

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

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(Accidents, Dying or Death)



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March 30, 2014 – 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

Children's Liturgy: 3rd 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, 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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

- MONDAY** **March 31, 2014**
9:00am James Marinelli r/b Joanne Sofia
- TUESDAY** **April 1, 2014**
9:00am John A. Abuiso, Sr. r/b Frank Pigliacelli
- WEDNESDAY** **April 2, 2014**
9:00am Patricia DeLorenzo r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
- THURSDAY** **April 3, 2014**
9:00am+Novena Patricia DeLorenzo r/b Anna Cirullo
- FRIDAY** **April 4, 2014 (First Friday Adoration)**
9:00am Louise Pigliacelli (Birthday Remembrance)
 r/b Her Husband, Frank
- SATURDAY** **April 5, 2014**
4:30pm Barbara Sulimay r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
- SUNDAY** **April 6, 2014**
9:00am Margaret Conboy r/b The McHugh Family

10:30am The Pompeano & Catalani Families r/b Family
 Rev. Robert O. Yori r/b People of the Parish
 Carmella Credidio r/b Father Rocco & Family
 Angelina & Amadeo Cerasaro
 r/b Daughters Marisa & Vilma

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Our Deceased Military.

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 22/23, 2014 Attendance/Collection	493/	\$5,234
March 23/24, 2013 Comparison	581/	\$5,520
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$5,175

Next Diocesan Special Collection: 3/30/14: "Catholic Relief"

Next St. Stephen Special Collection: 4/6/14: "Easter Flowers"

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## 2014 House of Charity Appeal

**2014 House of Charity y-t-d    \$15,510 (29% )**

**2014 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 73 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:

- Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, 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., Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, 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, Ed Weingard.**

## Ministry Schedule for April 5/6

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Surgner, J. Bui, S. Caban

EM's: A. Pandola, C. Pandola, P. Petronis, A. Cirullo, \*B. Taylor

Lector: R. Taylor

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: J. Mack, O. Graff, C. Hearn

EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, T. Scavuzzo, L. Monaco, \*T. Modzier

Lectors: M. Miller, D. Steinmetz

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, O. Albert

EM's: J. Fagan, K. Fagan, T. Link, M. Meloni, \*W. Delfin

Lectors: M. Turan, L. Fagan



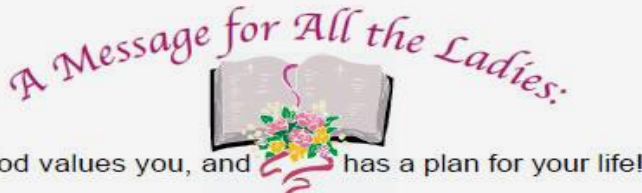
## CONVERSION

Following the Call of Christ  
(Adult Workshop)

What makes one's life successful? Money? Power? Popularity? Most philosophies of the well-lived life are based on having something, but the Christian perspective is that it is better to be something. In this workshop we will be exploring the conversion of six ordinary biblical figures: Bartimaeus, the Rich Young Man, Matthew, Jonah, the Woman at the Well, and the Journey of the Magi. These stories, presented by Fr. Robert Barron on DVD will be offered in the **Parish Center**, during six consecutive Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, concluding on **April 16**.

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

3/31-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 6:30pm FOCCUS/Prep,  
**7pm Pastoral Council**  
 4/1-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary/Reflection, 7:30pm RCIA  
 4/2-Wed.-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, **6:30pm Conversion Workshop**  
 4/3-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Book Club  
 4/4-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 6:45pm,  
**7pm Traditional Stations of the Cross**  
 4/5-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 4/6-Sunday-Third Scrutiny, 9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



### ***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**

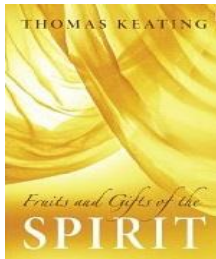
### ***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***

Continue Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:15pm.

### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

Continues April 3<sup>rd</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, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:45am-6:45pm.**



"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.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Monday, March 31</b> | <b>Pastoral Council</b> |
| <b>Monday, April 14</b> | <b>Finance Council</b>  |
| <b>Monday, April 28</b> | <b>Liturgy Board</b>    |

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

**Many spaces are still available for this ongoing Memorial!** 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.

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



We are here to pray for you. Prayer requests for the month of April, please contact **Linda @ 661-8045**.

## ***St. Stephens PTO- Disney Trip Raffle And Spaghetti Dinner April 12<sup>th</sup>***

Only \$2.00 per ticket- Tickets going fast!!! Limited amount to be sold.....5day/4 night trip to Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. Est. Retail value \$2500.00. Drawing will be held on **April 12, 2014 @ Chef Mickey's spaghetti Dinner at St. Stephens 6-10pm.**

For Raffle Tickets please contact the rectory office or Denise Mc Hugh 609-315-1929 / [denise.mchugh15@verizon.net](mailto:denise.mchugh15@verizon.net).

**St. Stephen's PTO is looking for donations for the St. Stephen's Spaghetti Dinner. All donations needed by Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Pre K3, Pre K4, Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade--Canned Crushed Tomato  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade -- Croutons  
 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade -- Salad Dressing's any variety  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade -- Croutons  
 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades -- Spaghetti only  
 Any Dessert donation would be greatly appreciated as well.

