

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
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Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal
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April 20, 2014 – 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

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.

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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 9:00am	April 21, 2014 No Mass
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 22, 2014 No Mass
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 23, 2014 Rudolph Stumpo r/b Rita Vitacolonna, Marie Costa, and Rusty McFadden
THURSDAY 9:00am	April 24, 2014 Rudolph Stumpo r/b Marianna Struglia
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 25, 2014 Jean Crescenzi r/b Gertrude Cavallo
SATURDAY 4:30pm	April 26, 2014 Milton Burns r/b Gene & Darlene Padalino
SUNDAY 9:00am	April 27, 2014 (Divine Mercy Sunday) Michael Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Alfred DiFrank r/b Anthony Midili & Family Mary Santana r/b Duane & Pam Heck Rev. William H. Hart r/b People of the Parish Sr. Elisa Motolino, SCSJA r/b Sr. Eleanora

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Louis, Josephine, & Vincent L. Buondonno.

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.

April 12/13 Offertory Figures will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on April 11th.

2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average	\$5,221

Next Special Diocesan Collection:
4/27/14: "Catholic Home Missions"

2014 House of Charity Appeal

2014 House of Charity y-t-d	\$18,710 (35%)
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 85 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, Dolores VonAlex, Ed Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for April 26/27

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, S. Caban, J. Bui

EM's: Sr. Eleanora, V. Thibault, B. Taylor, T. Angstman, *P. Petronis

Lector: W. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

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

EM's: S. Marano, M. Miller, E. Nolte, L. Rosario, *J. Rosario

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, O. Albert, C. Aleszczyk

EM's: L. Solano, Geo. Tutwiler, M. Meloni, D. Urgo, *T. Urgo

Lectors: Ry. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

Wishing You a Blessed Easter

Dear Parishioners,

During the past year we have continued to grow as a community of love and faith in God. We have witnessed our faith being expressed not only in our Sunday Eucharist, but also in the very spirit and tone of the parish: a warm love that reaches out to each other.

Our prayer and wish for the parish is that this Easter will bring us all a deeper awareness of our faith in God and our need to love one another.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in our parish work and extend to you and your loved ones our prayerful best wishes for a Holy and Blessed Easter Day and Season.

Sincerely in Christ,

The Priests and Deacons of St. Stephen Parish

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

4/21-Monday-1pm Bible Study, Rectory Closed
 4/22-Tuesday-7pm Rosary
 4/23-Wednesday-9am Mass, NO CCD, 6:30pm Conversion Workshop
 4/24-Thursday-9am Mass, 7pm Discussion Club, No Choir
 4/25-Friday-9am Mass
 4/26-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 4/27-Divine Mercy Sunday-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

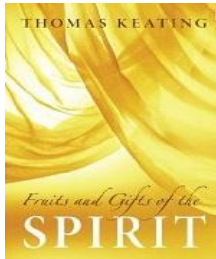
Continue Wednesday, April 30th @ 6:15pm.
(There is NO CCD April 23rd)

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues April 24th

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, May 2nd, 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.

Conversion Adult Workshop

"Following the Call of Christ"

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**, Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, **concluding on April 23 & 30.**

Council & Board Meetings

All at 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

Monday, April 28

Pastoral Council

Monday, May 12

Finance Council

The Knights of Columbus will be having their semi-annual breakfast buffet on **Sunday, April 27**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at St Cecilia's School Gym. Adults - \$8.00, kids under 12 - \$5.00, families of 4 to 6 - \$25.00. For tickets and information, please call Mike Ciarrocca 856-425-4799.

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Congratulations and thank you to Knights Of Columbus, Bishop Eustace Assembly 652 (4th Degree) on purchasing their paver. This brings our grand total to \$15,658.47!!

7 additional pavers have been ordered since completing the walkway. We are preparing our spring update order; if you are considering purchasing a paver, please do so as soon as possible to be included!!! Remember - 60 to 80% (size dependent) of all subsequent orders are profit to the St Stephen Community!!!

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.

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.**

GOD'S CALL!

God calls. We respond. If you're a lay woman or man who hears God's call to return to study for

- MA in Theology – in person or online
 - MS in Church Management
 - MS in Education – Catholic School Leadership
 - Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction
 - Graduate Certificate in Catholic School Leadership
 - Completion of an Undergraduate Degree
 - Undergraduate Certificates in Religious Education, Youth Ministry, or Pastoral Ministry – in English or Spanish
- ... the Diocese of Camden has good news for you. The Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program can assist you in answering that call and can make study affordable as well.

