

# 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

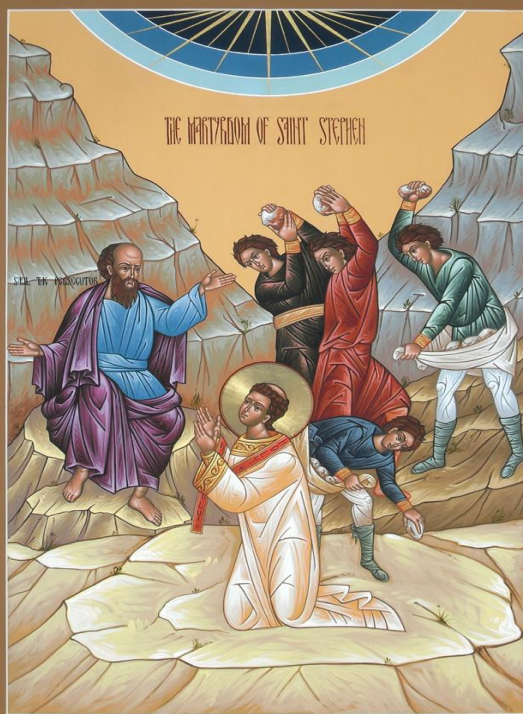
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

### 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 22, 2015 – The Fifth 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 23, 2015</b> A Special Intention r/b Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 24, 2015</b> Francesca Catino r/b Carl Catino
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 25, 2015</b> Joseph J. Miozzi r/b People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>March 26, 2015</b> Josephine Marchesani r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 27, 2015</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>March 28, 2015</b> Loretta Stayton r/b Marie & Bob Hanna
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 29, 2015</b> Florence Stanton r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Maryann, Mary & Clement Palmieri r/b Lisa & Robert Giannone Mary, Joseph & Jennine Nicodemo r/b Lisa & Robert Giannone Richard R. Hull r/b Mary, John & Jack Hull Deceased Members of the Rocks & Magee Family 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.

<b>March 14/15, 2015 Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,903</b>
<b>2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:</b>	<b>\$4,980</b>

Special Collections:

- Ongoing: "Easter Flower Memorials" (St. Stephen Church)
- April 2, 2015: "The Needy in our Area" (Holy Thursday)
- April 3, 2015: "Holy Land Good Friday" (Diocese)

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## 2015 House of Charity Appeal

<b>2015 House of Charity y-t-d</b>	<b>\$19,290 (36% )</b>
<b>2015 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 80 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, Joseph Fagan, 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 Pigiaccelli, 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 Vivello, Dolores VonAlex, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.**

## Ministry Schedule for March 28/29

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: V. Thibault, A. Knight, C. Pandola, J. Heininger, \*L. Heininger

Lectors: J. Melfi, R. Taylor

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, Q. Nguyen

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, R. Davis, L. McHugh, R. Leone, \*S. Marano

Lectors: P. Nolte, D. Heck

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, K. Fagan

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, T. Link, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, \*T. Angstman

Lectors: J. Messina, M. Miller

## *The Ministry of Art and Environment*

is seeking volunteers to prepare the Parish Center and Church for Holy Week. Please select your date(s) and time(s) by using the sign-up sheets that will be available in vestibule on the weekends of March 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for all you do. **All questions can be directed to Maria Haas at 856-665-8393.**

### March 28th Sat. 9am

- Prepare the church for Palm Sunday: **2 volunteers** needed
- Light house cleaning @ the Parish Center: **3 volunteers**

### April 1st Wed. 6:30pm

- Prepare the Church for Holy Thursday Vigil: **3 volunteers**
- Prepare the Parish Center for the Repository: **3 volunteers**

### April 3rd Good Friday 9am

- Drape the Crucifix: **3 men volunteers** needed
- Restore the Parish Center: **2 volunteers**

### April 4th Holy Saturday

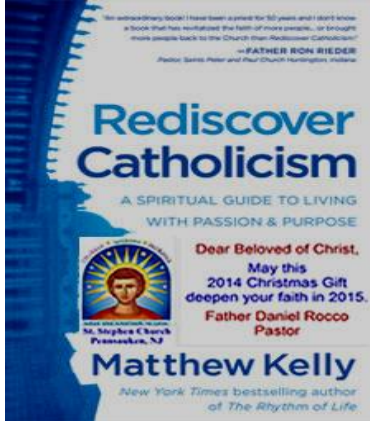
- Drape removal: **3 men volunteers** needed 9am
- Prepare the church for Easter Vigil 4-5 **volunteers** 9:30am

### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

3/23-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study  
 3/24-Tuesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm Liturgy Board,  
 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Penance Service  
 3/25-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes  
 3/26-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club  
 3/27-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross  
 3/28-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 3/29-Palm Sunday-9am & 10:30am Mass

### Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues March 26, 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 26<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

**Congratulations and thank you to Lawrence Gatti on purchasing his Paver!!!**

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... Have an Offertory?

