

# 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 15, 2014 – The Most Holy Trinity*

### 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".

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

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 16, 2014</b> John O'Connor r/b His Wife Florence & Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 17, 2014</b> Paul Marsilli r/b Mary Jane & Andy Salmonsén
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 18, 2014</b> William Jordan, Jr. r/b Catherine Broome
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 19, 2014</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 20, 2014</b> A Special Intention r/b Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>June 21, 2014</b> Marie Melchiorre r/b Rosina Midili & Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 22, 2014</b> Jechang Ha r/b Joseph & Jennifer Woolston
10:30am	Norman & Phyllis Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri George Kinsler r/b Terry Carr & Judy Kinsler Jacqueline Catino r/b Loving Husband, Carl

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of John O'Connor.

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>June 7/8, 2014 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>409/</b>	<b>\$5,784</b>
<b>June 8/9, 2013 Comparison</b>	<b>471/</b>	<b>\$4,896</b>
<b>2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection</b>		<b>\$5,588</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average</b>		<b>\$5,218</b>

Next Diocesan Special Collection:  
7/13/14: "Pastoral Solidarity Fund"

## 2014 House of Charity Appeal

**2014 House of Charity y-t-d**    \$23,630 (44% )  
**2014 House of Charity Goal**    \$53,295

Thank you to the 103 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.

**Note:** The House of Charity Office continues to be slightly behind schedule. With that said, if your check hasn't cleared and/or if you receive an invoice for a pledge already paid, please be patient and wait for next month's statement...that should be up to date. If not, the House of Charity may be reached at 856-338-0766.



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 June 21/22

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** S. Surgner, T. Mason, T. Albert

**EM's:** B. Taylor, V. Thibault, J. Heiningen, T. Angstman, \*L. Heiningen

**Lector:** J. Melfi

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** O. Graff, C. Hearn, C. Aleszczyk

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

**Lectors:** J. Messina, J. Gerst

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** The Hughes Boys

**EM's:** J. Bowman, L. Solano, T. Mattera, K. Fagan, T. Link

**Lectors:** P. Cioe, L. Fagan

## Stewardship Reflection for The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

### "Stewardship Love is Unconditional"

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." JOHN 3:16A

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love? Are you the kind of **Steward** who is generous with your time, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you?

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

6/16-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Pastoral Council  
6/17-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
6/18-Wednesday-9am Mass, Last Day of School  
6/19-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs  
6/20-Friday-9am Mass  
6/21-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass,  
7pm Knights of Columbus Cabaret Night  
6/22-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



***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, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



REASON #8 for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament: The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament! "How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!" (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei)

***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 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](http://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.



# St. Stephen's School & Parish Night at Campbell's Field!

## Riversharks vs. Long Island Ducks Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:denise.mchugh15@verizon.net). **Fireworks extravaganza following the game!**

1. Log onto [www.riversharks.com](http://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**

### 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 19<sup>th</sup>\*

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

Questions? Contact:  
Mark Schieber  
856-583-0031

[mschieber@riversharks.com](mailto:mschieber@riversharks.com)

**856-583-0027** **riversharks.com**

## Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Council 3512 "Cabaret Night"

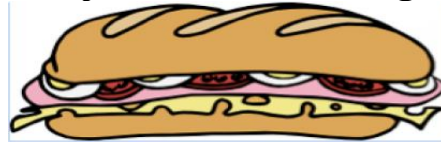
Saturday June 21, 2014 in our School Gym  
Featuring Standard & Show Tunes by Maggie Mustico

Dinner at 7:00pm - Show at 8:00pm  
Dancing after the show until 11:00pm  
Tickets are \$25.00 per person

**For tickets contact:**

Glenn Johnson (609) 922-4349 or  
Larry Painter (609) 605-0277

## Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale



As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **June 28 & 29**. For info call 856-227-4627.

## Paul VI High School Summer Party

Alumni, parents, and friends of Paul VI are invited to the annual **Eagles in the WILD Summer Party and All Class Reunion** in North Wildwood. Proceeds will support student scholarships for incoming students to Paul VI High School.

**Saturday, July 19, 2014**

**Flip Flopz Bar & Grille, 300 New Jersey Avenue, North Wildwood  
3-7pm (PVI is welcome to stay after 7pm @ no cover charge)**

**\$25.00 pre-register online by 7/15 or \$30.00 at the door** – includes a free buffet, free beer and house wine, plus discounted drinks until 7pm. Enjoy music from the Alumni Band "Screaming Matilda".

**Register online** no later than July 15<sup>th</sup> @ [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org) and click on "Eagles in the Wild". Questions: Contact Mary Anne Yeager, [myeager@pvihs.org](mailto:myeager@pvihs.org), or Dominic Vesper, [vesperfamily@comcast.net](mailto:vesperfamily@comcast.net).

*\*\* No one under 21 permitted.*

## 2014 GARDEN FESTIVAL

**Saturday, September 6 from 10 AM - 6 PM**

Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception  
1000 Cropwell Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003  
Available Bus Service, Homemade Polish Food, American Fare & Beverages, Live Entertainment, White Elephant Sale, Variety Booths, Children's Games, 50-50 & Special Prizes

### Donations kindly requested:

Clean Household Items, Small Electronics, Books & Recordings, Brica-brac, Baskets, Sports Goods, Clothing & Children's Toys  
No Computers, Bedding, Large Furniture

**Volunteers are needed.**

**Please contact: Rosemarie Grabowski,  
Co-Chairperson, 856-235-1521  
or: Little Servant Sisters, 856-424-1962**

*Congratulations to*  
**St. Stephen School's**  
**Class of 2014**



***Ruben A. Arroliga, III***  
***Justin Bui***  
***Lyana Marie Crespo***  
***Lauren Davis***  
***Victoria Flacco***  
***Owen Nicholas Gerold***  
***Graziana J. Gladden***  
***Olivia Marie Graff***  
***Nasim R. Green***  
***Amelia Hiller***  
***Nathan R. Hobbs***  
***Christopher William Holmes***  
***Nicholas Mark Christopher Hughes***  
***John Robert Kueny***  
***Madison Marie Miller***  
***David Nguyen***  
***Kevin Dinh Nguyen***  
***Tyler J. Patti***  
***Andraya Przychowicz***  
***Raiza Rosa***  
***Anais Evelyn Rubio***  
***Victoria Iris Ruiz***  
***Frank Joseph Schlegel, Jr.***  
***William A. Sullivan***  
***Chase Thomas Turner***



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**June 10, 2014**

**Dear 2014 Graduates of St. Stephen School,**

Your class has the unique distinction of being the last graduating class of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic School. While this is hurtful at this time, in the years to come you will see it as the honor it really is, for to be the last means to embody all of the past 52 years and the responsibility to maintain the great St. Stephen traditions of faith, knowledge and friendship.

Your years here at St. Stephen have blessed you with the opportunity to practice your faith, develop your talents and be open your many gifts. Your families have sacrificed so that you might have this opportunity. The School of St. Stephen is grateful for their sacrifice. Hopefully you appreciate your parents' acts of love by your acts of gratitude.

My prayer for each of you is that you never lose sight of how much you have grown in your sacredness and how gifted you are. It has been my pleasure to spend time with you every Tuesday morning discussing how much the Lord loves you and cares for you. You have been blessed with all that is necessary for you to reach your potential. With a continued openness to the Holy Spirit, you will each grow into a kind, loving and holy person.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Daniel M. Rocco".

**Father Daniel M. Rocco**  
**Pastor of St. Stephen Parish**