soon as possible and develop a written Ministry Agreement of your duties and goals for the next five years. Enclosed please find the diocesan ministry agreement form. This completed form should be mailed to the Office of the Diaconate; a signed copy will be returned to you and Monsignor McGrath.

I remind you that you are obliged to participate in a yearly retreat for deacons and at least twenty hours of continuing education. You should also be meeting regularly with your spiritual director.

May God bless you abundantly in your ordained ministry. I thank you for your service to the Church.

many blessings in your new assignment.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dennis J. Sullivan

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.
Bishop of Camden

cc: Rev. Monsignor Roger McGrath
Reverend Daniel Rocco
Deacon Michael Carter

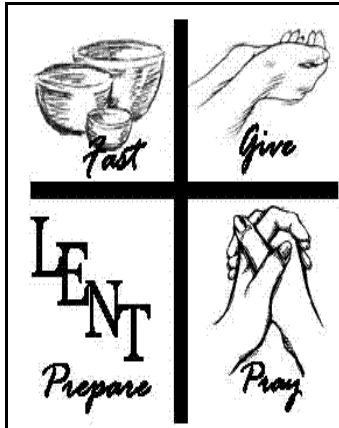
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**Malvern Men's Retreat March 10-12**  
**Gentlemen,**

Our annual Men of Malvern retreat will be March 10-12. Please put the date in your calendar.

Each man has his own reasons for making a retreat. Some enjoy the solitude, some enjoy seeing old friends and some have some very heavy burdens that they need to bring to the Lord. Malvern allows each man to make a retreat on his own terms. I am enclosing a letter written by Joe Conway. Joe has been with our group for several years and has captured the essence of Malvern in this letter. Please take a moment to read the letter enclosed in the attached link:

<http://catholicstarherald.org/the-unexpected-benefits-of-being-on-retreat/>.

Please visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) for additional information. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 609-471-0753. I hope each of you make time for this retreat. **Prosit, Joe**



# LENT 2017

## *“Open My Eyes, Lord”*



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|---------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2/26/17 | Sunday    | Distribute “Open My Eyes, Lord” Booklet                                        |
| 3/1/17  | Wednesday | <b>Ash Wednesday – Mass and Ashes 9:00am and 7:00pm</b>                        |
| 3/3/17  | Friday    | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm                                                   |
| 3/5/17  | Sunday    | First Sunday of Lent                                                           |
| 3/7/17  | Tuesday   | Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection “What is the New Evangelization?”         |
| 3/10/17 | Friday    | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm (Mary theme)                                      |
| 3/12/17 | Sunday    | Second Sunday of Lent                                                          |
| 3/14/17 | Tuesday   | Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection “Who is Called to Evangelize?”            |
| 3/17/17 | Friday    | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm                                                   |
| 3/19/17 | Sunday    | Third Sunday of Lent                                                           |
| 3/21/17 | Tuesday   | Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection “Why the Call to Evangelize is So Urgent” |
| 3/24/17 | Friday    | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm (Peace & Justice theme)                           |
| 3/26/17 | Sunday    | Fourth Sunday of Lent                                                          |
| 3/28/17 | Tuesday   | Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection                                           |
| 3/31/17 | Friday    | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm                                                   |
| 4/2/17  | Sunday    | Fifth Sunday of Lent                                                           |
| 4/4/17  | Tuesday   | <b>Penance Service</b> at 7:30pm following the Rosary at 7:00pm                |
| 4/7/17  | Friday    | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm                                                   |

## **Holy Week Services:**

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| 4/9/17  | Sunday   | <b>Passion Sunday</b> – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am                                                                                             |
| 4/13/17 | Thursday | <b>Holy Thursday</b> – Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm<br>-Blessed Sacrament Reposed in the Parish Center until 11:00pm                    |
| 4/14/17 | Friday   | <b>Good Friday</b><br>-Reading of the Psalms from Noon to 2:45pm<br>-Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 3:00pm |
| 4/15/17 | Saturday | <b>Holy Saturday</b><br>-Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am<br>-Blessing of Food at Noon<br>-Easter Vigil 8:00pm                             |
| 4/16/17 | Sunday   | <b>Easter Sunday</b> – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am                                                                                              |