

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

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



Contact Information

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March 24, 2013 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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: 3rd Sunday @ 9:00am

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm – 7:00pm Vigil

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, 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 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 2014 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

- SATURDAY** **March 23, 2013**
4:30pm Joseph Carter r/b St. Cecilia's Casino Bus Group
- SUNDAY** **March 24, 2013**
9:00am Jennie Zinicola r/b Rita Vogt & Family
10:30am Grace Pandola (1st Anniversary) r/b Sr. Bernadette
 Jennie Farmer r/b Richard Beyer
 Karl Stewart r/b Mom and Family
 Deceased Members of the Rocks Family r/b Family
- MONDAY** **March 25, 2013**
9:00am Grandparents Rossi & D' Andrea r/b Granddaughter
- TUESDAY** **March 26, 2013**
9:00am Barbara Fallon r/b Family
- WEDNESDAY** **March 27, 2013**
9:00am Rev. John Paul Selleck r/b People of the Parish
- THURSDAY** **March 28, 2013 (Holy Thursday)**
7:00pm People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
- FRIDAY** **March 29, 2013 (Good Friday)**
12pm Noon Reading of the Psalms until 2:45pm
3:00pm Liturgy of the Word/Veneration of the Cross
- SATURDAY** **March 30, 2013 (Holy Saturday Easter Vigil)**
8:00pm People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
- SUNDAY** **March 31, 2013 (Easter Sunday)**
9:00am People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
10:30am People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Edward Morgenweck.

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 16/17, 2013 Attendance/Collection	608/	\$6376
March 18/19, 2012 Comparison	638/	\$5,997
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,535

Special Collections:

- 3/28/13: "The Needy in our Area" (Holy Thursday-St. Stephen's)
- 3/29/13: "Holy Land Sanctuary" (Good Friday-Diocese)

"Stewardship Not Denial"

"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34b)

This Holy Week let us reflect upon how often we deny that we know Jesus by the ways that we decide to use the *Stewardship* of our time, our talent and our treasure.

Remember Our Sick

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:

- Dolly Angelastro, Edith Bielinski, Milton Burns, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Deacon Raymond Ellis, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Donato Gallicchio, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Rev. David Klein, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Paul Tryson, Cyrol Valentino, Gloria Vendetti, John Vindick, Mary Vивиello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.**

Ministry Schedule for March 28,29,30,31

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Holy Thursday, 7:00pm

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, J. Mack, Z. Marlin, C. Hearn, O. Graff, S. Caban
EM's: J. Fagan, K. Fagan, T. Scavuzzo, A. Cirullo, *L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: J. Melfi, D. Steinmetz

Good Friday, 3:00pm

Altar Servers: T. Albert, T. Mason, C. Hearn, H. Atchison, C. Hughes, N. Hughes
Lectors: R. Taylor, C. Otto

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 8:00pm

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, K. Fagan, M. Conway, J. Bui, Ma. Ciarrocca, Mi. Ciarrocca
EM's: R. Davis, E. Nolte, T. Modzier, A. Cirullo, *B. Taylor
Lectors: D. Heck, M. Turan, C. Otto, L. Fagan, M. Miller, R. Taylor

Easter Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, J. Mack, I. Rosario
EM's: R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro, R. Davis, S. Marano, *S. Mufalli
Lectors: J. Melfi, D. Steinmetz

Easter Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, T. Mason, N. Hughes
EM's: M. Meloni, P. Cioe, T. Mattera, L. Solano, *Geo. Tutwiler
Lector: Ry. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

In Loving Memory of Our Faithful Deacon Ernest F. Picknally March 18, 2013



This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

3/25-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Liturgy Brd./Choir
 3/26-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 3/27-Wednesday-9am Mass, NO CCD, School closed until April 8
 3/28-Holy Thursday-7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 3/29-Good Friday-Noon-2:45pm Psalms, 3pm Liturgy
 3/30-Holy Saturday-9am Vigil Rehearsal, 8:00pm Easter Vigil
 3/31-Easter Sunday- 9am & 10:30am Mass



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

As women, we all have unique circumstances, difficulties, hopes and dreams. But no matter where you are in your journey, God's Word can always offer inspiration, comfort, and support.

