

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

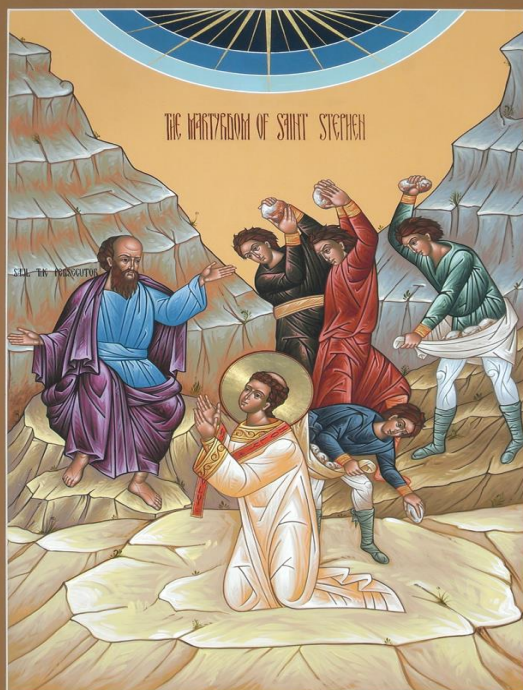
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe**  
Permanent Deacon

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

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**Rectory Summer Hours**  
Monday thru Thursday  
9:00am-4:30pm



## *Contact Info*

**Rectory Phone**  
(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336  
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(856) 227-2145

**Parish Email:**  
[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

**Parish Website:**  
[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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.*

***July 5, 2015 – The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Summer Communion Services:** Monday - 9:00am  
**Summer Daily Masses:** Tuesday thru Friday – 9:00am  
**Summer Weekend Obligation (no change):**  
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, 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 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".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 6, 2015</b> <i>Communion Service</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 7, 2015</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 8, 2015</b> Frank Rosolia r/b Lonnie & Mary Sharon Monaco
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>July 9, 2015</b> Zena Ward r/b St. Stephen's RCIA Team
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 10, 2015</b> Frank Rosolia r/b Lucille Buffington
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>July 11, 2015</b> Betty Picciano r/b Her Husband, Nick
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 12, 2015</b> Loretta T. Horn-Sauter r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Debbi Morrissey r/b The Angstman Family Dolores Von Alex r/b Charlotte & Bob Stapleton Leonardo Faiola r/b Sr. Eleanora & Family

### The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of **Edward J. Vogt & Grandson Eddie.**

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.

Offertory Figures for June 27/28 will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was required for submission on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,960

Next Special Collection:

July 12, 2015: "Pastoral Solidarity Fund in Africa" (Diocese)  
(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

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## 2015 House of Charity Appeal

2015 House of Charity y-t-d	\$23,075 (43% )
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 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, 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, Pat Gruber, Gregory Hayes, Chuck Hillwig, Thomas Holmes Sr., John Howard, Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Arlene LaFreda, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, 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, Savelina 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, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.**

### Ministry Schedule for July 11/12

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

\* Designates Alternate Server

#### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: B. Taylor, V. Thibault, J. Heininger, L. Heininger, \*Sr. Eleanora

Lector: B. Mattia

#### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, M. Conway

EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro, \*T. Modzier

Lectors: D. Heck, W. McHugh

#### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: O. Albert, J. Bui

EM's: P. Cioe, J. Messina, Geo. Tutwiler, T. Scavuzzo, \*T. Angstman

Lector: M. Turan

## Stewardship Reflection for The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### "Stewardship Work"

*"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'"*  
(EZEKIEL 2:2-3)

God asks each of us to do some *Stewardship* work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and give our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

# Summer Schedule



Effective thru Labor Day

**Weekend Masses:**

4:30pm Saturday,  
9am & 10:30am Sunday

**Communion Service:**

9am Monday

**Daily Mass:**

9am Tuesday thru Friday

**Rectory Office Hours:**

Monday thru Thursday  
9am – 4:30pm

## *This Week @ St. Stephen Parish*

- 7/6-Monday-9am Communion Service
- 7/7-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 7/8-Wednesday-9am Mass, 7pm Deacon Information Night
- 7/9-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 7/10-Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed
- 7/11-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 7/12-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptism

BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

## *Ladies Bible Study*

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: St. Stephen Parish Center**

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.  
Phone: 662-8046 email: heides@comcast.net

*The woman who walks with God  
Always reaches her destination*

## *Tuesday Night Rosary To Jesus Through Mary 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 Will Resume in September*

## *Thursday Night Discussion Club Will Resume in September*

## *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.

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



**We are here to pray for you.**  
Prayer requests for the month of July, contact Maryann @ 856-477-2789.

## *Parish Library*

For the summer months, the Parish Library will be open following Masses when volunteers are available. Watch for the "Library is Open" sign. The Library is also open whenever the Parish Center is open for other activities. We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. **Parents:** consider stopping by with your children for some **summer reading** from our children's section. 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 ([gutug@aol.com](mailto:gutug@aol.com)), Beth Picknally Camden ([bethcorkabi@gmail.com](mailto:bethcorkabi@gmail.com)) or Mary Sharon Monaco ([monacofamily4@comcast.net](mailto:monacofamily4@comcast.net); 609-238-1968).



