

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 31, 2013 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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 8:00pm March 30, 2013 (Holy Saturday Easter Vigil)
People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

SUNDAY 9:00am March 31, 2013 (Easter Sunday)
People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
10:30am People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

MONDAY 9:00am April 1, 2013
Catherine & Frank Altadonna r/b Adele

TUESDAY 9:00am April 2, 2013
Franklin Burr r/b Erin, Kelly & David

WEDNESDAY 9:00am April 3, 2013
Sr. Mary Scherr, SSJ r/b Lucille Buffington

THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena April 4, 2013
William Sauer r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone

FRIDAY 9:00am April 5, 2013 (First Friday Adoration)
Louise Pigliacelli (Birthday Remembrance)
r/b Her Husband, Frank

SATURDAY 4:30pm April 6, 2013
Ricardo Taylor, Sr. r/b The Knight Family

SUNDAY 9:00am April 7, 2013 (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Angelina Zinicola r/b Duane & Pam Heck

10:30am William Sauer, Elsie Kurtyan,
James Henle, and Rudolph Christopher
All R/b Eric & Shannon Matteo

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Elissa "Lisa" Gallo.

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 23/24 Offertory Figures will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on 3/22/13.

Budgeted Weekly Collection: \$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average: \$5,535

Next Special Collections:

4/21/13: "Star Herald" (St. Stephen's)
4/28/13: "Catholic Home Missions" (Diocese)

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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, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Donato Gallicchio, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., 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 Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.**

## Ministry Schedule for April 6/7

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** K. Sullivan, H. Atchison, Z. Marlin

**EM's:** A. Cirullo, B. Taylor, T. Scavuzzo, T. Angstman, \*alt. T. Veneziani

**Lectors:** D. Heck, J. Melfi

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** C. Aleszczyk, O. Graff, S. Caban

**EM's:** S. Marano, L. Monaco, E. Nolte, R. Leone, \*alt. M. Bufanio

**Lectors:** Ry. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** J. Mack, J. Bui, K. Coar

**EM's:** T. Urgo, D. Urgo, P. Cioe, T. Mattera

**Lector:** M. Turan, E. Mattera

## Catholicism Adult Study Program

**Beginning this Wednesday, April 3, 2013,** St. Stephen's Parish will present CATHOLICISM, a study program that has been created so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith.

This program explains not only what Catholics believe and why, but also displays, in magnificent visual detail, the richness of the Church's global culture, using art, architecture, literature, music, and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church.

This is a 10-week DVD series by Fr. Robert Barron, and will be held at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish Center**, on **Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.**

For further information or to register, please call Lily at (856) 786-0567.

The Rectory and all Diocesan Offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1, 2013. Our School will reopen on Monday, April 8, 2013.

**This Week @ St. Stephen Parish**

- 4/1-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, Rectory closed
4/2-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
4/3-Wednesday-9am Mass, NO CCD, 6:15pm Catholicism Series
4/4-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
4/5-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
4/6-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
4/7-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 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)

- April 8 Finance Council
April 15 Pastoral Council
April 22 Liturgy Board

**Prayer Pavers to Our Lady**

We are less than 15 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 April, please contact Bernice @ 662-4641. (Includes image of a rosary)

## St. Stephen's PTO Upcoming & Ongoing Events

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

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

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



St. Stephen's PTO is selling **Disney World Trip Raffle** tickets  
for only \$1at 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 19<sup>th</sup> @ 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](mailto: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**

## Downton Abbey Tour!

Fr. Ed Lyons visits, tours Downton Abbey in England,  
and also other manors and estates there and in Ireland,  
August 22-31, 2013. **All are invited.** Phone Fr. Lyons  
for more details at (609) 927-1669.

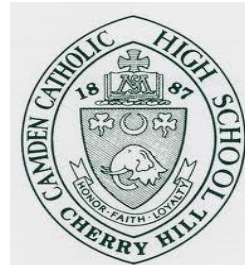
## Congratulations...!