St. Stephen Ladies Monday Bible Study

Meeting times: Mondays 1:00-2:30pm

Location: Stonegate Conference Room

Questions? Contact Eileen at (856) 662-8046 or email heides@comcast.net.

Tuesday Night 7pm Rosary

Please join us every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the church in response to Our Lady of Fatima's request to pray the rosary for peace in the world.

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue April 10th @ 6:15PM

(There are no CCD classes March 27th & April 3rd)

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Series: "What is Faith?"

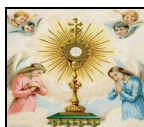
7pm in the Parish Center



First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

Friday, April 5th, 9:30am-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 7pm in the Parish Center)

March 25

Liturgy Board

April 8

Finance Council

April 15

Pastoral Council

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Congratulations and thank you to Jackie Magalong, Dan and Loretta Steinmetz, Marie Kaminski and Father Rocco on purchasing their pavers. We have surpassed \$8,000.00!!!

We are less than 20 pavers from groundbreaking and would love to have the base prepared for the May Crowning! 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

or by calling Michael Ciarrocca at 856-425-4799.

SUBMIT ALL FORMS & PAYMENTS TO THE RECTORY

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 hours, Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm (excluding Holy Days & Holidays). Scrip orders may also be submitted to the school and will then be processed via the rectory for later delivery.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you. Prayer requests for the month of March, please contact Maryann @ 235-1423.

Nursing Home Ministry News

The residents of Cooper River West Nursing Home continue to be blessed by your prayers of support and donations of religious articles. We, in this ministry, give thanks to God for **Kathy Brown** for being commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and for **Lucille Buffington, Roseann DiGiovanni** and **Vicki Thibault** for joining our ministry.

For information about the Nursing Home Ministry contact **Lonnie & Mary Sharon Monaco** at 856-662-6049 or Monacofamily4@comcast.net. Be sure to see our pictures on the church's website www.StStephensPennsauken.com.

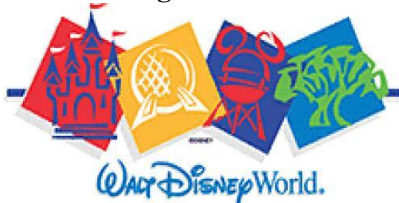
St. Stephen's PTO

Upcoming & Ongoing Events

**Spaghetti dinner- Friday April 19th
6:00pm @ the School Gym**

**Disney Trip- Raffle Tickets now on sale -\$1.00-
available after Mass or at School**

**Patronize the Penn Queen Diner & mention
St. Stephens at the register for us to receive credit**



St. Stephen's PTO is selling **Disney World Trip Raffle** tickets for only \$1 at the Scrip Table after weekend Masses.

The drawing will be for a 5 Day/4 night trip-for-4 to Walt Disney World. Drawing will be held on April 19th @ Mickey's Spaghetti Dinner at St. Stephen School.

Please help support our Wonderful School!!!!

For additional Raffle Tickets or any questions, please contact Denise Mc Hugh 609-315-1929 denise.mchugh15@verizon.net or any PTO Board Member

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If this year, (January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013) you are celebrating your 25th Wedding Anniversary, 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more than 50 years of marriage, please join us in celebrating on

**Sunday, April 28, 2013 with 3:00 pm Mass
(light reception following)**

**Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Agnes Church
701 Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012
(Registration forms are available in our Rectory)**

Please return to:
**Faith & Family Life Office
Diocese of Camden
631 Market St., Camden, NJ 08102
OR Fax: 856-583-6186
Deadline is April 12, 2013**

Finance Council Meeting Notes Monday, March 11, 2013

In Attendance: Fr. Daniel Rocco, Kathy Boyer, Rose Davis, Sherrie Davis, Rita Vogt, Rick Taylor, Keith Knight, and Lonnie Monaco. Fr. Rocco opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with a Scripture reading.

