

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

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Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe

Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood

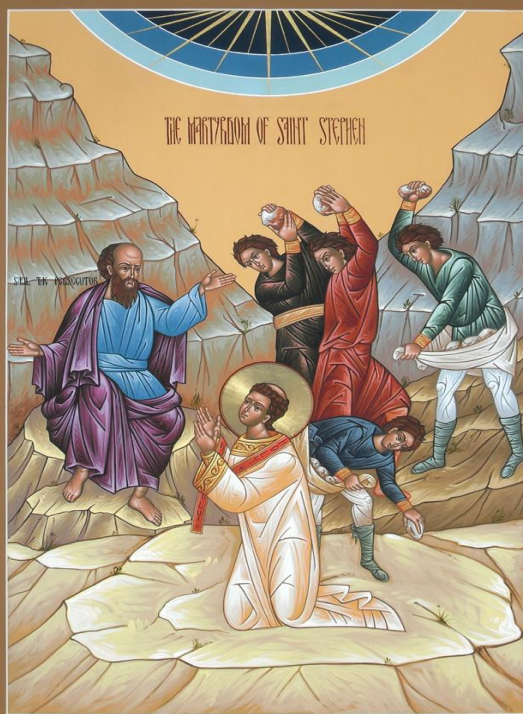
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees

Rose Marie Davis
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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

Emergencies

(856) 261-9336

(Accidents, Dying or Death)

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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.

May 17, 2015 – 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

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

MONDAY 9:00am	May 18, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	May 19, 2015 Roger Daujeumont (1 st Anniversary) r/b Jim & Janice Rotondo
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	May 20, 2015 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	May 21, 2015 Eileen Rua r/b Andy & Mary Jane Salmonsens
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 22, 2015 Rev. Msgr. Patrick S. Chiarilli r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 23, 2015 Robert J. Norris r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 24, 2015 Rose Marie Mufalli r/b Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer
10:30am	Christopher Raymond Oliveras r/b Deacon Anthony & Phyl Cioe

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.

May 9/10, 2015 Collection:	\$4,687
May 9/10, 2015 Nepal Earthquake Relief:	\$ 915
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,966

Special Collections:

May 17, 2015: "Catholic Communications" (Diocese)

June 14, 2015: "Brazilian Missions" (Diocese)

(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

2015 House of Charity Appeal

2015 House of Charity y-t-d	\$22,175 (42%)
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 95 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, 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., John Howard, 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, Donna Jean Vinciquerro, Mary Viviello, Dolores VonAlex, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for May 23/24

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: V. Thibault, J. Heininger, L. Heininger, A. Knight, *C. Pandola

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, Q. Nguyen

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

Lectors: W. McHugh, J. Scavuzzo

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, O. Albert

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, Geo. Tutwiler, D. Urgo, T. Urgo, *T. Matterna

Lector: J. Messina

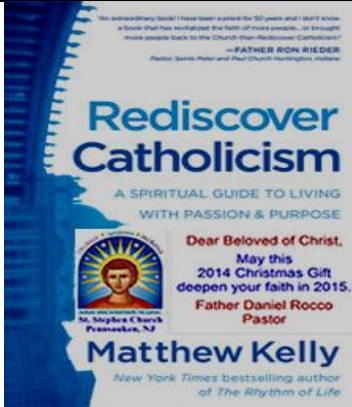


Our heartfelt appreciation to **Mrs. Pat Nolte** for her many hours of research and writing the 16-week bulletin series entitled "**Why Do We...**" that wonderfully explained the various segments of the Mass. We also thank her better half, **Mr. Earl Nolte**, who tediously formatted these columns for our weekly bulletin. Today you will find the final installment of this very educational series on page 4. **Thank you Pat & Earl!**

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 5/18-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study
- 5/19-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 5/20-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 5/21-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club, 7pm Choir
- 5/22-Friday-9am Mass
- 5/23-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 5/24-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Thursday Night Discussion Club Continues May 21, 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, May 21st 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, June 5, 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 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



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.

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.

The 16th and Final Installment of

WHY DO WE ...

Process from the church?

The Concluding Rite is the final and indeed an important portion of the Mass. It may include a few brief announcements with general information, and an invitation to participate in events at the church in the coming week.

The Eucharistic Ministers who will visit the sick are called forward to receive their Pyx containing the Host. They are blessed and charged with carrying our Lord in Body and in Word to those unable to attend. This is a good opportunity to add your own pleas to God to answer the prayers of our parishioners in need.

Father will offer a final blessing for all the assembly. We are then dismissed by the deacon, asking that we go forth with God's peace to share His Word. As the Mass began with a procession, so it ends with a procession and a joyful song to send us out to the world. We entered the church with a desire to encounter our Lord, and He comes to us through the Mass and the Eucharist. As we join in the procession out of the church, we carry Him within us, out to the world, strengthening us to live more as God wishes us to live and share His message through our actions.