To **St. Stephen Alumni Thomas Coar** for being listed on  
the academic honor roll at St. Joseph's Preparatory School  
for the first semester of the 2012-13 academic year.



And to current **St. Stephen's 8th Grader Taylor Mason**,  
who received the honor of being selected to both the  
league **and** the county all-star basketball teams! As a  
county all-star, Taylor recently competed against the  
Burlington County and the Cape Atlantic all-stars.

## Camden Catholic News



### Hall of Fame Weekend

**Golf Outing: Friday, April 19** at Pennsauken Country Club  
register online at [camdenatholic.org/golf](http://camdenatholic.org/golf) or 856-663-2247 x51.

**Induction Ceremony: Saturday, April 20** at CCHS. Purchase  
tickets at [camdenatholic.org/halloffame](http://camdenatholic.org/halloffame) or 856-663-2247 x49.

### 2013 Inductees

**Emerald** – Academics and Art: Edward Burke '52, John J.  
Farina '70, Sr. Percylee Hart '52, Nancy O'Brien Singer '76, Paul  
Azores (posthumous).

**Green and White** – Athletics: Kevin Crawford '97, John "Jack"  
Magee '71, Colleen Lumley O'Brien '87, Bryan Parker '92,  
James Galmin '59 (posthumous), 1973 Baseball Team, 1986  
Field Hockey Team.

### 41st Annual CCHS Fashion Show

Hosted by the CC Parents Association. **Friday, May 3 at 6 p.m.**  
at Lakeside Manor in Gibbsboro, NJ. Fashions by Macy's,  
student models, dinner and wonderful raffle prizes! Visit  
[camdenatholic.org](http://camdenatholic.org) or call 856-428-3517 to reserve tickets.

**Attention 7th Graders: Camden Catholic Open House**  
**Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m.** Tour the school and enjoy getting to  
know our students and faculty. Details regarding admissions  
dates and procedures for next year will be shared. RSVP 856-  
663-2247 ext. 49.

### CCHS Class of 1963 is holding its 50th class reunion on

**October 19, 2013** at the Wyndam Hotel in Mt. Laurel.  
For more information go to [www.CCHSclassof1963.com](http://www.CCHSclassof1963.com)  
or call Jim Bigley at 856 816 6907.

### Recognition of Parishioners Form

As a Parish we endeavor to recognize those parishioners who best reflect the **Vision of St. Stephen's** (below). We are seeking nominations from all parishioners of individuals who have contributed over and above those principles of time, talent and treasure. We will honor them and install a nameplate along with the many other parishioners who have been recognized on our board in the vestibule. **This is a monthly legacy to honor individuals who are so integral to our success. You may nominate more than one parishioner.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reason - How this person fulfills the Vision:

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*This form may be returned to the Rectory or placed in the Offertory Collection basket.*

### **VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH**

We, the Catholic Church of St. Stephen's in the Diocese of Camden, envision growing ever more into a dynamic community of faith, hope, and love wherein we revealed the mind and heart of Jesus through our action and worship.

Empowered by baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and formed by the Word of God and the sacraments, especially Eucharist, we will, with Jesus living in us, reach out with love:

To proclaim and teach the truths that save,  
To forgive and seek forgiveness,

To strengthen unity within our diversity,  
To care for our sisters and others in need,

To welcome back those who have left our family of faith,  
To work for peace within our families, our communities, and our world,

To promote respect and justice for all people regardless of race, religion, or national origin,

To make wise use of our time, talent and treasure and be good stewards of all of God's good creation  
And to celebrate the sanctifying love of God that heals and transforms our world.



### **Special Commemorative Registration Form!**

On February 12<sup>th</sup> we welcomed our new Bishop, Dennis J. Sullivan. On March 13<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage: Priest\_\_ Special Permission\_\_ Divorced\_\_  
Separated\_\_ Single\_\_ Widowed\_\_ CoHabit\_\_  
Other\_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home Name:                      Date of Birth:

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Others Living in the Home:                      Date of Birth:

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