

# 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

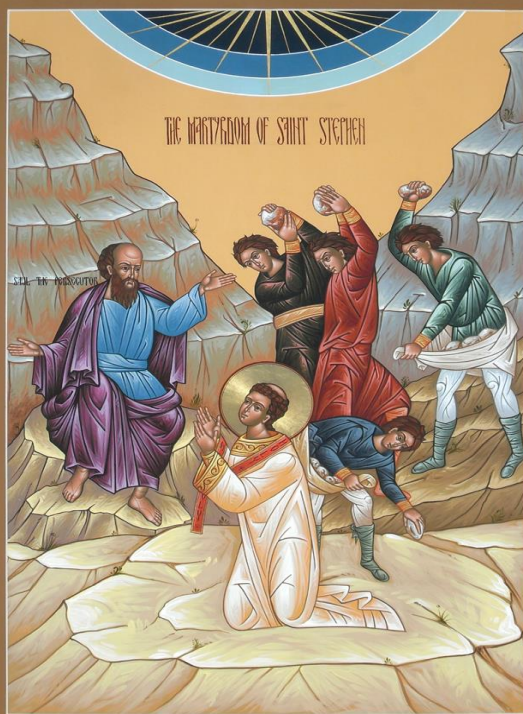
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

### Parish Trustees

Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

### Rectory Office Hours

Monday thru Friday  
9:00am-4:30pm



## *Contact Info*

### Rectory Phone

(856) 662-9339

### Rectory Fax

(856) 662-4679

### Emergencies

(856) 261-9336

*(Accidents, Dying or Death)*

### Tribunal Parish Advocate

Deacon Anthony R. Cioe

(856) 227-2145

### Parish Email:

[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

### Parish Website:

[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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.*

## *March 15, 2015 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

### Mass Schedule

**Daily:** Monday 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 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.

**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 2016 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".**

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 16, 2015</b> A Special Intention r/b Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 17, 2015</b> Angelina Pennestri (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b Jim Pennestri
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 18, 2015</b> Deacon Ernest Picknally (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) r/b His Wife, Lois Picknally
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>March 19, 2015</b> Anthony Roselli, Sr. r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 20, 2015</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>March 21, 2015</b> Paul Tryson (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am 10:30am	<b>March 22, 2015</b> Rose Marie Mufalli r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst The Pompeano & Catalani Families r/b Family William Sauer r/b Family

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of The Buondonno Family.

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.

March 7/8, 2015 Collection:	\$5,433
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,954

Special Collections:

March 15, 2015: "Catholic Relief Services" (Diocese)  
Undated: "Easter Flower Memorials" (St. Stephen Church)  
(posted as a courtesy for our 20+ E-givers)

## 2015 House of Charity Appeal

2015 House of Charity y-t-d	\$17,440 (33%)
2015 House of Charity Goal	\$53,295

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 68 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.



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, Eleanor Becker, Joy Bowman, Yolanda Colafrancesco, John Coyle, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Nicole Franklin-Sonnie, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Gregory Hayes, Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Denise McHugh, Dorothy McPeak, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Dolores VonAlex, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.**

### Ministry Schedule for March 21/22

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

\* Designates Alternate Server

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, B. Taylor, Sr. Eleanora, \*A. Knight

Lectors: L. Heininger, J. Heininger

**Sunday, 9:00am**

Altar Server: K. Fagan

EM's: S. Marano, T. Modzier, E. Nolte, N. Schmidt, R. Leone

Lectors: W. McHugh, J. Gerst

**Sunday, 10:30am**

Altar Server: TBD

EM's: T. Mattered, M. Meloni, Geo. Tutwiler, J. Messina

Lectors: C. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

### Stewardship Reflection

March 15, 2015 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### "Steward's Sacrifice"

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."  
- JOHN 3:16A

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask His **Stewards** to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we be generous in making some sacrifices for Him.

