

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

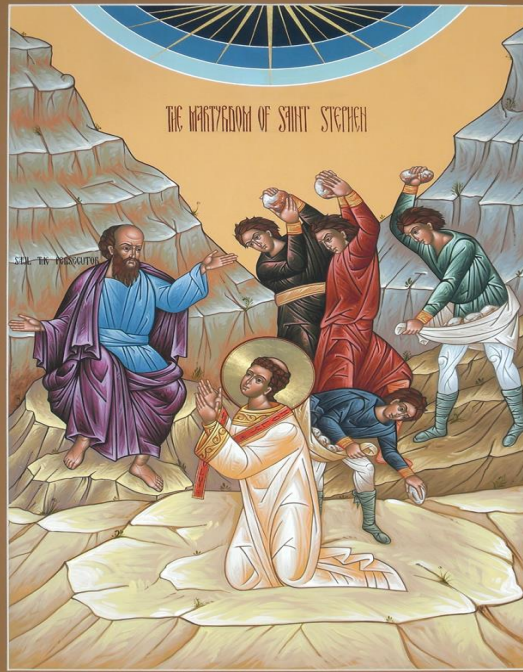
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
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Rectory Summer Hours
Monday – Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday: 9:30am-3:00pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339
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(856) 662-4679

Emergencies
(856) 261-9336
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Deacon Anthony R. Cioe
(856) 227-2145

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ecclesia@comcast.net

Parish Website:
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.*

August 14, 2016 – The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion Service: Monday - 9:00am

Daily Mass: Tuesday 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 2017 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	August 14, 2016
9:00am	Betty Picciano (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Her Husband
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family Alma Martin r/b Carol & Jim Martin
MONDAY	August 15, 2016 (Feast of the Assumption)
9:00am	Mass in Honor of the 55 th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Sen Xuan Ho
TUESDAY	August 16, 2016
9:00am	Robert Hickman, Sr. r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY	August 17, 2016
9:00am	Communion Service
THURSDAY	August 18, 2016
9:00am/Novena	Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
FRIDAY	August 19, 2016
9:00am	Rev. James P. Rush r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY	August 20, 2016
4:30pm	Jose L. Acevedo, Sr. r/b The Haas Family
SUNDAY	August 21, 2016
9:00am	Richard Cesta r/b Rose Davis
10:30am	Helen Huhn r/b Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer



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.

August 6/7, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$4,996
2016-2017 Weekly Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,340

Next Special Collection:

September 11th: "Holy Father/Peter's Pence" (Diocese)
(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

Bulletin articles should be received by Noon on Monday to be reviewed, approved, and formatted for publication. For best results, please submit 10 days before bulletin date.



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, Arthur Alessandrone, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccicone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joseph Fagan, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Jr., Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Darlene Marcinczyk, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Esther Tillinghast, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Rita Vitacolonna, Mary Vивиello, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for August 20/21

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner
EM's: A. Cirullo, C. Pandola, V. Thibault, A. Knight, *L. Heiningner
Lectors: J. Melfi, J. Messina

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, J. Vales
EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Davis, R. Leone, *E. Nolte
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, M. Daniels
EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, K. Fagan, J. Fagan, *T. Mattera
Lectors: C. Aleszczyk, R. Aleszczyk

Feast of the Assumption Monday, August 15th

We will Celebrate
one Mass at 9:00am

*(Not A Holy Day of Obligation this year)
(There is no special envelope)*

The Rectory and all Diocesan Offices
will be closed on August 15th.



**Monday's weekly Communion Service
has been moved to Wednesday this week.**

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 8/15-Monday-9am Mass, Feast of the Assumption (Not a Holy Day)
- 8/16-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 8/17-Wednesday-9am Communion Service
- 8/18-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 8/19-Friday-9am Mass
- 8/20-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 8/21-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptism

The Ladies Bible Study will resume September 12th. Have a wonderful summer!



Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, lively discussions, and fun!

When: Mondays from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)

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

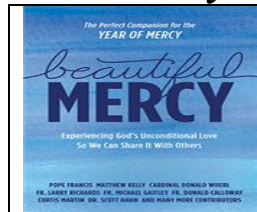
The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the pinnacle of God's creation. She is the most perfect, the greatest, the holiest human being ever to live. When we repeat her name, we greatly honor God her Creator. Mary never keeps any glory for herself. Her soul magnifies the Lord.(Lk 1:46)

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Registration for 2016-2017 is underway!