The Offertory is our opportunity to give thanks to God for all of the blessings he bestowed upon us. During the Offertory, a basket is passed to collect the offerings from the assembly, which is then presented to God at the altar. This very old tradition of giving back or tithing to God, some of what we have received through His bounty, not only supports the Church, but also allows us, through the Church to continue to perform Corporal Works of Mercy. This obligation was imposed upon us by Jesus, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25: 35-36, 40) and again "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22: 37-40) St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "Hence mercy, whereby we supply others' defects is a sacrifice more acceptable to God, as conducing more directly to our neighbors' well-being, according to Hebrews 13:16 'Do not forget to do good and to impart, for by such sacrifices, God's favor is obtained.'" Therefore, even as we offer our gifts to God in thanksgiving for His generosity, we receive in return His favor for the good that is done through our generosity!

The gifts brought forth to the altar include the bread and wine to be used in the Eucharistic Celebration. They are carried by members of the congregation in a tradition from the earliest days. At that time, the people assembling would provide the bread and wine to the Church, not only for the Mass, but also to provide for the priests and the poor. We use these specific items because Jesus used them at the Last Supper, which we are preparing to re-enact. As we will ask God to accept the fruit of the vine and the work of our human hands", these gifts must be offered in the finished form of bread and wine, not wheat and grapes.

While these gifts are brought forward by a few of members, they are representing all of us, bringing our thanks and wishes to the Lord's Table. Often those selected for this procession are a family or are those for whom the Mass has a special significance, i.e. – a Mass requested in honor of a loved one.

The Offertory procession is usually accompanied by a hymn or prayer chosen to express our joy at what is to come, or to reflect upon the gospel message.

### Become Engaged

As you place your offering into the basket, reflect on how your generosity will positively impact the lives of your neighbors.

Be present in spirit as the procession passes and consider this humble offering of bread and wine that is about to be transformed into the greatest offering of all time, Christ's Body and Blood.

## Paul VI High School News

**Paul VI High School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice HSPT** is being offered on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**. This full-length practice test is a help in preparing students for the High School Placement Test taken in the fall of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. (The HSPT is the scholarship vehicle used by many private high schools, including Paul VI.) Reservations are required, space is limited. For more information, or to reserve a desk, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events).

**Paul VI High School Coffee, Tea, and Tours** will be held on **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**. Two convenient morning tour times are offered, ideal for parents whose students are taking the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice HSPT. Reservations appreciated, all are welcome. For more information, or to make a reservation, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events).

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## Camden Catholic High School News

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Camden Catholic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Reception, Saturday, April 25 at 7 pm

**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.camdenatholic.org/halloffame](http://www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame), or call/email Janet Indelicato: 856-663-2247 ext 136/janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org.

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

### CCHS Spring Musical: Les Miserables (School Edition)

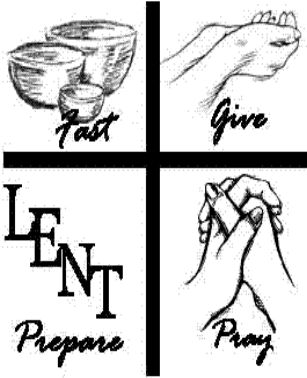
**Performances: May 1, 2, 8 & 9 @ 7:30pm & May 3 & 10 at 2pm**  
Grandi Auditorium at Camden Catholic High School (300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002). Experience this epic tale of broken dreams, passion and redemption, set against a nation in the throes of revolution and featuring one of the most 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

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## CCHS Host Families Needed

**Host families are needed for several Nacel Open Door international students who would like to attend Camden Catholic High School for the upcoming school year.** These F-1 visa students, speak English, are fully insured, and have their own spending money for personal expenses. Host families provide room, board and receive a generous monthly stipend. For more information, please contact **Karen Hickey at 609-605-8020.**



# LENT 2015

## “Conversion To Christ”



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*

Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it - you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Weekend! 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: [www.me-southjersey.org](http://www.me-southjersey.org).

### *April is Autism Awareness Month*

Please join us for:

**A Diocesan Eucharistic Celebration**  
**3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2015**  
**President: Fr. Robert Hughes**

We invite you to actively participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist by sharing your skills as a greeter, a lector, a cantor, an usher, an altar server and by your presence at Mass. We all have different abilities please share your gifts. The Mass will be adapted to meet the needs of the folks joining us for the celebration. A reception with light refreshments will follow the Celebration. Church of the Holy Family is fully accessible. To RSVP and to volunteer contact: Sister Bonnie McMenamin, SSJ, Co-Director of Ministry with the Deaf/Persons with Disabilities, Office of Lifelong Faith Formation.

Call: 856-583-6111 or E-mail: [bmcmenamin@camdendiocese.org](mailto:bmcmenamin@camdendiocese.org)  
 Church of the Holy Family, 226 Hurffville Road, Sewell, NJ