

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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April 7, 2013 – 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

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.

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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 2014 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SATURDAY 4:30pm	April 6, 2013 Ricardo Taylor, Sr. r/b The Knight Family
SUNDAY 9:00am 10:30am	April 7, 2013 (Divine Mercy Sunday) Angelina Zinicola r/b Duane & Pam Heck William Sauer, Elsie Kurtyan, James Henle, and Rudolph Christopher All R/b Eric & Shannon Matteo
MONDAY 9:00am	April 8, 2013 The Altadonna Siblings r/b Adele
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 9, 2013 Marie Zinicola r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 10, 2013 Raymond Municello r/b Arthur & Marie Rucolo
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	April 11, 2013 Deacon Ernest F. Picknally r/b The Residents of Stonegate
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 12, 2013 Deacon Ernest F. Picknally r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
SATURDAY 4:30pm	April 13, 2013 Rita Weingard r/b Milton Burns
SUNDAY 9:00am 10:30am	April 14, 2013 Francis O'Donnell (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Maria Fitzpatrick Alfredo Riccio r/b Joseph Cannon Marie Zinicola r/b Charlene Panzone & Joanne Gee Msgr. Paul M. O'Connor r/b People of the Parish Angela DeVito Musto r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Angelo Sebastian Alessi.

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, 2013 Attendance/Collection	581/ \$5,520
March 25/26, 2012 Comparison	598/ \$5,404
Easter 2013 Collection (thus far)	\$18,017
Easter 2012 Collection	\$17,544
Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,534

Next Special Collections:

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



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 Vivello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for April 13/14

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Caban, T. Mason, E. Mattera
EM's: P. Petronis, A. Pandola, C. Pandola, Sr. Eleanora, *alt. A. Knight
Lectors: J. Heininger, L. Heininger

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, C. Hearn, B. McHugh
EM's: S. Marano, N. Schmidt, T. Modzier, R. Davis, *alt. L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: P. Nolte, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: N. Hughes, C. Hughes, T. Albert
EM's: J. Bowman, M. Meloni, J. Messina, L. Solano, *alt. T. Link
Lector: J. Scavuzzo, P. Cioe

Catholicism Adult Study Program

Continues this Wednesday, April 10, 2013

St. Stephen Parish presents 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.

Knights' Breakfast Buffet April 28th

The Knights of Columbus Spring Breakfast Buffet will be on Sunday, April 28th. Adults \$8.00, Kids 12 and under \$5.00, and the new Family Plan of up to 6 persons for \$25.00!!

Thank you for your support.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

4/8-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Finance Council
4/9-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
4/10-Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 6:15pm Catholicism Series
4/11-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6&7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion
4/12-Friday-9am Mass
4/13-Saturday-9am Men’s Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
4/14-Sunday- 9am & 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptismal Class



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

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, May 3rd, 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.

In Appreciation

Dear Friends at St. Stephen,

I want to thank you so much for your tremendous outpouring of love for Ernie. I almost can’t believe how wonderful the Funeral Mass was. I will always remember it.

Thank you also for all the Masses in our church, other local churches, and through many other religious organizations.

You have also been very kind to me and my family and I will continue to pray for you who have prayed for Ernie and us.

Love,

Lois Picknally & Family

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)

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

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Congratulations and thank you to Joseph & Jeanne Gerst, Nick & Tami Mazzone, Bill Eddleman Jr., Anthony & Adelaide Travia, and Tony & Diane Diaz on purchasing their Pavers. We are now over \$9,100.00!!!!

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

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.

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 \$1 at 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 19th @ 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 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

Fair Trade Fair April 14th

Holy Eucharist Parish, 344 Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ will sponsor a Fair Trade Fair on Sunday, April 14 from 9 am to 1 pm. Fair Trade Fair offers beautiful crafts from around the world! Your purchase insures that the artisans receive a fair price for their goods – which helps to better their quality of life! Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate will also be on sale. Come join us!



IN THE NEWS!

Congratulations to St. Stephen's 7th Grader **Lauren Davis** for winning 2nd place in the Daughters of the American Revolution annual American Essay Contest. She will be receiving her state award at the Awards Day Ceremony to be held April 19, 2013 in Princeton, NJ.