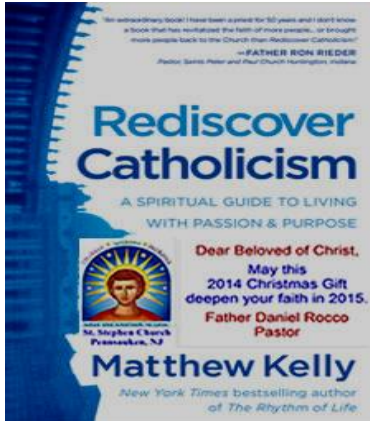
### Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide **Electronic Giving, or e-Giving**, 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.**

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

- 3/16-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study
- 3/17-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Lenten Reflection
- 3/18-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 3/19-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion Club
- 3/20-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross
- 3/21-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 3/22-Sunday-9am & 10:30am Mass, 3pm Filipino Apostolate Mass

### *Thursday Night Discussion Club* Continues March 19, 2015 @ 7pm.



Please join us as we continue to discuss "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly, the book we were generously gifted with this Christmas. Let's start the new year learning more about God's love and the gift of our Catholic faith. A good resolution for 2015 can be "to become a better version of myself" and help others as they journey to become all God calls us to be. The discussion club needs your voice, see you Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center. **Extra copies** of "Rediscover Catholicism" are available in the Rectory. They are free to all Parishioners and \$5 if you'd like to purchase one for a friend.

### *Parish Library*

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your early Spring 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 donate spiritual and religious books to the collection, please drop them off at the Parish center in the Library. 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).

### *First Friday Adoration*

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, May 1, 2015, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



### *Art & Environment*

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.



Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, lively discussions, and fun!

**When: Mondays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Where: Stonegate Main Conference Room**

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.  
 Phone: 662-8046 email: heides@comcast.net

*"The woman who walks with God always reaches her destination"*

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



**We are here to pray for you.**

Prayer requests for the month of March, please contact Michael @ 662-2543.

### *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**



### **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.

### *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).

# Why Do We... Celebrate the Eucharist?

We celebrate the Eucharist, quite simply, because Jesus instructed us to do so, through His words to the Apostles at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of me." He further instructed them to continue this act of remembrance until His return. The institution of the Eucharist gave new meaning to the observance of Passover, as Christ Himself became the Sacrificial Lamb. He offered His Body and Blood for the salvation of all people, once again fulfilling the promise of the Old Testament.

As Pope John Paul II explained, "The church draws her life from the Eucharist. In a variety of ways, she joyfully experiences the constant fulfillment of the promise: 'Lo, I am with you always, until the close of the age.' But in the Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity."

In the Blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the church, namely Christ, Himself. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ, and of the worship that men offer to Christ, and through Him, to the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings the assembly to meet Christ, make Christ's saving work present, and to sanctify its members that they may witness Christ.

The re-enactment of the Last Supper, known as the Liturgy of the Eucharist, is the center and the summit of the mass. Indeed it is the very essence of our Catholic Faith. This Sacramental Rite has come to have many names, each of which offers a different perspective.

The Eucharist – from the Greek words eucharistein and eulgein, meaning "An action of thanksgiving especially during a meal, to God for His works of creation, redemption and sanctification.

The Lord's Supper – Shows connection with the supper our Lord shared with His disciples on the eve of His Passion.

Breaking of Bread – At the Last Supper, Jesus used a Jewish Rite as part of the meal, when as the master of the table, He blessed and distributed the bread. By this action, He signified that all who eat the broken bread, Christ, enter into a communion with Him and form but one body in Him.

Holy Sacrifice – Christ's sacrifice for us both completes and surpasses all sacrifices of the old covenant.

Holy Communion – Communion – meaning to come together in an intimate fellowship. In this Sacrament we unite ourselves to Christ, who allows us to share in His Body and Blood to form a single body.

Most Blessed Sacrament – Because it is the Sacrament of all Sacraments.

## Become Engaged

Simply allow yourself to be in the presence of God. Quiet your mind and imagine you are close to Jesus at the Last Supper, the Passion, or the Crucifixion. Choose a different name from the list above each week, and contemplate the Eucharist from that perspective. As Father raises the Host and the Chalice, say with your heart, as "Doubting Thomas" did – "My Lord and my God." Place your heart on the altar and ask God to transform it as He does the bread and wine.

## Correction to Week 8 - March 7/8

Please note the following correction regarding the wording of the Nicene Creed: The original opening "I believe..." which had been changed to "We believe..." has now returned to the singular "I" which was the traditional Latin form.