For more information, contact JoLynn Krempecki, Director of Lay Ministry Formation (Office of Lifelong Faith Formation), at 856-583-6116 or JoLynn.Krempecki@camdendiocese.org.

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**REGISTER NOW!**

## REBUILT "Making Church Matter"

Fr. Michael White and Brian Crook, pastor and senior staff member at the Church of the Nativity, will share with us their practical and proven ideas and ways to make your parish better.

**Thursday, May 1, 2014, 12:00 – 4:00**  
**CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH,**  
**Vineland, NJ**

**Registration: \$15.00 per person (\$60 for groups of 5)**  
For more information or to register, contact  
Debbie at 856-583-6123 or [dcutter@camdendiocese.org](mailto:dcutter@camdendiocese.org)

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Pennsauken Fire Department's Annual Memorial & Prayer Service Sunday, May 4, 2014 @ 1:30pm Mary, Queen of All Saints, Pennsauken, NJ

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## Open Your Heart and Home!

Local Host Families needed for South Korean and Chinese international students attending **Camden Catholic High School** for the upcoming 2014/2015 school year, tuition paid. They are motivated learners with a wide variety of interests. These F-1 visa students speak English, are fully insured, and have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board & receive a generous monthly hosting stipend & a fulfilling experience.

Contact **Cecelia LaPlaca with Nacel Open Door**  
([www.nacelopendoor.org](http://www.nacelopendoor.org)) at 215-584-7751 or  
[cecelaplaca@gmail.com](mailto:cecelaplaca@gmail.com).

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St. Stephen's 2014 Parish Directory

We hope to have the 2014 Parish Directory ready for distribution sometime in May. The directory is free to the 115 families who participated in the photography sessions last Fall. We will keep you posted as we get updates from **LifeTouch**, the directory company.



Office of the Bishop
Diocese of Camden

April 7, 2014

Dear sisters and brothers,

I write to thank you for your enthusiastic participation in this year's annual *faithFULL* Food Drive. Parishes and schools throughout the diocese collected over 77,000 pounds of food, which will feed thousands of our neighbors here in South Jersey.

Hunger is an urgent issue in many communities in our diocese: one in six people in the region are food insecure, including one in four children. Our Gospel mandate to take action is clear: Jesus reminds us that whenever we feed someone who is hungry, we feed Christ himself.

The *faithFULL* Food Drive was a tremendous response to the needs of our brothers and sisters thanks to the effective work and cooperation of many people and groups, Parish ministries, including the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, parish youth groups, and the Knights of Columbus, who together collaborated to involve entire church communities. Catholic schools participated creatively; two high schools charged canned goods for admission to basketball games, for example. Social service organizations in the diocese helped to make sure the donated food would be distributed efficiently to those in need. Thank you to Catholic Charities, the Food Bank of South Jersey in Pennsauken, the Community FoodBank of New Jersey in Egg Harbor Township, and a number of parish-based food pantries; and our priests for their leadership on this project.

As the need for food persists, the diocese will sponsor a second annual *faithFULL* Food Drive next year. Please save the date: Sunday, March 1, 2015.

May the Lord bless your generosity and concern for the least among us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.
Bishop of Camden

Jubilee Mass May 6th

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 6, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
Saint Bernadette Church
(Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Parish)
1421 New Road, Northfield**

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 Hugh J. Bradley
Reverend Edward M. Friel
Reverend Patrick B. McStravog, OSA

40 Years

Reverend Massimo S. Fasciglione
Reverend Monsignor William A. Hodge
Reverend Donald F. Reilly, OSA
Reverend Paul C. Wise

50 Years

Reverend Patrick J. Brady
Reverend A. Robert Cairone
Reverend Neal F. Dante
Reverend Francis P. Gaffney
Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante
Reverend Francis J. Gramigna
Reverend Overton J. Jones
Reverend Jerome C. Romanowski
Reverend Monsignor Leonard G. Scott



DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We wish to extend to you an invitation to our upcoming Spring Social to be held on **SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014**, following the 4:30 PM mass. This will be a catered affair which will include wine, beer and other non-alcoholic beverages. There will also be a disc jockey for your dancing pleasure. It will take place in the school auditorium. Ticket price is \$20 per person.

The occasion of our social is bittersweet in that in addition to saying hello to spring, we are saying goodbye to our St. Stephen school community. A community of Catholic educators that has been in existence since 1962.

Please join us to honor those who have been an integral part of this history. We will also be honoring some parishioners as part of our annual recognition ceremony.

Take a walk back in time through these halls that have housed so many wonderful memories.

**Your Parish Council President,
Joseph Haas**