

# 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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## *May 12, 2013 – The Seventh 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 – 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, 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 2014 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 13, 2013</b> Louise Cirullo r/b Anna Cirullo
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 14, 2013</b> Frank Cantelmi r/b Pennsauken Adult Training Center
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 15, 2013</b> Thomas Goonan r/b M/M Thomas McHugh, Jr.
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>May 16, 2013</b> Deacon Ernest Picknally r/b The North Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 17, 2013</b> Mary Jo Stedrak r/b Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>May 18, 2013 (Pentecost Vigil)</b> Michael Hagan, Jr. r/b The McHugh Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 19, 2013 (Pentecost Sunday)</b> Angelina Zinicola r/b Ed & Nancy Schmidt
10:30am	Angelina Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri William Sauer r/b His Wife, Theresa Sauer Deacon Raymond Ellis r/b Ed & Maria Hall Deacon Ernest Picknally r/b The Batavick Family

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of William Sauer

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.

<b>May 4/5, 2013 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>501/</b>	<b>\$5,391</b>
<b>May 6/7, 2012 Comparison</b>	<b>505/</b>	<b>\$5,841</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$5,500</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,562</b>

**Special Diocesan Collections:**

- 5/12/13: "Catholic Communication"
- 6/9/12: "Brazilian Missions"

## 2013 House of Charity Appeal

**2013 House of Charity y-t-d \$28,947.50 (55%)**

**2013 House of Charity Goal \$52,250.00**

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 116 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:

**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, 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 May 18/19

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm (Vigil for Pentecost)

**Altar Servers:** H. Atchison, M. Ciarrocca, M. Ciarrocca

**EM's:** T. Scavuzzo, B. Taylor, L. Heining, Sr. Eleanora, \*T. Veneziani

**Lectors:** R. Taylor, J. Melfi, J. Bowman, L. Heining, P. Nolte

### Pentecost Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** C. Aleszczyk, B. McHugh, O. Graff

**EM's:** S. Marano, S. Muffalli, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, \*E. Nolte

**Lectors:** Ry. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

### Pentecost Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** M. Conway, E. Mattera, L. Fagan

**EM's:** L. Solano, C. Otto, M. Meloni, T. Mattera, \*K. Fagan

**Lectors:** M. Miller, E. Mattera

## Sister Philomena M. Gini, RSM



**Congratulations to St. Stephen's Parishioner Sr. Philomena Gini on her retirement and induction into the Camden Catholic Hall of Fame!**

*Guidance counselor, educator, and unwavering dedication and service to CCHS since 1974.*

### ***This Week @ St. Stephen Parish***

5/13-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 6:30pm Finance Council  
 5/14-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 5/15-Wed-9am Mass, 5pm Confirmation, Choir to follow  
 5/16-Thur-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Children's Choir, 7pm Discussion  
 5/17-Friday-9am Mass  
 5/18-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 5/19-Pentecost Sunday- 9am Mass & 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptisms

### *A Message for All the Ladies:*



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

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***  
**Mondays 1:00-2:30pm in the Stonegate Conference Room**  
 Questions? Contact Eileen at (856) 662-8046 or email [heides@comcast.net](mailto:heides@comcast.net).

### ***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 Catholicism DVD Series***

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 info, please call Lily at (856) 786-0567.

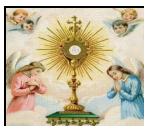
### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

**Series: "What is Faith?"**  
**7pm in the Parish Center**



### ***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

### ***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***

*(Both in the Parish Center)*

**Finance Council**                      **May 13 @ 6:30pm**  
**Pastoral Council**                    **May 20 @ 7:00pm**

### ***Prayer Pavers to Our Lady***

**Congratulations and Thank You to**  
**Joey Scavuzzo and Rick & Denise Caruso**  
**on purchasing their pavers!!**

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.

**SUBMIT ALL FORMS & PAYMENTS TO THE RECTORY**

### ***RCIA Ministry***

#### ***Interested in Becoming Catholic?***

- Have you been worshipping 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.**

### ***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 **May**, please contact **Bernadette @ 854-2928**

*St. Stephen's PTO*  
**Upcoming & Ongoing Events**

St. Stephen's  
**Barnes & Noble Book Fair**  
**THIS Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 4-8pm**  
**Towne Place at Garden State Park**

Pick up your summer reading list & books.

Hang out with Bowser the Bulldog.

Make a bookmark at the Craft Table.

Visit with **Dan Gutman**, local author of  
"The Baseball Card Adventure Series", from 6-7pm.

Enjoy a delicious Bulldog Smoothie in the Caf .

**Can't attend our book fair at Barnes & Noble?**

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online  
by entering **Book fair ID 11100815** at checkout.

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble  
purchase will benefit our school.

**Vouchers for this Book fair are available at  
the rectory, school, and school website.**

**Patronize the Penn Queen Diner & mention  
St. Stephens at the register for us to receive credit**



**St. Stephen's Night at the Riversharks**

**Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, with Fireworks after the game!**

The link to purchase tickets is on our website.

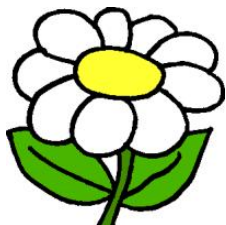
Tickets only \$11 (\$5 of which is donated to our school)

**Please help support our Wonderful School!!!!**

For additional information or any questions,  
please contact Denise Mc Hugh 609-315-1929  
[denise.mchugh15@verizon.net](mailto:denise.mchugh15@verizon.net) or any PTO Board Member.