Become Engaged

As the powerful and empowering Mass draws to an end, listen closely to the final blessing. When you are instructed to go forth in the peace of our Lord, hear these words with your heart, remembering you now carry the strength of Jesus within you.

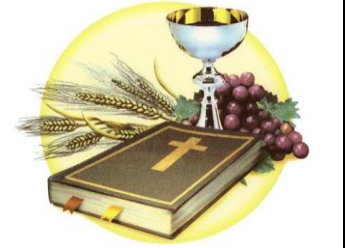
Today's feature also concludes our series on the Mass. It is our hope each parishioner has learned something new about the Mass or perhaps refreshed some forgotten fact about our rites and rituals, which have resulted in a renewed desire to participate more fully in this wonderful gift from our Lord. As we have demonstrated, there is virtually no action or word in the entire celebration that is without Spiritual significance.

Our First Communicants

The following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 10th.

We wish to thank our CRE Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, our Sacramental Prep teacher Mrs. Terry Scavuzzo, and all those who helped make this celebration a blessed day. Please keep these children in your prayers:

Ziannie Rivera
Ziarra Rivera
James Vales
Jasmine Vales
Juan Vales



Our Lady of Hope Family Festival

Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood

Come and Enjoy

Rides, Raffles, Games, and Food

May 28th – May 30th , Family Night May 28th

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM Nightly

Still Single? Wonder Why?

Join us for a personal reflection as we journey through the book "Would You Date You" to uncover why you haven't met your spouse. Saturday, **June 20th** from 1 pm to 4:30 pm at the Collegium Center for Faith and Culture. 301 White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights NJ 08035. Mass and social gathering to follow.

The cost is \$20 (cash only, pay at the door)

Please RSVP to Catholic.ssm@gmail.com

Diocese of Camden Office of Youth,
Young Adult, and Campus Ministry

WYD2016 & Jubilee of Mercy = Life-Changing Pilgrimage for Young Adults.

Bishop Sullivan and the Dioceses of Camden, Metuchen and Trenton are leading a Pilgrimage for those ages 18-39 from July 22-August 1, 2016 to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland. This 12-day life-changing journey of faith will include praying with the Holy Father and millions of youth/young adults from around the world, as well as trips to Auschwitz, Czestochowa(home of the Black Madonna), Divine Mercy Sanctuary, and Zakopane, plus pre/post pilgrimage experiences at home. Only \$3625 (twin room), for itinerary and FAQ visit

<http://www.camdendiocese.org/young-adultministry/world-youth-day-2016/> or call 856-583-6122 for more information.

It's not too late; deposits can be accepted until July 1, 2015.

Jubilee Celebration!

Special 10:30am Mass May 31st

Ordained on May 26, 1990, Father Daniel Rocco recently participated in the May 5th Diocesan Jubilee Mass with several other priests celebrating their Jubilees with Bishop Dennis Sullivan presiding. The Parish of St. Stephen will celebrate Father Rocco's 25th Anniversary Jubilee at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday May 31, 2015.

**Refreshments will follow at the Parish Center.
All are welcome to attend!**

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## *Do You Have the Gifts to Serve Christ as a Deacon?*

The Office of the Diaconate is hosting "Information Meetings" throughout the Diocese. If think you are being called to serve Christ as a Deacon, please consider attending an information meeting.

The schedule is as follows:

Thursday June 18th 7:00 PM – St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, 1417 New Road, Newfield

Monday June 22nd 7:00 PM – Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, 1655 Magnolia Road, Vineland

Wednesday June 24th 7:00 PM – Incarnation Parish, 240 Main Street, Mantua

Thursday June 25th 7:00 PM – Our Lady of the Angels, 35 E. Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House

Tuesday June 30th 7:00 PM – Our Lady of Peace Parish, 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown

Wednesday July 8th 7:00 PM – St. Stephen Parish, 6306 Browning Road, Pennsauken

**For more information, please call  
the Office of the Diaconate  
at 856-583-2858 or email:  
michael.carter@camdendiocese.org.**

# *Knights Flea Market*



The Knights of Columbus will be having their semi-annual flea market on Saturday, June 6, from 8:00am to 2:30pm at St Cecilia's School parking lot. Spaces are available. For further information, please call Lonnie Monaco at 856 662-6049.

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Knights Blood Drive



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Red Cross Summer Blood Drive at St Stephen's Parish Center on Wednesday, June 17, from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Appointments may be set up online at redcrossblood.org, by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or signing up in the back of the church after all Masses. For further information, please call Lonnie Monaco at 856 662-6049.

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## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

### ***MARRIED COUPLES:***

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is - call now!

**The next weekends are May 29-31 and July 31-Aug 2.**

**For more information call 609-742-4035  
or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org)  
Visit our website [wwwme-southjersey.org](http://wwwme-southjersey.org)**