

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

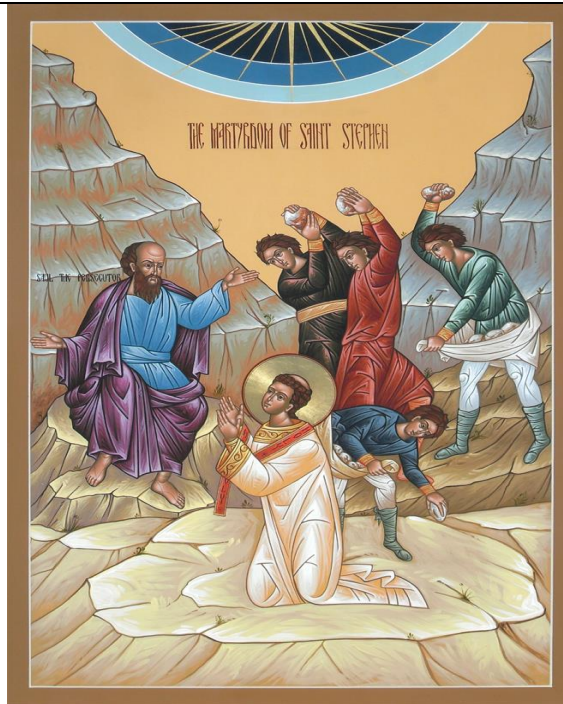
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**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  
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## **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.*

***April 17, 2016 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter***

**Communion Service:** Monday - 9:00am  
**Daily Mass:** Tuesday 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 one 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 2017 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>April 17, 2016</b> Carmen J. Rotondo r/b Rose Davis
10:30am	Bill Buffington (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b His Wife, Lucille Dorothy Corbett r/b St. Stephen's Choir
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>April 18, 2016</b> Communion Service
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>April 19, 2016</b> Robert W. Kozempel r/b People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>April 20, 2016</b> John F. Peberdy r/b People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am/Novena	<b>April 21, 2016</b> Henry S. Karbach, Sr. r/b The Corbett Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>April 22, 2016</b> For Holiness, Health & Well-Being r/b David Murray
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>April 23, 2016</b> Joseph & Elena Melfi r/b Daughters Janis & Lynne
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>April 24, 2016</b> Thomas Fallon (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) r/b Elaine & Sean Connor
10:30am	Neal Norris (April 25 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance) r/b People of the Parish Richard Cesta r/b Duane & Pam Heck



The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
***In Memory of the  
Unborn Children***

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>April 9/10, 2016 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,845</b>
<b>2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$4,670</b>

Next Special Collection:

**April 24<sup>th</sup>: "Catholic Home Missions" (Diocese)**  
*(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)*



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, Arthur Alessandrone, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joseph Fagan, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Helen Huhn, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Jr., Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Darlene Marcinczyk, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Esther Tillinghast, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Rita Vitacolonna, Mary Vivliello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for April 23/24

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

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

Lector: J. Melfi

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, J. Vales

EM's: L. McHugh, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, R. Leone, \*M. Miller

Lectors: W. McHugh, D. Steinmetz

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, M. Daniels, C. Nicdao

EM's: K. Fagan, M. Meloni, T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, \*G. Tutwiler

Lectors: J. Messina, M. Turan

## *Stewardship Reflection*

### ***"Stewards Filled with the Holy Spirit"***

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." ACTS 13:52*

Because the disciples heard Our Lord's call, they were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. **Stewards**, too, can experience that same joy if we take time to open our hearts, listen to God, ask for His direction and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our decisions.

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

4/18-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study  
 4/19-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 4/20-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes  
 4/21-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion  
 4/22-Friday-9am Mass  
 4/23-Saturday-11am Bob Garber Memorial Mass,  
 3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass  
 4/24-Sunday-9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

### *Ladies Bible Study*

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

**When: Mondays from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)**

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

*The woman who walks with God  
 Always reaches her destination*

### *Tuesday Night Rosary*

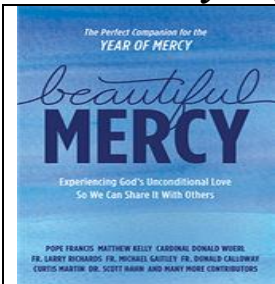
#### **To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church**

The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the pinnacle of God's creation. She is the most perfect, the greatest, the holiest human being ever to live. When we repeat her name, we greatly honor God her Creator. Mary never keeps any glory for herself. Her soul magnifies the Lord.( Lk 1:46)

### *Wednesday Night CCD Classes*

**Will Continue on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.**

### *Thursday Night Discussion Club*



Will continue this **Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm** in the Sister Bernadette Parish Center and we'll be discussing Matthew Kelly's latest book "**Beautiful Mercy**".

### *First Friday Adoration*

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, May 6, 2016, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



### *Art & Environment Ministry*

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.

### *Automatic E-Giving*

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide Electronic Giving, or eGiving, 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.

### *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.

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



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

For Prayer Requests for the month of April, please contact **Bernice @ 856-662-4641.**

### *Parish Library*

**Our Cup Runneth Over!**

**Until further notice, we can't accept any more books!**

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Winter 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 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).

### *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).

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,  
Come One, Come All  
To Coffee and Pastries,  
At the Parish Hall!



Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>  
After 10:30 Mass

### 2016 House of Charity Appeal

2016 House of Charity y-t-d	\$13,345 (25%)
2016 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 71 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.