Registration forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The fee is **\$135 per family (\$10 late fee after Labor Day)**. Opening CCD Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, September 21st at 6:15pm.**

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will Resume
September 8th in the
Sr. Bernadette Parish Center
with the
Spiritual Works of Mercy.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
**Friday, Sept. 2, 2016,
9:45am-7:00pm.**



Art & Environment Ministry

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.**

Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide Electronic Giving, or eGiving, as a simple, secure & convenient method for making contributions. E-Giving is being used by churches throughout the country and works similar to online bill paying. You may logon to www.StStephensPennsauken.com to set up your account.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

(On Summer Hiatus, will tentatively resume on September 25th)

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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

For Prayer Requests
for the month of August,
contact Linda @ 856-661-8045

Parish Library

Our Cup Runneth Over!

Until further notice, we can't accept any more books!

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Summer 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 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).

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.

2016 House of Charity Appeal

2016 House of Charity y-t-d: \$32,310 (61%)
2016 House of Charity Goal: \$53,295

Thank you to the 98 families that have given generously thus far. If you have not already made a pledge to this year's appeal, we ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support this very important effort. By answering the call to give, you help us to continue the mission that brings love and comfort to so many. Extra pledge cards are available in the lobby of our church.

FIRST MOTHER FAMILY OUTREACH

Women from our diocese have formed a compassionate outreach for mothers who have not raised their firstborn children. In this Year of Mercy we, as ordinary women, offer you our comfort and support because we understand that time does not erase the pain of adoption loss.

Contact us at: FirstMotherFamily@gmail.com

"This is my commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you." -John 15:12

<http://catholicstarherald.org/birth-mothers-find-support-in-shared-experience/>

Mary Undoer of Knots YAM

In affiliation with Christ the King Parish in Haddonfield, our group has a special devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots. For those of you unfamiliar with Mary Undoer of Knots, she helps undo the knots in our lives. For instance, if you're struggling with a difficult decision, you can pray to her for guidance. Mary Undoer of Knots is also one of Pope Francis' favorites. Now that I helped to shed some light on Mary Undoer of Knots, I hope you will join us at one of our events:

Our August schedule is as follows:

8-17-2016 (Wednesday) Dinner & Trivia Night
Come join us for appetizers, sandwiches, drinks, & trivia. We will meet by the front counter at 7:45 PM at Throwbacks, on Route 130 in Delran, NJ. It will be a fun night of fellowship!

8-29-2016 (Monday) Monthly Bowling Night
Our monthly bowling night will take place at Pinsetter's at 7:30 PM. We will meet on the benches across from the bowling alley counter. Shoe rental is \$2.00 and each game is \$2.25. Besides offering great bowling prices, Pinsetter's offers food and drink specials.

If you know any Catholic young adults 21 to 40 years old looking to learn more about their faith, volunteer some of their time, or looking to meet new friends, please invite them to join us.

Rosanne Sacchetti
Persistent21@verizon.net

Going to Stockton, Rowan or Rutgers-Camden?

The Catholic Communities at Stockton, Rowan and Rutgers welcome you to our campuses.
Please note the following information:

Catholic Campus Ministry Center – Stockton University
235 Pomona Road, Pomona NJ 08240
Telephone Number: 609-707-1067

Director: Lois Dark
Chaplain: Fr. James King
Sunday Mass: 6:00 pm at the Catholic Campus Ministry Center starting 8/28 (Dinner for students after this Mass)
ALSO: Additional Sunday Mass on campus Sept. 11 & 18 in TRLC at 8:00 pm (near the freshmen dorms)
Daily Mass on Campus on Mondays and Thursdays at 12:45 pm check Facebook for up-to-date information
Newman Club: Wednesdays in Rm. K-102. Mass before meeting at 7:00 pm. Dinner served during meeting.
Contact Information: ldark@camdendiocese.org or (609) 707-1067
Facebook: Stockton University Newman Club
Website: www.ccmstockton.com

St. Bridget University Parish/Rowan Newman House – Rowan University
1 Redmond Avenue, Glassboro NJ 08028
Telephone Number: 856-881-3474

