

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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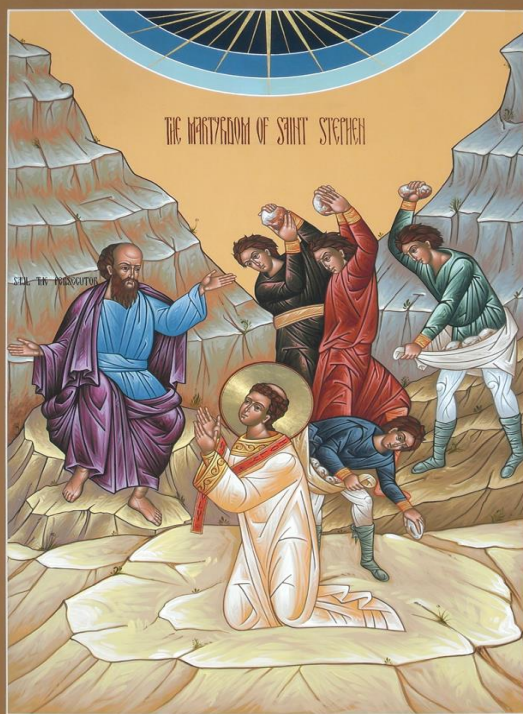
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Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

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Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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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 26, 2015 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday 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, 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.

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 2016 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	April 27, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 28, 2015 Lucille Pacholski r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 29, 2015 Rev. Msgr. Joseph W. Devlin, JCD r/b The People of the Parish
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	April 30, 2015 Theresa G. & George R. Eisenhardt r/b Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 1, 2015 (First Friday Adoration) Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Stoerlein r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 2, 2015 Anthony Kalvaitis (6 th Anniversary) r/b His Wife, Rose Kalvaitis
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 3, 2015 Michael Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Nancy Menta r/b Duane & Pam Heck Edith Longo r/b Maryann Bufanio Joseph J. Miozzi r/b Louise D' Alessandro

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of The Buondonno Family.

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 18/19, 2015 Collection:	\$4,601
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,991

Special Collections:

April 26, 2015: "Catholic Home Missions" (Diocese)
 May 17, 2015: "Catholic Communications" (Diocese)
 (Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

2015 House of Charity Appeal

2015 House of Charity y-t-d	\$21,575 (40%)
2015 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 93 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.

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:

Dolores Afilani, Eleanor Becker, Joy Bowman, Yolanda Colafrancesco, John Coyle, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Joseph Fagan, Joe Flacco, Nicole Franklin-Sonnie, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Joseph Gerst, Gregory Hayes, Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Denise McHugh, Dorothy McPeak, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivliello, Dolores VonAlex, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for May 2/3

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

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

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, M. Conway

EM's: L. Monaco, R. Davis, L. McHugh, N. Schmidt, *S. Marano

Lectors: P. Nolte, J. Gerst

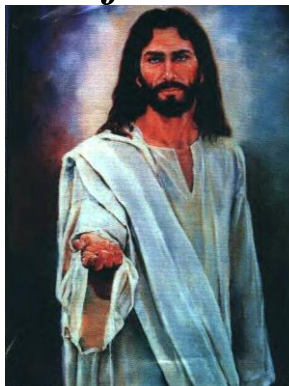
Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: T. Albert, K. Fagan

EM's: T. Link, T. Mattera, M. Meloni, T. Angstman, *J. Messina

Lector: M. Miller

A SPECIAL INVITATION Just for You!



You are cordially invited to come into the silence and spend one hour with Our Lord during our **First Friday Adoration May 1, 2015.**

Jesus said to His Apostles, "Could you not watch one hour with me? "

He is asking us the same question today.

Won't you say "YES" to His invitation?

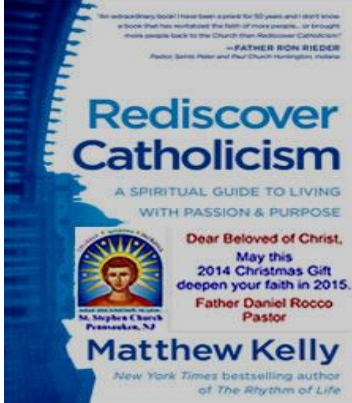
RSVP to Rosemarie Leone @ 856-662-0035.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

4/27-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study, 6:30pm Deacons Mtg.
 4/28-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 4/29-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 4/30-Thurs-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 5/1--First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
 5/2--Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 5/3--Sunday-9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues April 30, 2015 @ 7pm.



