

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

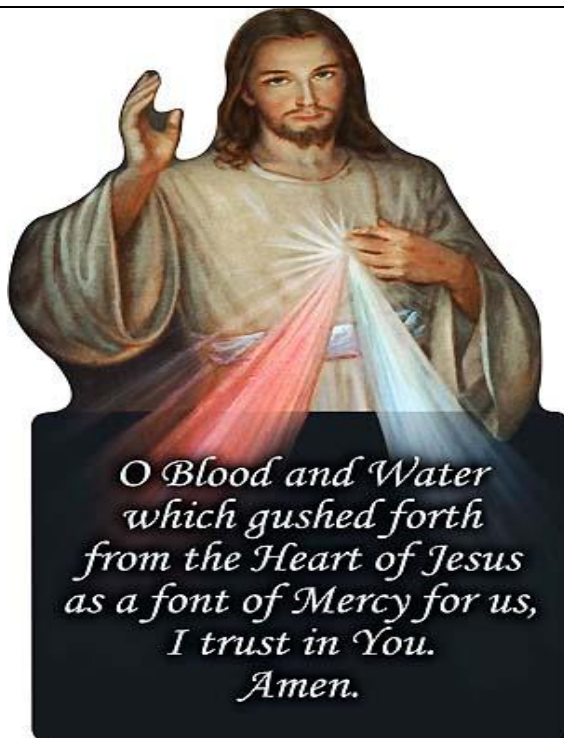
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339
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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336
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www.StStephensPennsauken.com

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 3, 2016 – The Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

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, 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 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".

SUNDAY 9:00am	April 3, 2016 (Divine Mercy Sunday) Katherine Wilson r/b Liz McHugh
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family Mary Ludlum r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Marietta Faiola r/b Sr. Eleanora Faiola
MONDAY 9:00am	April 4, 2016 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 5, 2016 Louise Pigliacelli r/b Her Husband, Frank
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 6, 2016 Rev. David E. Beebe r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	April 7, 2016 Dorothy Corbett r/b Duane & Pam Heck
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 8, 2016 Susie Furlano (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Rosina, Susan, and Anthony Midili
SATURDAY 4:30pm	April 9, 2016 Angelo Rosa r/b Jennifer Woolston
SUNDAY 9:00am	April 10, 2016 Angel Medina r/b Joe & Lisa Rosario
10:30am	Marie Newell r/b St. Stephen's Choir Dana Mulherin r/b Renee & Gary Moyer George R. Dudo, Sr. r/b People of the Parish



**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of the Christian
Victims of Genocide**

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 26/27, 2016 Easter Collection:	\$11,875
March 19/20, 2016 Palm Sunday Collection:	\$5,077
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,661

Next Special Collection:
April 24th: "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, 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, Nancy Gogel, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Chuck Hillwig, 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, 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 Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard, Keith Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for April 9/10

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: Sr. Eleanora, V. Thibault, J. Heining, L. Heining, *B. Taylor

Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, J. Vales

EM's: M. Miller, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, *E. Nolte

Lectors: Joan Rivera, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, M. Daniels, C. Nicdao

EM's: P. Cioe, M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, *T. Scavuzzo

Lectors: P. Cioe, C. Aleszczyk

5 TIPS FOR LIVING A MORE MERCIFUL LIFE

1 Hold the door for someone, even when you are in a rush.

2 Take time out of your day to ask a co-worker how she is doing.

3 See those around you as your brothers and sisters, not your rivals.

4 Don't be afraid to enter in to the "chaos" of another person's life.

5 Surrender to God's mercy by accepting the merciful acts of others.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 4/4-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
- 4/5-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Board
- 4/6-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 4/7-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
- 4/8-Friday-9am Mass
- 4/9-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 4/10-Sunday-9am Mass & 10:30am Mass, 11:45am Baptism Training

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

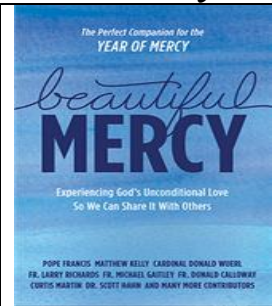
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

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 6th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue this Thursday April 7th @ 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 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!

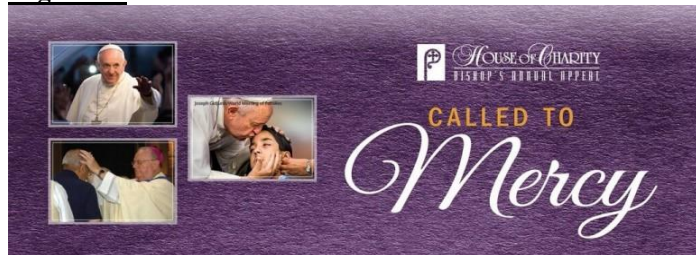
The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Winter reading needs! We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. Please stop by after Masses.

**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.



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.

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 Adelphia'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.

SAVE THE DATE

Attention: Graduates of St. Maria Goretti High School (Philadelphia PA) Class of 1964. Please join us for a joint celebration of our 7th decade.

