

# 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  
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

**Emergencies: (856) 261-9336**  
*(Accidents, Dying or Death)*



## *Contact Information*

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## *May 11, 2014 – 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

**Children's Liturgy:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 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 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".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 12, 2014</b> Madeline Tryson (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 13, 2014</b> Intention for a Peaceful Death r/b Peter Phan
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 14, 2014</b> Thomas D. Fallon r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 15, 2014</b> Louise Cirullo r/b Her Daughter, Anna
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 16, 2014</b> Thomas D. Fallon r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>May 17, 2014</b> Carol C. McCarroll r/b Rita Vogt & Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 18, 2014</b> Mrs. Clare McHugh r/b M/M Thomas McHugh, Jr.
10:30am	John Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri William Sauer r/b His Wife, Theresa Msgr. David F. Budney r/b People of the Parish Daniel P. Novoa r/b St. Stephen's Parish & School

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of All Our Deceased Mothers.

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.

May 3/4, 2014 Attendance/Collection	531/	\$5,415
May 4/5, 2013 Comparison	501/	\$5,391
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$5,231

Next Diocesan Special Collections:  
6/1/14: "Catholic Communication"  
6/8/14: "Brazilian Missions"

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## 2014 House of Charity Appeal

2014 House of Charity y-t-d	\$22,045 (41% )
2014 House of Charity Goal	\$53,295

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your House of Charity check hasn't cleared yet, rest assured that they were determined to "catch up" 2 weeks ago and your donation should have been deposited. Thanks for your patience.

**Thank you to the 97 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:

**Dolores Afilani, 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 Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex, Ed Weingard.**

## Ministry Schedule for May 17/18

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** S. Surgner, T. Mason, T. Albert  
**EM's:** P. Petronis, L. Heininger, J. Heininger, C. Pandola, \*A. Pandola  
**Lector:** J. Melfi

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** O. Graff, M. Conway  
**EM's:** R. Davis, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, E. Nolte, \*S. Marano  
**Lectors:** D. Steinmetz, W. McHugh

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** J. Mack, K. Fagan, L. Fagan  
**EM's:** M. Meloni, P. Cioe, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, \*T. Scavuzzo  
**Lectors:** M. Miller, J. Messina

## The Parish Directories Have Arrived!

St. Stephen's 2014 Parish Directory is now available for pickup to the 115 families who participated in the photo sessions last Fall at no cost. Directories and a checklist are available after all weekend Masses and in the rectory Monday thru Friday from 9am-4:30pm. Thank you to all who helped make this a wonderful parish remembrance for years to come.

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## SCRIP Announcement

**Effective May 11<sup>th</sup>** School Scrip Gift Cards will no longer be available after weekend Masses. What remains in inventory may be purchased during the week at the Rectory...while supplies last. Thank you to all who volunteered and supported the program for the past 3 years or so, especially to our dedicated chairpersons **Katy Fagan and Kim Figueroa.**

**This Week @ St. Stephen Parish**

5/12-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Finance Council  
5/13-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
5/14-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm Closing CCD Mass  
5/15-Thurs.-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club  
5/16-Friday-9am Mass  
5/17-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
5/18-Sunday-9am School Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptism

*A Message for All the Ladies:*



God values you, and  has a plan for your life!

**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

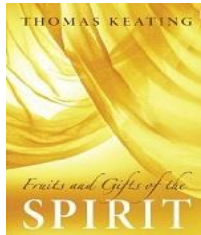
**Wednesday Night CCD**

Closing Mass this Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.

**Thursday Night Discussion Club**

Continues May 15<sup>th</sup> 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, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



REASON #3 for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament: Jesus is counting on you because the Eucharist is the center of life. "Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that the sacrament of love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all the manifestations of worship due him shall be given back 'love for love' and truly become the life of our souls." (Pope John II, Redeemer of Man)

**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.

**Council & Board Meetings**

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

Monday, May 12 Finance Council  
Monday, June 16 Pastoral Council

**Prayer Pavers to Our Lady**

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](http://www.ststephenspennsauken.com) or by calling Michael Ciarrocca at 856-425-4799.

**RCIA Ministry**

*Interested in Becoming Catholic?*

- Have you been worshiping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
- Have you been away from the church...and have now returned, but want to know more?
- Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism; Confirmation; and Eucharist?
- Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church.

Please contact Father Daniel Rocco at (856) 662-9338 or Loretta Steinmetz, RCIA Team Leader at (856) 227-4627 for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

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



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

Prayer requests for the month of May, please contact Maryann @ 235-1423.