Please join us as we continue to discuss "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly, the book we were generously gifted with this Christmas. Let's start the new year learning more about God's love and the gift of our Catholic faith. A good resolution for 2015 can be "to become a better version of myself" and help others as they journey to become all God calls us to be. The discussion club needs your voice, see you Thursday, April 30th in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center. **Extra copies** of "Rediscover Catholicism" are available in the Rectory. They are free to all Parishioners and \$5 if you'd like to purchase one for a friend.

Parish Library

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Spring 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 donate spiritual and religious books to the collection, please drop them off at the Parish center in the Library. 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).

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, May 1, 2015, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



Art & Environment

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.



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

When: Mondays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Where: Stonegate Main Conference Room

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

"The woman who walks with God always reaches her destination"

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.
 Prayer requests for the month of April, please contact Diane @ 856-308-8224. In May contact Betty @ 856-662-6928.

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



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.

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Congratulations and Thank You to

Dorothea Dodds on purchasing her paver!

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.

WHY DO WE ...

Offer the Eucharistic Prayer?

The Eucharistic Prayer is the Church's greatest prayer. This is a prayer of thanksgiving, consecration, acknowledgement of Jesus's sacrifice, and also of petition.

There are four forms of the Eucharistic Prayers, and all contain seven specific elements and actions.

1. **The priest prays for the Holy Spirit to come upon the gifts and make them holy; changing bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.**
2. **The consecrated Host and Chalice are raised for the people to adore Jesus Truly Present.**
3. **The priest remembers the actions of Jesus bringing salvation for all through Him.**
4. **The priest offers Jesus, the victim, to His Father.**
5. **The priest asks the Holy Spirit to come and unite us in grace.**
6. **Petitions to God for the needs of His people, living and deceased, for eternal life.**
7. **The priest will raise up the Body and Blood as a reminder that it is through Christ, with Him and in Him, that all is made holy.**

The Eucharistic Prayers start with the priest holding his hands upward in an ancient posture used for prayer to God the Father. As he asks God to send the Holy Spirit, he will extend his hands palms down over the bread and wine, a posture dating back to the Apostles for calling the Holy Spirit. This portion is called the Epiclesis and includes the invocation of God the Father, a plea to send the Holy Spirit, a prayer that the Holy Spirit will change the gifts into the Body and Blood, and a prayer that these gifts will produce grace in the faithful.

The importance of these words and actions are often signified by the ringing of bells. This tradition dates back to when the altar was behind a rail and the priest offered the mass with his back to the assembly. The bells were rung to alert the people to the calling for the Holy Spirit, and the raising up of the Host and Chalice for consecration.

The congregation will respond with the "Mystery of Faith" affirming our belief in the miracle of Jesus's True Presence and acceptance of His life giving sacrifice.

The second Eucharistic Prayer offers a remembrance of Jesus's suffering, death and resurrection, His saving work, and His True Presence where there had been bread and wine, as well as offering Jesus the Sacrificial Lamb, back to His Father on our behalf. God is asked to send the Spirit to unite us as one, so that we too may offer ourselves to God as Jesus did. We ask the Holy Spirit for the grace to conform to the will of God.

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes with petitions to God on behalf of all His people, living and deceased to be admitted to His Eternal Kingdom.

Become Engaged

The Preface opened a dialogue with the congregation to prepare us to be spiritually engaged in the Eucharistic Prayers, not simply physically present. This is the crux of the whole liturgy. Open your mind to fully focus on the words of this very special prayer. Open your heart to see the arrival of the True Presence at the altar through the grace of the Holy Spirit, and send God your gratitude for the miracle of His gift of salvation. Acclaim your belief in the miracle of Transubstantiation as you offer "Amen!"