**Calling All Bulbs & Plants!**

Please don't discard your  
Easter plants—we'll re-plant  
them on our church grounds!  
All plants may be dropped  
off at the rectory from 9am-  
4:30pm Monday thru Friday.



**Knights' Flea Market May 25<sup>th</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Spring Flea Market on **Saturday, May 25, from 8:30am to 2:30pm** at Mary Queen of All Saints (formerly St Cecilia's) school-yard. For information, contact Lonnie at 856 662-6049.

**South Jersey Catholic Medical Association Retreat Day May 18<sup>th</sup>**

A retreat sponsored by the South Jersey Catholic Medical Association will be held on **Saturday, May 18, 2013** at Discovery House, 3730 Richards Avenue, Hammonton, NJ. Registration and a light lunch will begin at 12:00 Noon.

The topic of the retreat is "Models of Spirit Responders". St. Giuseppe Moscati, a physician to the poor, presented by Dr. Carman Ciervo, and St. Gianna Beretta Molla, also a physician who died because she refused treatment which would have harmed the baby in her womb, presented by Dr. Joseph Hong. There will be a panel discussion on the topic "How to Become a Spirit Responder". The day will end with Mass at 4:30pm.

Registration for the retreat should be sent to the South Jersey Catholic Medical Association, 1845 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103. The cost is \$15 for advance registration or \$20 the day of the retreat.

For further information, interested parties may call 856-342-4125 or email [Katherine.Boyer@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Katherine.Boyer@camdendiocese.org).

Rejoice with Fr. Gerard  
as he celebrates his  
Silver Jubilee  
June 7 & 8, 2013

Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm:  
Jazz Vespers  
at St. Bartholomew Church

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon:  
Anniversary Mass at The Cathedral of  
the Immaculate Conception, Camden,  
followed by a reception from 2-6 pm  
at the Cathedral hall.

Tickets: \$35.00 per person (includes gift)  
and are available at both St. Bart's and  
St. Joan of Arc rectories. For tickets /  
information call Debbie at (856) 962-8642.

**Reverend Gerard Marable served  
at St. Stephen's from 1987 to 1989.**

**Parish Pastoral Council Minutes**

April 15, 2013

**Council Members Present:** Fr. Daniel Rocco, Deacon Anthony, Joe Haas, Janis Melfi, Melanie Santanello, Dennis Rooney, Rich Cesta, Earl Nolte, Liz McHugh, Glenn Johnson (K of C) and Terry Modzier

- Opened with a Scripture reading by Fr. Rocco
- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Joe Haas
- March 18, 2013 Minutes approved by Fr. Rocco.

- **Old Business:**

**Dedication of Parish Center** - The dedication of the "Sr. Bernadette Parish Center" will be April 27, 2013. The dedication of the building will take place after the 4:30PM Mass, and dinner will follow in the school hall. Dinner is generously sponsored by a parishioner.

**Spring Event** – This event will consist of three components. On May 5<sup>th</sup> the Dedication of the Pavers to Mary **before the 9:00am Mass**, the May Crowning **after the 9:00AM Mass**, and the Parishioner Recognition **after the 10:30AM Mass** in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center. Please join with your fellow parishioners in their recognition.

- **New Business:**

**Finances** - All bills are up to date. Budgets and spending are monitored closely on an "ongoing" basis.

**Anniversary Mass** - Reverend Richard T. Kunzman will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary Mass at St. Stephen's on May 26, 2013 with a Mass at 2:00 PM. Fr. will be hosting his affair, using our Church and Center.

**Parish Center** - The first draft of the "Guidelines of Use" has been presented to the PPC for review and approval. This will be reviewed at the next meeting of the PPC. Included in this policy is: purpose, fee scale, security measures and other pertinent guidelines. Additionally, the oil tank buried in front of the Center has been removed.

**School News** - Much of the School news is posted in the weekly church bulletin. Here are some of the highlights: Barnes & Nobel Book Fair is May 14th (Remember to buy your B&N Scrip prior to attending). Local author, Dan Gutman, will be in attendance to speak with students, families, and parishioners. June 7th is Field Day for the students with an Olympic theme. Penn Queen Diner & Bottom Dollar Food fundraisers continue, please patronize both businesses and mention St. Stephen's parish!

- Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 pm.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Rocco
- Next PPC meeting at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish Center** on: **Monday May 20, 2013, 7:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted, Terry Modzier

Don't let your worries get the best of you;  
Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Many folks want to serve God. But only as advisers.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose,  
but mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus,  
middle of the road, and back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once,  
but temptation bangs on the front door forever.

Quit griping about your church;  
if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

If a church wants a better preacher,  
it only needs to pray for the one it has.

We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until  
he is dead. So why should you?

Some minds are like concrete:  
Thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Peace starts with a smile.

I don't know why some people change churches;  
What difference does it make which one you stay home from?

Be ye fishers of men. You catch 'em - He'll clean 'em.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

God loves everyone,  
but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

He who angers you, controls you!

If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!

Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

The Will of God never takes you to where the  
Grace of God will not protect you.

We don't change the message. The message changes us.

You can tell how big a person is  
by what it takes to discourage him/her.

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:  
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.