# SPRING SING '14

A FREE CONCERT PRESENTED BY

## THE COLLINGSWOOD COMMUNITY CHORUS

Directed By

DALE L. CAREY

Tuesday, May 13 Before 7:28 pm

SCOTTISH RITE AUDITORIUM  
315 WHITE HORSE PIKE  
COLLINGSWOOD 08108

FOR MORE INFORMATION : 856.854.6024

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### ***CCHS Road to College Program for 6th and 7th Graders***

May 13 at 7 p.m. at CCHS

Learn more about preparing for the High School Placement Test, tour CCHS, and hear from Mr. James Plunkett, Executive Director of Admissions at LaSalle University, about properly planning your high school academic course to be ready for college. Register at [www.camdenatholic.org/roadtocollege](http://www.camdenatholic.org/roadtocollege) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

#### **Camden Catholic High School**

##### **Arts Academy Spring Concert & Art Exhibition**

Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m., Grandi Auditorium, free admission. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the talented students of the Arts Academy at CCHS including paintings, drawings, photography and digital media, a dynamic medley from the Broadway Show "In the Heights" and a rousing mash-up from the movie, *Pitch Perfect*, along with other challenging selections.

##### **Summer Camps at Camden Catholic High School**

Introduce your student to "The Irish Experience." Athletic, Arts, and Academic camps and enrichment programs are offered for students entering grades 3 through 9. Visit [www.camdenatholic.org/summercamps](http://www.camdenatholic.org/summercamps) for brochures and registration information.

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### ***Bishop Eustace Summer Programs***

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School in Pennsauken, NJ will again offer a variety of summer programs. Our *Eustace Advantage* program consists of two three-week sessions in June and July and reviews and strengthens academic skills for any student entering seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. Please email [jmarquart@eustace.org](mailto:jmarquart@eustace.org) for more information.

Eustace will also host four athletic camps this summer, which will be administered by our Baseball, Crew, Field Hockey, and Boys Soccer teams. For more information on the sports camps, please call the Athletic Director's office at (856) 662-2160, ext. 248. For a more detailed description of the summer offerings, please visit [www.eustace.org/summer](http://www.eustace.org/summer).

## ***Pastoral Council Minutes***

April 28, 2014

**Council Members Present:** Joseph Haas, Liz Mc Hugh, Earl Nolte, Melanie Lopez, Rich Cesta, Chris Hearn, Janis Melfi, Dennis Rooney, and Father Rocco.

**Opening Scripture reading by Father Rocco at 7PM.**

❖ **OLD BUSINESS:**

School Building Uses :

We are very happy to report that after much herculean efforts and collaboration, Father Rocco, the Diocese and the international corporation have come to an agreement regarding the future of the school building. A **LEASE** has been signed. A charter school will occupy the building for a two year period (possible extension of a third).

This will generate revenue which will cover our school debt and consequentially place the church in a more secure financial position. Sigh of relief heard all 'round!

❖ **NEW BUSINESS:**

Spring Social/ Parish Recognition:

On Saturday, May 10, 2014 there will be a spring social following the 4:30 Mass.

At that time PPC will recognize persons that have been a contributing factor to our St Stephen community.

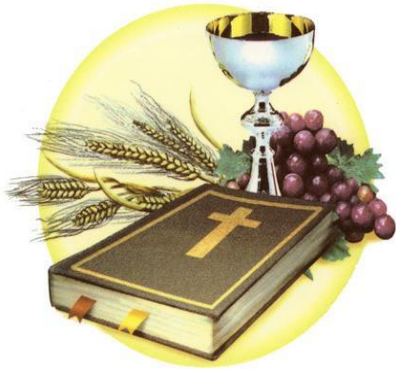
Price for a ticket anticipated at \$20 / person. Tickets will be sold at all the Masses and rectory. Look to the bulletin for updates if any.

We are hoping for a good turnout.

- ❖ Meeting Adjourned @ 8:40 PM
- ❖ Closing prayer by Father Rocco
- ❖ Next PPC meeting at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish**  
Center on: **JUNE 16, 2014@7PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Janis Melfi, Secretary of St Stephen 's PPC

## *Our First Holy Communicants*



The following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We wish to thank our CRE Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, our Principal Mrs. Pat Higgins, teachers Mrs. Linda Yeager and Mr. Stephen Muscelli, our Children's Choir, Mr. Anthony Leone, and all those who helped make this celebration a blessed day. Please keep these children in your prayers:

***Evan Buchholz  
Noah Colon  
Nadia Cruz  
Maya Di Cupe  
Norman Figueroa IV  
Caroline Gardner  
Liam Kueny  
Ginger Mack  
Emily Miller  
Cassandra Nicdao  
Tristan North  
Avian Novoa  
Makenzie Patti  
Emily Powers  
Andrew Tillinghast***



## *"In the Footsteps of St. Rita"*

*Patron Saint of Forgiveness,  
Reconciliation and Peace*

*Come and Hear about St. Rita and her virtuous life, full of suffering  
and opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation, which all brought her  
closer to Our Lord and His Kingdom! Presentation by Deborah  
Binder, Development Director, National Shrine of St. Rita*



*June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday*

*7:00 pm*

*St. Stephen's Church*

*Browning Rd, Pennsauken, NJ*