### Will Resume in September

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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).

### First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, August 7, 2015,**  
**9:45am-7:00pm.**



## 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:**

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](mailto:michael.carter@camdendiocese.org).**

### Healing Mass July 15<sup>th</sup>

St. Thomas Parish in Brigantine - July 15 - 7:00 p.m. - dedicated to Father Michael J. McGivney - celebrated by Msgr. Michael Mannion and concelebrated by Fr. Bill Vandegrift and Msgr. Joe Mannion; assisted by Deacon Len Long - Those in attendance will have the opportunity to be prayed over with a first class relic of Fr. Michael J McGivney. In March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Fr. McGivney "Venerable" For more information call Deacon Len Long (609) 335-6470.

**Dear Lord,**

So far today, am I doing all right.



I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

## Reflections on Today's Readings The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading 1- Ezekiel 2:2-5

#### Reading 1 Reflection

Most people fear public speaking. And the ancient prophets of Israel were no exception. They had to proclaim unwelcome truths to the powerful because that is what God sent them to do. Like Ezekiel in today's reading, they felt inadequate to communicate God's message. Ezekiel knew that the Israelites, who were in exile in Babylon, would resist what he had to say about their need to repent.

However, God assures him that the rebellious Israelites will recognize that a true prophet has come to them. Despite his fears, Ezekiel agrees to be God's messenger.

### Reading 2 - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

#### Reading 2 Reflection

Like Peter and the other apostles, Paul did not suddenly become perfect when he began to follow Jesus. He had been a proud and powerful Pharisee who persecuted the first disciples. Paul received many great graces and blessings as he made his missionary travels and preached the good news. Yet he also had to endure many sufferings like the mysterious "thorn in his side" that he mentions in today's reading. The purpose of the thorn was to keep him from thinking too highly of himself and taking all the credit for his success as an apostle.

Paul prayed and Jesus revealed a wonderful secret to him. When we cooperate with God's grace, in our weakness God's power is perfected. Imagine how happy Paul was to discover that "when I am powerless, then I am strong."

### Gospel - Mark 6:1-6a

#### Gospel Reflection

"Who does he think he is?" and "She's just too much!" are common complaints used to belittle others. When Jesus first returned to Nazareth and preached in the local synagogue, his audience was amazed. They could not believe that one who had grown up in their midst could be such an outstanding teacher and healer. Perhaps they envied and feared the power they sensed in him.

Because of their refusal to believe, Jesus could work few miracles among them. He understood that a prophet is not honored in his own hometown. So he moved on to other villages where the people welcomed him.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. Your marriage deserves it, and so does your home life. The next weekends are **July 31-Aug 2 and Oct 23-25**. For more information call 609-742-4035 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org)

Visit our website [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org)

# Welcome

We've noticed many new visitors attending Mass who've generously contributed to our church. Please consider registering as there are many benefits to being officially registered at St. Stephen's:

- To Arrange for the Reception of the Sacraments
- To Receive Certificates of Eligibility to act as a Sponsor
- To Become more intimately involved in our Parish Ministries
- To Begin receiving Offertory Envelopes to track contributions

## St. Stephen Parish Registration Form

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(This form may be mailed OR placed in the Offertory Basket at Mass)

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's 1st Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Name (1<sup>st</sup> & maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage: Priest\_\_\_ Special Permission\_\_\_ Divorced\_\_\_  
Separated\_\_\_ Single\_\_\_ Widowed\_\_\_ Co-Habit\_\_\_  
Other\_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home Name:                      Date of Birth:

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Others Living in the Home:                      Date of Birth:

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## God & St. Francis Discuss Lawns

**GOD:** Francis, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistle and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect, no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honeybees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

**ST. FRANCIS:** It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds" and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

**GOD:** Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees, only grubs and sod worms. It's temperamental with temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

**ST. FRANCIS:** Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

**GOD:** The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

**ST. FRANCIS:** Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it-sometimes twice a week.

**GOD:** They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

**ST. FRANCIS:** Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags. **GOD:** They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it? **ST. FRANCIS:** No Sir. Just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

**GOD:** Now let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away? **ST. FRANCIS:** Yes, Sir.

**GOD:** *These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.*

**ST. FRANCIS:** You aren't going to believe this Lord. *When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.*

**GOD:** What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves form compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life. **ST. FRANCIS:** You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

**GOD:** No. What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter and to keep the soil moist and loose?

**ST. FRANCIS:** After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

**GOD:** And where do they get this mulch?

**ST. FRANCIS:** They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch. **GOD:** Enough. I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have they scheduled for us tonight?"

**ST. CATHERINE:** "Dumb and Dumber", Lord. It's a really stupid movie about..... **GOD:** Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.