SAVE the DATE

St. Stephen Parish
Rosary Group
 will host
 Our Lady of Fatima
 International Pilgrim Virgin Statue
 on
 5-5-15 @ 7PM



The statue was sculpted by Jose Thedim based on a description by Sr. Lucia, one of the seers, who saw Our Lady from May through October in 1917 at Fatima, Portugal. **This will be the first time it has visited South Jersey.**

The Encounter Series: Seeking Christ in the Poor and Vulnerable

Inspired by Pope Francis' call to build a "culture of encounter" that reaches out to those living on the margins of society, the Diocese of Camden's Encounter Series will feature three different experiences meant to engage your heart, head, and hands as we strive to put our faith into action. The series includes a retreat day (**May 5**), an informative lecture (**May 11**), and a day of hands-on community service in Camden (**May 16**). All adults welcome. For more information and to register for one, two, or all three experiences, visit www.camdendiocese.org/encounter or contact Colleen Mayhew at 856.583.6118.

Inaugural Msgr. Bob McDermott Golf Outing Monday, May 18th Woodcrest Country Club

For more information and a registration form, visit www.sjsc Camden.org or call/email Rich Kochanski at 856-966-8117 / rkochanski@sjsc Camden.org. Help us honor the man who founded St. Joseph's Carpenter Society in 1985 and since that time it has provided over 950 units of housing for the residents of East Camden. All proceeds will benefit St. Joseph's Carpenter Society.

Jubilee Mass May 5th

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 5, 2015 at 4:00pm
Saint Mary Church**

2001 Springdale Road in Cherry Hill, NJ

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, **including one of our own:**

25 Years

- Reverend Joseph J. Adamson
- Reverend Jeevanandama Amalanathan
- Reverend Joseph P. Capella
- Reverend Robert E. Hughes
- Reverend David J. Klein
- Reverend Michael J. McCue, O.S.F.S.
- Reverend Joseph M. Monahan, T.O.R.
- Reverend Joachim Oforchukwu, C.S.Sp.
- Reverend Alfred Onyutha
- Reverend John Perdue, M.SS.CC.
- Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
- Reverend Antony Savari Muthu
- Reverend Matthew R. Weber

40 Years

- Reverend John A. Cavagnaro
- Reverend Edward T. Fitzpatrick, O.S.F.S.
- Reverend Robert J. Fritz
- Reverend Kenneth P. Hallahan
- Reverend Joseph A. Perreault
- Reverend John J. Vignone

50 Years

- Reverend Andrew J. Bolcar
- Reverend Robert J. Dunphy
- Reverend Monsignor William P. Graham
- Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan
- Reverend Howard E. Muhlbaier
- Reverend Josef A. Wagenhoffer
- Reverend John P. Ward
- Reverend Robert P. Weber

60 Years

- Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Coyne
- Reverend Monsignor Felix M. O'Neill

Congratulations

to St. Stephen's Parishioners
Agnes and James Madden
on their induction into the
Camden Catholic High School
Hall of Fame on April 25, 2015!

Honorees are recognized for their academic, athletic, arts, civic and philanthropic contributions at Camden Catholic and in the greater community.

Music Ministry Notes



The St. Stephen Children's Choir will sing on Sunday, May 3rd at the 9:00 am Mass. This will be the last Mass for this year. The Children's Choir will return in the fall to continue their excellent music ministry. If you know of a child who is interested in joining the choir, please contact Nancy Werner-Kaiser. All students in kindergarten through 8th grade are welcome. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Sandy Hughes and David Huntsinger who do such a terrific job with the children. David will be back next year to direct the choir. Please continue to join us in lifting our voices to praise God.

A Mass of Remembrance & Healing

will be celebrated by Monsignor Michael Mannion on **Monday, May 11th** – 7:00pm at St. Joseph Church in Sea Isle City for those who have suffered the loss of a child of any age through miscarriage, still-birth, abortion, SIDS, illness, disease, or any untimely death. We encourage and welcome all members of the family and friends affected by the loss of this beloved child to join in this mass of celebration for the precious life that touched ours briefly, yet stays in our hearts forever! (Please bring a picture or special remembrance of your child. Roses will be available for those who have lost their child before birth.) For more information, please call: Betty at 609-425-3553 or email at elizpearce@comcast.net.