Pastor: Fr. Michael Field
Parochial Vicar: Father Victorino Coronado
Coordinator of Campus Ministry: Nina Camaioni
Email: ninacamaioni@gmail.com
St. Bridget University Church
125 Church St., Glassboro NJ 08028
Mass Schedule:
Sunday Mass: 6:00 pm
Daily Mass: Mon.-Fri. 12:30 pm
Contact Information: Rowanccm@gmail.com
Facebook: Rowan University Catholic Campus Ministry
Website: www.rowanccm.com
Sat.....4:30 pm
Sunday.....8:30, 10:30 am & 1pm (Spanish)
Mon-Fri.....8:00 am
Sat.....9:00 am

Rutgers University – Camden
Catholic Campus Ministry

Campus Minister: Father Krzysztof Wtorek
Sunday Mass: 5:00 pm in the Campus Center – Main Room
Daily Mass: 12 Noon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Market and Broadway
Contact Information: wtorek@me.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In this year of Mercy, please consider donating two hours a week to help parents and children learn English. Catholic Partnership Schools offers opportunities to volunteer your time and talents:

Volunteers Engaging Neighbors (VEN) is an after school English as a Second Language Family Program that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 at St. Anthony of Padua School, 2824 River Road, Camden, NJ. Students receive homework help and basic tutoring. Preschoolers and babies receive child care and play educational games. Parents receive ESL. Qualifications include the time, patience, and a willing heart to engage students or adults in small groups to review the basics in English, homework, reading, etc. Materials and training are provided. You may choose to volunteer either Tuesdays or Thursdays. VEN begins the end of September.

Please consider volunteering for either the fall or spring sessions. Just two hours a week makes a difference in the lives of our families. If interested or if you have questions, contact Sister Clarisa Vázquez, SSJ at 856-964-9284 or cvazquez@cspsschools.org. Thank you!

St. Stephen Church Parish Pastoral Council Minutes August 3, 2016

Council Members Present: Joe Haas, Liz McHugh, Earl Nolte, Melanie Lopez, Dennis Rooney, Janis Melfi & Fr. Rocco

Finance Members Present: Rose Davis, Keith Knight, and Lonnie Monaco

Other attendees: George Tutwiler, Mr. McSean Ung and secretary

WE ARE ALMOST THERE!!!!!!!

Opening serenity prayer at 7PM by Father Rocco

❖ **NEW BUSINESS:**

A joint meeting of the parish and finance councils was held to discuss the upcoming finality of the sale of the school building and contiguous land.

A presentation was given by George Tutwiler of zoning plans of the purported use of the St Stephen school building and contiguous land. These plans are to be presented to the zoning board on September 7.

The use is to be a catering and reception hall, namely, Mega Palace Inc. It is to be owned and run by Mr. M. Ung, current proprietor of Sun Seng Market situated on Rte. 38.

The address of this business is to be Rte. 38. This is so that traffic to and from the business will be by Rte. 38 and NOT St Stephen church property and or Browning Rd.

Following the approval of the plans by the zoning board and 45 days thereafter we hope to CLOSE!

It is then anticipated that 18-24 months will be needed to renovate the new catering business. Briefly, the now front of the school will be the back of the proposed business and the back of school will be the front.

It is further expected that it will be 4-5 years until the project will be complete with the addition of stores fronting Rte. 38. After the presentation, Mr. Tutwiler and Mr. Ung left. The two councils stayed for a brief discussion. Both councils were satisfied with the presentation.

Three issues of concern were raised and will be brought to the attention of all. These are:

- 1) variance is needed to ensure x amount of parking spots for St Stephen; and
- 2) to secure a construction access route to avoid St Stephen's main driveway traffic during renovation; and
- 3) to emphasize that the contract stipulates that closing will take place 45 days after approvals have been granted by the Township.

We are hopeful that this sale will be financially fruitful for our parish. And further that this sale will have a positive impact and we as parishioners will continue to have a peaceful parish lifestyle.

❖ Meeting Adjourned @ 8:00 PM with a prayer

❖ Next PPC meeting is tentative and will be scheduled after the results of the September 7th zoning board meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Melfi, Secretary of St. Stephen's PPC