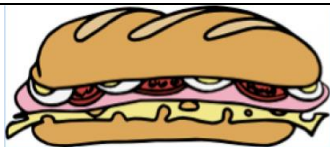
Sunday, October 16, 2016 from 1-5pm, cost is \$64

WHERE: Popi's Italian Restaurant
3120 So. 20th St., Phila. PA

For more info, please contact Pat at (609)463-9648 or find us on our Facebook page: St. Maria Goretti HS Class of 1964.

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. Visit our website www.me-southjersey.org.



Knights of Columbus,
Council 3512

Hoagie Sale

As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 & \$6.00 each after all Masses the weekend of April 9 & 10. For info call 856-227-4980.

5th Annual iRace4Vocations

On Sunday, April 17, 2016, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Washington Lake Park (626 Hurffville Crosskeys Road, Sewell) for our 5th Annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at 1:00pm followed by our 5k run/1.3 mile family walk. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with a picnic and family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese. For more information and to register for the event, visit www.camdenpriest.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 or call/email Janet Indelicato 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or 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

Paul VI High School News

Paul VI High School 7th Grade Practice HSPT is being offered on Saturday, April 16th. This full-length practice test is a help in preparing students for the High School Placement Test taken in the fall of 8th grade. (The HSPT is the scholarship vehicle used by many private high schools, including Paul VI.)

Reservations are required, space is limited.

For more information, or to reserve a desk, please visit our website, www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events

Paul VI High School Coffee, Tea, and Tours will be held on Saturday, April 16th. Two convenient morning tour times are offered, ideal for parents whose students are taking the 7th Grade Practice HSPT. Reservations appreciated, all are welcome. For more information, or to make a reservation, please visit our website, www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events.

Paul VI High School - 7th Grade Eagle Days are now available! Seventh grade students are invited to spend a day as a Paul VI Eagle. For more information and to make a reservation, please visit our website, www.pvihs.org/Page/Admissions/Eagle-for-a-Day.

Reading Reflections for April 3, 2016
Divine Mercy Sunday

Reading 1 Reflection - Acts 5:12-16

During the Easter season, the first reading each Sunday is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. This book of the New Testament is like no other. It gives us a beautiful description of the early Church community as it grew. Filled with the Spirit of the risen Christ, the disciples brought the healing love of Jesus to those in need. In doing this, they carried on his mission.

Reading 2 Reflection
Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Today's reading sounds a little different, doesn't it? It is filled with special symbols that were used to bring hope to the early Christians during a time of persecution. When we hear the words of the reading, we are filled with the hope of Easter, too. Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid." Christ has conquered death. He is truly "the one who lives" forever.

Gospel Reflection - John 20:19-31

John's account of that first Easter night is filled with drama. Jesus appears through locked doors and gives his disciples his peace. He gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit and communicates God's power of forgiveness. Thomas, who misses out on this experience of Jesus, refuses to believe unless he can touch Jesus' wounds. A week later he has a chance to do just that! Thomas exclaims, "My Lord and my God!" And Jesus tells us how "blest" are we who have believed in his resurrection without having seen his risen body.

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***Prayer for Persecuted Christians***

**O God of all the nations,  
the One God who is and was and always will be,  
in your providence you willed that your Church  
be united to the suffering of your Son.  
Look with mercy on your servants  
who are persecuted for their faith in you.  
Grant them perseverance and courage  
to be worthy imitators of Christ.  
Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations  
to work for peace among all peoples.  
May your Spirit open conversion  
for those who contradict your will,  
that we may live in harmony.  
Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom,  
and to always seek your will in our lives.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!***

The prayer card above is available in the church vestibule courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.

**Diocese of Camden**  
***Lay Ministry Formation Events***

*Lay Ministry Formation, Office of Lifelong Faith Formation*

**Relationship Skills Workshop (Human Formation)**

**Leadership in the Catholic Tradition**                      Saturday  
Presenter: Joanne Hall, MA                                      Apr. 16, 2016  
Stockton College Catholic Campus Min., 235 S. Pomona Rd., Pomona, NJ

Authentic Catholic leadership always begins in relationship and expresses itself best through relationship: God and us, God and others, us and others, others and others. By who we are, even more than by what we do, God's reign flourishes in the world.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

**Mark your calendar, save the date, register today!**

For each event:

Time - 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Cost: \$20 each day (Checks payable to Diocese of Camden)

Bring a lunch.

For information/to register, contact

JoLynn Krempecki, Director of Lay Ministry Formation,  
Call 856-583-2905. Email [JoLynn.Krempecki@camdendiocese.org](mailto:JoLynn.Krempecki@camdendiocese.org)

*Lay Ministry Formation, Office of Lifelong Faith Formation*

**Retreat Day (Spiritual Formation)**

**Living Your Life through the Lens of God's Plan**                      Thursday  
Presenter: Msgr. Michael Mannion                                      May 12, 2016  
Discovery House, 3730 Richards Ave., Mullica Township, NJ 08037

Discerning the will of God in our lives is a journey of a lifetime. Our unique personalities, gifts and talents, types of intelligence and spirituality can all be useful and exciting guideposts to explore along the way. This Spirituality Day will be interactive and directed to helping the participants "connect the dots" with the experiences, events and challenges of their lives.

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