

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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June 1, 2014 – 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: 3rd 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, 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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

There will be NO DAILY MASS on MONDAYS during the months of JULY & AUGUST.

MONDAY 9:00am	June 2, 2014 The Tomaselli Siblings r/b Sister
TUESDAY 9:00am	June 3, 2014 My Father Peter r/b Son, Peter Phan
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	June 4, 2014 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY 9:00am	June 5, 2014 The Anniversary of the Deaths of M/M Juanito Delfin & M/M Nestor Nicdao
FRIDAY 9:00am	June 6, 2014 (First Friday Adoration) A Special Intention r/b Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	June 7, 2014 Marie Melchiorre r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
SUNDAY 9:00am	June 8, 2014 Jechang Ha r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Joseph Cioe r/b Anthony, Phyl & Children Msgr. Eugene J. Fitzsimmons r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of The Unborn Children.

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 24/25, 2014 Attendance/Collection	483/	\$5,411
May 25/26, 2013 Comparison	441/	\$4,366
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$5,220

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

2014 House of Charity Appeal

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

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 Vивиello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex, Ed Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for June 7/8

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Surgner, S. Caban, T. Mason
EM's: T. Angstman, P. Petronis, L. Heiningner, A. Knight, *J. Heiningner
Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: O. Graff, C. Hearn, M. Conway
EM's: S. Marano, L. Monaco, R. Davis, R. Leone, *L. McHugh
Lectors: D. Heck, M. Miller

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: J. Mack, O. Albert, J. Bui
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, T. Mattered, T. Link, J. Fagan, *K. Fagan
Lectors: J. Bowman, C. Otto

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, deacons, 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 Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call
1-800-964-6588

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

6/2-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Women's Bible Study
6/3-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm "In the Footsteps of St. Rita"
6/4-Wednesday-9am Mass
6/5-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs
6/6-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
6/7-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
6/8-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptismal Training

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 Classes

Registration for 2014-2015 is underway!

Forms may be found in the rectory and on our website. The fee is \$135 per family (\$10 discount if registered by June 30). Tentative start date is 9/17/14.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will Resume in September.
Have a great Summer!



First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

Friday, June 6th, 9:45am-7:00pm.



REASON #6 for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament: Jesus wants you to do more than to go to Mass on Sunday. "Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete."
(Pope John Paul 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, June 9 Finance Council
Monday, June 16 Pastoral Council

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

FINAL CALL FOR SPRING UPDATE!!!

We will be placing our Spring Update order by June 15th, so if you have been considering purchasing a paver, please send it in now to be included. Thank you everyone for your support to the project and the Knights of Columbus!!!

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.

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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

Prayer requests for the month of June, please contact **Bernice @ 662-4641**.

"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 3rd, Tuesday

7:00 pm

St. Stephen's Church

Browning Rd, Pennsauken, NJ

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2014



The following students & candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 29, 2014 with the Most Reverend Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan presiding.

Please keep these Confirmandi in your prayers:

Ruben Anthony Arroliga, III
Justin Peter Bui
Robert Edward Francis Condon, III
Lyana Marie Anna Crespo
Lauren Faith Davis
Kevin Joseph Fagan
Victoria Veronica Flacco
Theresa Cecilia Gardner
Owen Nicholas Anthony Gerold
Graziana Cecilia Gladden
Olivia Marie Cecilia Graff
Amelia Rose Hiller
Nathan Anthony Hobbs
Christopher William Matthew Holmes
Nicholas Mark Christopher Hughes
John Robert Erasmus Kueny
Kaitlyn Christine McGowan
Madison Marie Carolyn Miller
Tyler J. Michael Patti
Andraya Elizabeth Przychowicz
Lenard Edward Rebilas
Jared Enrique John Rivera
Raiza Therese Rosa
Anais Evelyn Marie Rubio
Victoria Iris Catharine Ruiz
William Anthony Sullivan
Frank Joseph Jude Schlegel, Jr.
Gina Marie Veronica Stone
Sarah Rose Surgner
Ayron Thomas Taylor
Chase Thomas Christian Turner

We wish to thank **Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE**, our principal **Mrs. Pat Higgins**, teachers **Mrs. Mary Ann Hill** and **Mr. Earl Nolte**, our Ushers, and a special thank you to **Maria Haas** and her "Angels" for beautifying our church for both Confirmation and First Communion. With gratitude also to our Choir Director **Nancy Werner Kaiser** and our **Choir** for their contribution to our Confirmation celebration.



Race for Education
Monday, June 9, 2014
Saint Stephen School
6300 Browning Road
Dennsauken, NJ



From _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Dear _____

Message _____

On Monday, June 9th, 2014, Saint Stephen Catholic School will be holding their final fundraiser. All students will be celebrating the 52 wonderful years that the school provided an outstanding Catholic education by walking 52 times around the school building to commemorate each year of learning. The funds from this race benefit the students. I hope you will be able to sponsor me. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please fill out the form below if you can help. Thank you.

ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

I am enclosing a donation of:

___\$5.00 ___\$10.00 ___\$15.00 ___\$20.00 ___\$25.00 ___Other

(Please make your check out to Saint Stephen School. Please note your cancelled check will be the record of your contribution. Thank you!)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please drop off or mail your contribution to:

Saint Stephen School, 6300 Browning Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog!!!



St. Stephen's School & Parish

Night at Campbell's Field!

Riversharks vs. Long Island Ducks
Friday, June 20th, 2014 - 7:05pm



Calling all Bulldogs—come enjoy a fun night with your friends for this last gathering of our school family by watching the 'Sharks take on the Ducks - Hope to see you there!! Questions?? Please contact Denise McHugh

609-315-1929 denise.mchugh15@verizon.net. Fireworks extravaganza following the game!

Tickets Only \$12

*\$1.25 processing fee per ticket

\$5 of each ticket will be donated to the St. Stephen's School & Parish

Ticket sales end at 5pm on June 19th

1. Log onto www.riversharks.com and select "Riversharks Fundraising Log-In" on the right-hand side
2. Enter your group's unique code
3. Select "Buy"
4. Choose your seats and complete your order
5. Root for the Riversharks!

Your Group's Code:
Stephens2014

*This code will also give you the opportunity to purchase discounted food vouchers online!

Questions? Contact:
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