

# 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 9, 2014 – 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:** 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".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 10, 2014</b> Olga Mignone r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 11, 2014</b> Philomena & Anthony Gini r/b The Gini Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 12, 2014</b> Marie Macchiarola & Angeline Valente Jordan r/b Janice & Jim Rotondo
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>February 13, 2014</b> Edith Mayo r/b Joe & Maria Haas
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 14, 2014</b> Robert W. Kozempel & John F. Peberdy r/b Gerry Kozempel
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>February 15, 2014</b> Catherine M. Maurer r/b Terry & Joe Scavuzzo & Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>February 16, 2014</b> Philomena & Anthony Gini r/b The Gini Family
10:30am	Rose DiFrank r/b Joe & Maria Haas

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Milton Burns.

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>Feb. 1 / 2, 2014 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>506/</b>	<b>\$6,150</b>
<b>Feb. 2 / 3, 2013 Comparison</b>	<b>445/</b>	<b>\$6,619</b>
<b>2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$5,588</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,108</b>

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

## "Stewards Called to Help"

*"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."*

MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good *Steward* of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.



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, Dolores VonAlex.**

## Ministry Schedule for February 15/16

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** S. Caban, J. Bui, M. Conway  
**EM's:** P. Petronis, J. Heining, L. Heining, B. Taylor, \*C. Pandola  
**Lector:** J. Melfi

### Sunday, 9:00am

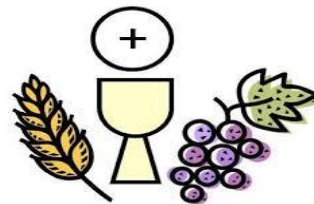
**Altar Servers:** O. Albert, T. Albert, J. Mack  
**EM's:** S. Marano, T. Mattera, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, \*L. D'Alessandro  
**Lector:** P. Nolte

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** C. Aleszczyk, K. Fagan  
**EM's:** J. Bowman, D. Urgo, T. Urgo, C. Otto, \*W. Delfin  
**Lectors:** M. Turan, M. Miller

Concludes This Wednesday

## EUCCHARIST WORKSHOP



Explore the central mystery of our Faith by taking a deeper look at this most Holy Sacrament. This spiritual study program, presented by **Father Robert Barron** on DVD, will give us a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's Divine Life that you can receive at every Mass. Please join us for one or all sessions, as we discover and celebrate what Vatican II called the "source and summit of the Christian life." **This is a five-session workshop offered on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Family Center being held until February 12th.**

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

2/10-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Finance Council  
 2/11-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA  
 2/12-Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 6:30pm Eucharist Workshop,  
 7pm Adult Choir  
 2/13-Thur-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Children's Choir, 7pm Book Club  
 2/14-Friday-9am Mass  
 2/15-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 2/16-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptisms

*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 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.

### ***Thursday Night***

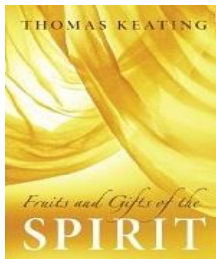
#### ***Discussion Club***

Continues February 13<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 10	Finance Council
Monday, February 17	Pastoral Council
Monday, February 24	Liturgy Board

## ***Prayer Pavers to Our Lady***

### **AN ONGOING MEMORIAL!**

All pavers are now installed and many spaces still available!

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: 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 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.



## Annulment Workshop Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

Everyone has heard of marriage annulments, but very few understand the who, what, when, why and how.

There are many misconceptions.

For example, some believe only the rich and famous can get an annulment. Some believe that the annulment process costs a fortune. I'm sure most people have at least one or two questions concerning broken marriages, divorce and annulments.

With so many broken families, everyone most likely knows someone who is simply divorced, divorced and remarried or whose situation has made them wonder if they should consider seeking an annulment.

Holy Child Parish is therefore hosting a workshop to help you find the answers you or your friends may need concerning annulments. The workshop is open to all who are interested, even if they are from outside our parish.

We have invited Fr. Rob Sinatra to conduct the workshop. Fr. Sinatra is a canon lawyer from our diocesan tribunal. He will explain all one needs to know about annulments. He will have time for questions and answers, and he will stay as long as needed for private consultation as needed.

**There is no cost for the workshop, which will be on February 11th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at St. Maria Goretti Hall.** Again, all are welcome—even those who are just curious!

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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.

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## A Closer Walk with God

Desiring a closer walk with God? Join us as we ask for the infusion of Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Presence of Jesus Christ. Silent Meditation, Reflection & Adoration. All are warmly welcome to attend!

**St. Rose of Lima Church ~ Main Church**  
300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035  
Sunday March 16, 2014 from 2-3:30 pm  
Presenter: Fr. Joseph Byerley  
Silent Spiritual Meditation, Reflection & Adoration

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## Faith, Women & the New Feminism: A Catholic Women's Event

Don't miss this special opportunity! Women of all ages are invited to this spiritually uplifting event sponsored by Mary, Queen of All Saints Parish in Pennsauken. **Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** women will gather joyfully to celebrate their feminine genius from 9am-3pm. Cost is \$15. For information about our engaging speakers, event details, and registration form contact Cheryl at [eventforwomen@gmail.com](mailto:eventforwomen@gmail.com) or call (513) 515-6697. We welcome you to visit our website at [www.maryqueenofallsaints.org](http://www.maryqueenofallsaints.org)



**WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING**

<b>FRUIT &amp; VEGETABLES:</b>	<b>PROTEINS:</b>
Canned Vegetables	Canned Tuna Fish
Canned Vegetable Juice	Canned Chicken
Canned Tomato Products	Canned Soup
Canned Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Beans
Canned Fruit	Canned Chili
Applesauce	Canned Beef Stew
Canned Fruit Juice	Peanut Butter

**OUR GOAL:**  
**559,900**  
lbs. of food

**FOOD DONATIONS:**  
CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IN THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN  
OR PARTICIPATE IN OUR VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE

# St. Stephen's Mardi Gras Night

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### 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

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**Pre-register - CASH ONLY**

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

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

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