Knights of Columbus,  
Council 3512  
**Hoagie Sale**



As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **March 21 & 22**. For info call 856-227-4980.

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## **Communion Breakfast for Healthcare Workers**

The South Jersey Catholic Medical Association is hosting a Communion Breakfast for all Health Care workers on **Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 9:00am at Lourdes Medical Center Chapel**, 1600 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ. Reverend Robert E. Hughes will be the celebrant. Breakfast will be served immediately following Mass. Our speaker will be Rev. Msgr. Richard LaVerghetta. The program will be the "Reaching Out to Our Youth in 2015". The South Jersey Catholic Medical Association seeks to promote Catholic ethical principals and values in the delivery of health care and to provide a forum for spiritual support for Catholic physicians, nurses and health care workers as well as support of the Church's health care ministry. Further information about the South Jersey Catholic Medical Association organization or to RSVP for the Communion Breakfast, please call Katherine Boyer at the Diocese of Camden, Health Services Division (856) 342-4125 or email [katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org](mailto:katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org).

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## **Camden Catholic High School News**

### **Ninth Annual Camden Catholic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Reception, Saturday, April 25 at 7 p.m.**

Honoring: Dawn Marie Addiego '80, Carman Ciervo, D.O. '80, Carmen Garcia '76, Anthony Giorgio '68, Kevin Walsh '91, Thomas Higgins '54 (posthumous), Agnes (Weatherby) '63 and James '57 Madden, Ray Nardi '78, Earl Horner '62, Thomas Madden '54, Jill Shaw '87, Hollis Wineland '52, 1962 Track & Field Team and 1991 Softball Team.

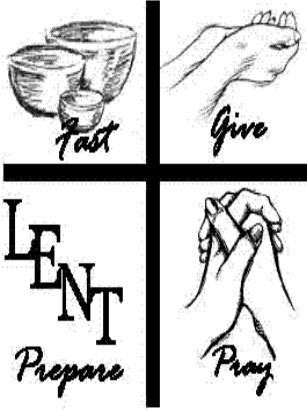
TICKETS: \$45 per person in advance (\$55 per person at the door). Ages 10-20 are \$20 per person. Ages 10 and under are free. Purchase online at [www.camdencatholic.org/halloffame](http://www.camdencatholic.org/halloffame), or call/email Janet Indelicato: 856-663-2247 ext 136/[janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org).

PROGRAM BOOK ADS: Congratulate this year's inductees with an ad in the program. Contact Lindsay Pizzuto to reserve your space: [lindsay.pizzuto@camdencatholic.org](mailto:lindsay.pizzuto@camdencatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 133.

### **CCHS Spring Musical: Les Miserables (School Edition) Performances: May 1, 2, 8 & 9 at 7:30 pm and May 3 & 10 at 2 pm**

Grandi Auditorium at Camden Catholic High School (300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002). Experience this epic tale of broken dreams, passion and redemption, set against a nation in the throes of revolution and featuring one of the most memorable soundtracks of all-time, brought to you by the talented CCHS Arts students. Tickets on sale at [www.cchsperformingarts.com](http://www.cchsperformingarts.com) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.

**Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students** are being scheduled 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.



# LENT 2015

## “Conversion To Christ”



3/15/2015	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
3/17/2015	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/20/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM – “Mary Stations”
3/22/2015	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
3/24/2015	Tuesday	Penance Service at 7:30 PM following the Rosary at 7:00 PM
3/27/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
3/29/2015	Sunday	Passion Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
4/2/2015	Thursday	Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
4/3/2015	Friday	Good Friday
		Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM
		Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM
4/4/2015	Saturday	Holy Saturday
		Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM
		Blessing of Food - Noon
		Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
4/5/2015	Sunday	Easter Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

### ***Chrism Mass March 31<sup>st</sup>***

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, **March 31, 2015** at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion on which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

### ***Worldwide Marriage Encounter***

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. Your marriage deserves it, and so does your home life. The next weekends are **April 17-19 and May 29-31**. For more information call 609-742-4035 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org).

Visit our website at [www.me-southjersey.org](http://www.me-southjersey.org)