### Undergarments Drive For Men & Women

In connection with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Corporal Work of Mercy, "Clothe the Naked", we are having an **Undergarments Drive for the Homeless.** Donations will be accepted until May 21 in the vestibule of the church. For further information, please call Esther Nunez at (856) 506-1278.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Taste For Life Fundraiser

To Benefit the Riverside Good Counsel Home

Specialties from 14+ renowned restaurants.  
Food, fun and music while supporting Moms & Babies.

May 15, 2016: 1-4pm

The Marian House,

507 South Kings Highway, Cherry Hill, NJ

Cost: \$40.00

Tickets: Karen Downey ~ 856-220-3366;

mae1105@aol.com; or

JoAnn Dinoia ~ 609-387-2928;

joann\_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org

### 10th Annual CCHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Reception

Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Honoring the very best students, athletes, philanthropists and professionals in the **Camden Catholic** family. Ceremony followed by celebratory reception including beer, wine, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres. \$50/person in advance. \$60 at the door. To purchase tickets visit [www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame](http://www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame) or call/email Janet Indelicato 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or [janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org).

### 2016 Inductees

#### Emerald - Academics / Arts

Anita (Pat) Brown '66, Sister Janet Theresa Marchesani '56, Daniel McDyre '59, John L. Pund '74, Thomas Shusted '44 (posthumous), Gerard P. Smith '52

#### 1887 - Special

Richard Kelly '55 and Bartholomew Sheehan '23 (posthumous)

#### Green & White - Athletics

Maureen Lee Behm '92, Michael Booth '00, Margaret Iezzi Cheli '88, Jennifer Mayfield LaFave '90, Scott Yeager '97, 1951 Varsity Baseball Team, 2005 Varsity Wrestling Team

### Gloucester Catholic News

Gloucester Catholic Junior Senior High will host "A Celebration of Maroon and Gold", the Twelfth Annual Ultimate Basket Auction, on **Thursday, April 21** at Adelpia's Grand Ballroom in Deptford. Viewing of the more than 100 gift baskets will begin at 5:30, followed by dinner and entertainment. Donation: \$45. For tickets, call or text Gina Gorman Finley at 609-617-1154 or email [ginafinley818@comcast.net](mailto:ginafinley818@comcast.net).

### WORLDWIDE

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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 22-24 and Sep 30-Oct 2, 2016.** For more information call 609-741-8012 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Visit our website [www.me-southjersey.org](http://www.me-southjersey.org).

## ***Reading Reflections*** ***April 17, 2016***

### **Reading 1 - Acts 13:14, 43-52**

Today's reading allows us to share one of Paul's great victories on his first missionary journey. It is the Sabbath, and Paul goes to the local synagogue with his companion Barnabas. The city's large colony of Jews has gathered there to hear Paul's message. He proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ so well that many are converted on the spot. The word spreads rapidly and by the following Sabbath the entire city, Jew and Gentile alike, turns out to hear Paul.

Some of the leaders of the synagogue do not approve of including Gentiles in their midst. They expel Paul and Barnabas. Paul quotes Isaiah ("I have made you a light to the Gentiles") to show that Jesus will be recognized as Savior of the whole world. Not only the Jews, but the Gentiles as well prove Paul right by gladly accepting Jesus as their Lord.

### **Reading 2 - Revelations 7:9, 14b-17**

In this vision from Revelation, huge crowds of faithful believers from every nation gather before God's throne. To Christians who are suffering persecution, this vision is comforting. They need to know that their suffering will be rewarded by Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. When the end comes, he will be there to shepherd and protect them. He "will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

### **Gospel - John 10:27-30**

The words Jesus speaks in this reading were directed to some Jewish leaders who wanted to trip him up. They were hoping he would call himself the Messiah. Instead, Jesus refers to himself as "the Good Shepherd." He describes the secure and lasting relationship he has with his sheep, those who truly hear him and believe. Just as no one can separate Jesus and his Father, no one can take Jesus' disciples away from him.

## ***Jubilee Mass May 10<sup>th</sup>***

**Bishop Dennis Sullivan will be the principal celebrant at a special Mass honoring priests in the Diocese of Camden who will celebrate a special jubilee this year.**

**The Jubilee Mass for our Priests  
will be held on**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Holy Eucharist Church**

**344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill**

**All the people of the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass.  
Come and celebrate with the priests of our diocese.  
We celebrate the following Jubilarians...**

### **25 Years**

**Reverend Michael J. Coffey**

**Reverend Matthew J. Hillyard, O.S.F.S.**

**Reverend Sungheum John Kim**

**Reverend Jaromir Michalak**

**Reverend Piotr Szamocki**

### **40 Years**

**Reverend John E. Bruni**

**Reverend Anthony R. DiBardino**

**Reverend Paul D. Harte**

**Reverend Glenn R. Hartman**

**Reverend Anthony J. Manuppella**

**Reverend Robert T. McDade, M.S.S.C.C.**

**Reverend Michael P. Orsi**

### **50 Years**

**Reverend William J. Bleiler**

**Reverend Daniel A. DiNardo**

**Reverend Robert M. Gomes**

**Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. McIntyre**

**Reverend Monsignor Victor S. Muro**

**Reverend Anthony Patrizio**

### **60 Years**

**Reverend Alfred J. Hewett**

### **70 Years**

**Reverend Stanislaus J. Kolton**