Congratulations to St. Stephen's & Paul VI Alumni **Ron Curry** who just completed his freshman season playing in the NCAA's March Madness tournament for the James Madison Dukes basketball team. Unfortunately, the Dukes were eliminated by the #1 seeded Indiana Hoosiers 83-62 on March 22nd.

Camden Catholic News



Hall of Fame Weekend

Golf Outing: Friday, April 19 at Pennsauken Country Club register online at camdenccatholic.org/golf or 856-663-2247 x51.

Induction Ceremony: Saturday, April 20 at CCHS. Purchase tickets at camdenccatholic.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 camdenccatholic.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 or call Jim Bigley at 856 816 6907.

CAP SESSIONS

We can be sure that we love God's children when we love God and do what He has commanded. 1 John 5:2

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the diocese is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is No More Bullies, No More Victims and is a workshop on bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyberbullying is also addressed. Both sessions are 90 minutes.

Adults must attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1 again if they prefer.

The following sessions will be offered in April and May:

CAP Phase 1

Thursday, April 18, 2013, 7:00pm, St. Vincent de Paul School, Mays Landing, Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 7:00pm, Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit, Mullica Hill

Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 7:00pm, Our Lady of the Lakes, Collings Lakes

Thursday, May 2, 2013, 7:00pm, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, Hammonton, St. Anthony Hall, Rt. 206

Monday, May 13, 2013, 7:00pm, Christ the Redeemer, Atco, Hall

Wednesday, May 29, 2013, 7:00pm, Mary, Queen of All Saints, Pennsauken, School Hall, 49th Street

CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention NO CAP PHASE 2

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (856) 583-6165 or email ddiggons@camdendiocese.org to register. **Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.**

The CAP schedule, location phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website @ www.camdendiocese.org

In case of inclement weather please call the location of the CAP session you are attending.

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## REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

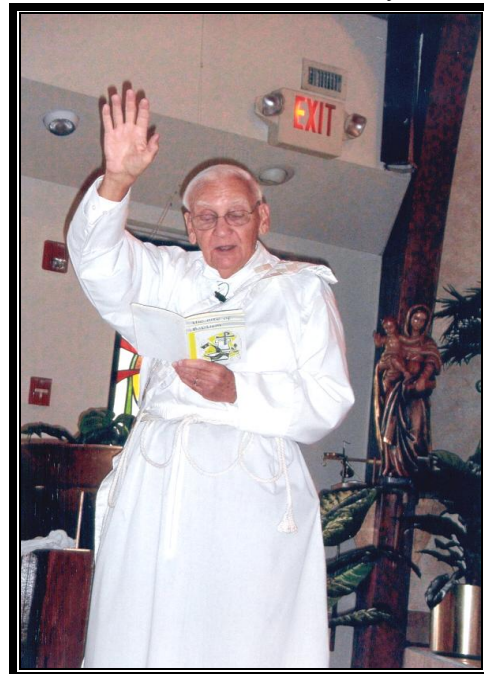
An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Youth and Family Services and law enforcement. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call **1-800-964-6588**

## In Loving Memory of Deacon Raymond Ellis

March 23, 2013

Ordained by Bishop George Guilfoyle on October 4, 1976 with the first class of deacons in our diocese, Ray served at St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral in Camden and at St. Stephen's Parish in Pennsauken. He also assisted in the pastoral care office at Cooper Hospital in Camden.

Ray was born in The Bronx and grew up in the New York City area. After graduating from high school, he served in the U.S. Army. While a patient in a Veterans Administration Hospital, he met his future wife Joan who was serving as a nurse. They have been married for 49 years. The couple moved to the South Jersey area and Ray earned a bachelor's degree in business where he worked as an executive in the banking industry. Please pray for Ray as he enters eternal life. Pray also for his wife Joan and for his family.



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Spirituality Workshop April 27th

“Beholding the Face of God”

*Presented by The Institute for
Christian Spirituality at Seton Hall University*

“Beholding the Face of God in Scripture”

**“Beholding the Face of God in People
Who Are Difficult to Love”**

“Beholding the Face of God in the Mirror”

“Beholding the Face of God in Your Work”

Saturday, April 27, 2013 - 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center, Blackwood

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

Register by Wednesday, April 24, 2013

For more information contact us:

856-583-6135 / kathia.arango@camdendiocese.org