**Any parishioner that would like to donate please drop off donation at School office. All donations are greatly appreciated!!**

## ***Other PTO events:***

**April 10<sup>th</sup> - Chic fil A St. Stephens spirit night 5-8 pm.**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup> - Coach Bingo - Details forthcoming...**

## ***Finance Council Meeting Notes*** **Monday, March 10, 2014**

In Attendance: Fr. Daniel Rocco, Rita Vogt, Rose Davis, Keith Knight, and Lonnie Monaco.

Fr. Rocco opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with a Gospel reading.

Our first order of business included discussion among the group to continue to explore options for the potential re-use of the school building once the present school year ends. Discussions with potential vendors and the diocese are still ongoing. All will be kept informed on our progress in this area once there is something definite to report.

There are approximately 90 students attending St Stephen School who are current with their tuition that will be transferring to other Catholic schools. Fr Rocco restated his commitment to them by providing each with a \$1,000.00 voucher to help offset the cost of tuition at the new school of their choice, as long as their children were signed up by the February 27<sup>th</sup> deadline and their tuition is up to date and paid by June 1, 2014.

Parish Finances: Members of the Finance Committee reviewed the parish financial statements, including the balance sheet as of February 28, 2014 and the profit and loss statement for the months of July 2013 through February 2014. □*Income:* While Ordinary income for July 2013 through February 2014 remains lower than projected in the budget, we have seen a slight increase over the past 2 months. Ordinary income represents collections taken in at weekend and holy day Masses. □*Expenses:* During the months of July 2013 through February 2014, the parish was \$15,092 over budget, mostly because of the funding for the Catholic School subsidy. Utility costs were nearly on budget. *Assets and Liabilities:* As of February 28, 2014, the parish had \$28,800 in the operating account, \$215 in the reserve account, and \$31,450 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 February.

Fr. Rocco closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:05 PM.

The next Finance Council meeting will take place on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lonnie Monaco  
03/11/14

## ***April CAP Schedule***

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is called No More Bullies, No More Victims and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

CAP 3 is called Cyber-Empowerment and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere. Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1 or 2 again if they prefer.

The following sessions will be offered in April:

### **CAP Phase 1**

Thursday, April 3, 2014, 7:00pm, Holy Eucharist Parish, Cherry Hill

Friday, April 4, 2014, 7:00pm, Most Precious Blood Parish, West Collingswood, school

### **CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention**

Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 12:45pm, Cape Trinity Catholic School, Wildwood

Thursday, April 10, 2014, 7:00pm, Holy Eucharist Parish, Cherry Hill

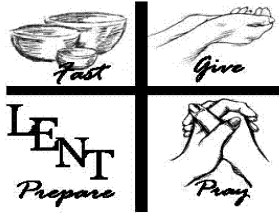
### **CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment**

Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 3:00pm, Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Newfield

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (856) 583-6165 or email [Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org) to register. Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.

The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website @ [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org)

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY.



# LENT 2014

## “Returning to God”



|           |          |                                                                              |
|-----------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3/30/2014 | Sunday   | Fourth Sunday of Lent-Second Scrutiny (RCIA)                                 |
| 4/1/2014  | Tuesday  | Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection                                        |
| 4/4/2014  | Friday   | Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Traditional Stations)                         |
| 4/6/2014  | Sunday   | Fifth Sunday of Lent-Third Scrutiny (RCIA)                                   |
| 4/8/2014  | Tuesday  | Penance Service at 7:30 PM following the Rosary at 7:00 PM                   |
| 4/11/2014 | Friday   | Evening of Lenten Prayer & Praise at 7:00 PM                                 |
| 4/13/2014 | Sunday   | <b>Passion Sunday</b> - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM                          |
| 4/17/2014 | Thursday | <b>Holy Thursday</b> -Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM                      |
| 4/18/2014 | Friday   | <b>Good Friday</b>                                                           |
|           |          | Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM                                           |
|           |          | Liturgy of the Word,<br>Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM |
| 4/19/2014 | Saturday | <b>Holy Saturday</b>                                                         |
|           |          | Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM                                               |
|           |          | Blessing of Food - Noon                                                      |
|           |          | Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM                                                       |
| 4/20/2014 | Sunday   | <b>Easter Sunday</b> - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM                           |

### ***8th Annual Camden Catholic Hall of Fame Inductions***

Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 7 pm  
Followed by an elegant cocktail reception.

Tickets are \$45 per person in advance and \$55 at the door.  
[www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame](http://www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 136

**2014 Inductees for Academics & Arts**

Jack Carty '47  
Pasquale “Pat” Del Signore '52  
Charles Grandi '69  
(St. Stephen Alumnus)  
William Lanza '66  
Elizabeth Tirrell Mazzeo '77  
Dennis McGonigle '78  
(St. Stephen Alumnus)  
Robert Viggiano '54  
Joseph Clarke, Sr. '32  
(posthumous)

**2014 Inductees for Athletics**

Joseph DiPietro '76  
Kristina Branca Gozdan '86  
Barbara Patterson '73  
John Sigmund '96  
David Slattery '82  
William Wheeler '86  
Ralph Bantivoglio '56  
(posthumous)  
**Teams**  
1974 Wrestling  
1990 Girls Soccer  
1929 Boys Basketball

### ***CHRISM MASS 2014***

**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, **April 15, 2014** 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.

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**St. Stephen's 2014 Parish Directory** is slated to be ready for distribution to the 115 families who participated "sometime in May". The Directory is free to all who participated.