Fr Rocco began the evening by welcoming Rita Vogt and Rick Taylor as the newest members of the Finance Council.

He then began discussions with an update on the removal of the oil tank at the Parish Center (former Convent). We have received the first bid and are awaiting the second before hiring a contractor. There was also a problem with the gas meter at the Parish Center. PSE&G was contacted and they replaced the meter. They are also confirming the amount of the latest bill, which was substantially higher than expected.

Fr Rocco sent a letter on March 8, 2013 to Msgr. McGrath of the diocese to obtain permission for St Stephen's to replace the school boiler. It was decided after some discussion among the members that the contractors would provide bids for both replacing the existing oil burner system as well as to convert to a natural gas system.

School: The Scrip Program continues to do well. Fr Rocco provided a chart showing the profit for each month in 2011 and 2012. The school is on hold for developing a budget while awaiting direction from the diocese. It's expected that costs for health care, insurance, and pension will increase. Registration and tuition for the 2013/2014 school year will be placed into a separate account outside of the school account to allow for better transparency.

Parish Finances: Members of the Finance Committee reviewed the parish financial statements, including the balance sheet as of February 28, 2013, the profit and loss statement for the months of July 2012 through February 2013, and the aging summary as of February 28, 2013. *Income:* Ordinary income for July through February 2013 was somewhat higher than projected in the budget. Ordinary income represents collections taken in at weekend and holy day Masses. *Expenses:* During the months of July through February 2013, the parish was \$11,750 over budget, mostly due to 2 capital expenditures, along with furniture and fixtures. These were for the replacement of one of the A/C units at the rectory (\$6,125) and an asphalt-paving project behind the school (\$5,350). Utility costs were nearly on budget. *Assets and Liabilities:* As of February 28, 2013, the parish had \$26,151 in the operating account, \$83,759 in the reserve account, and \$31,332 in the Msgr. O'Connell Scholarship Fund (which may not be used for ordinary parish expenses). All parish accounts payable were current at the end of January.

Fr. Rocco closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:32 PM.

The next Finance Council meeting will take place on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Lonnie Monaco
03/12/13



March 24th: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Masses at 9am, 10:30am & 3pm Filipino Apostolate

March 28th: Holy Thursday
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

March 29th: Good Friday
 Reading of the Psalms from Noon until 2:45pm
 Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross,
 and Holy Communion at 3:00pm

March 30th: Holy Saturday
 Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am
 Blessing of Food at Noon
 Easter Vigil 8:00pm

March 31st: Easter Sunday
 Masses at 9:00am & 10:30am



Special Commemorative Registration Form!

On February 12th we welcomed our new Bishop, Dennis J. Sullivan.
 On March 13th we welcomed our new Holy Father, Pope Francis I.
But everyday we welcome all New Members to St. Stephen's!

We've noticed many new visitors attending Mass who've generously contributed to our church. Please consider registering as there are many benefits to being officially registered at St. Stephen's:

- To Arrange the Reception of the Sacraments
- To Receive Certificates of Eligibility to act as a Sponsor
- To Become more intimately involved in our Parish Ministries
- To Begin receiving Offertory Envelopes to track contributions

St. Stephen Parish Registration Form

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

(This form may be mailed OR placed in the Offertory Basket at Mass)

Family Last Name: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Current Date: __/__/____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Husband's 1st Name: _____

DOB: __/__/__ Religion: _____

Wife's Name (1st & maiden): _____

DOB: __/__/__ Religion: _____

Marriage: Priest__ Special Permission__ Divorced__
 Separated__ Single__ Widowed__ CoHabit__
 Other_____

Children at Home Name:	Date of Birth:
_____	__/__/__
_____	__/__/__
_____	__/__/__
_____	__/__/__

Others Living in the Home:	Date of Birth:
_____	__/__/__
_____	__/__/__