

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco

Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony Cioe

Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood

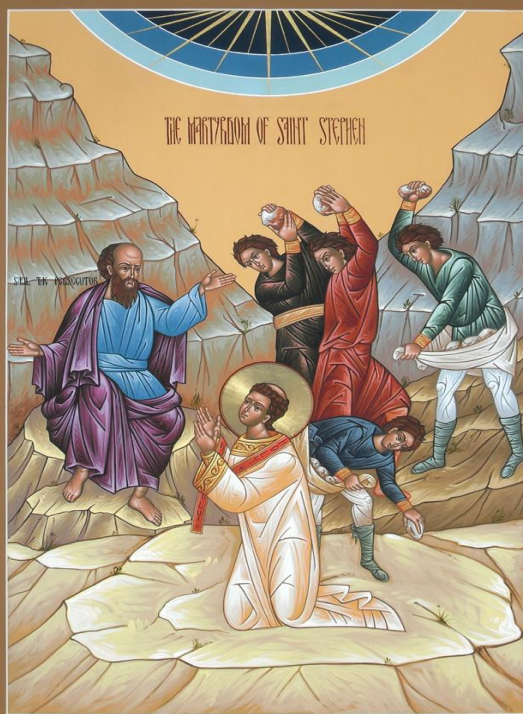
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees

Rose Marie Davis
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Rectory Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone

(856) 662-9339

Rectory Fax

(856) 662-4679

Emergencies

(856) 261-9336

(Accidents, Dying or Death)

Tribunal Parish Advocate

Deacon Anthony Cioe

(856) 227-2145

Parish Email:

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 17, 2014 – The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer Mass Schedule

Daily: 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 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.

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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

There will be NO DAILY MASS on MONDAYS during the month of AUGUST.

SATURDAY 4:30pm	August 16, 2014 Milton Burns r/b Ed & Barbara
SUNDAY 9:00am	August 17, 2014 Patricia Markley r/b Rita Vogt & Family
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Wife, Theresa Joseph Nickels r/b Joe & Maria Haas Mary Iacovelli r/b Gertrude Cavallo Rev. Wayne Patrick Lavin r/b People of the Parish
MONDAY	August 18, 2014 No Mass
TUESDAY 9:00am	August 19, 2014 A Special Intention r/b Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	August 20, 2014 Rev. Wayne Patrick Lavin r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	August 21, 2014 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	August 22, 2014 Catherine Elizabeth Mason r/b Gerry Kozempel
SATURDAY 4:30pm	August 23, 2014 Paul Brandimarto, Sr. r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
SUNDAY 9:00am	August 24, 2014 Kathleen Shiflet r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Rev. Wayne Patrick Lavin r/b People of the Parish Barbara J. Lane r/b The Rocco Family Charles Gonzalez r/b Jim Kelly

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Msgr. Joseph F. O'Connell.

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 9/10, 2014 Attendance/Collection	374/	\$5,292
August 10/11, 2013 Comparison	423/	\$4,428
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$4,768

Upcoming Special Diocesan Collections:

- 9/7/14: "Holy Father" & "Mission Co-op"
- 9/14/14: "Catholic University"



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, Joy Bowman, 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., Margaret Hughes, 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, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex, Ed Weingard.**

Ministry Schedule for August 23/24

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, S. Caban, S. Surgner
EM's: A. Knight, P. Petronis, A. Cirullo, T. Angstman, *V. Thibault
Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: J. Bui, M. Conway, Q. Nguyen
EM's: S. Marano, N. Schmidt, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro, *E. Nolte
Lector: J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

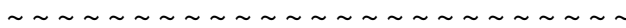
Altar Servers: K. Fagan, L. Fagan, O. Albert
EM's: L. Solano, J. Messina, T. Mattered, K. Fagan, *J. Fagan
Lectors: C. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewards Respond to Call"

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."
ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good *Stewards* by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.



Rectory Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm

Our office is closed every Friday during the summer through August 29.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

8/18-Monday- No Mass
 8/19-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 8/20-Wednesday-9am Mass
 8/21-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
 8/22-Friday-9am Mass, **Rectory Closed**
 8/23-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 8/24-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

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**. 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, Sept. 5th, 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, September 15 Pastoral Council

Defibrillator Training

We are planning a training session to teach ushers and interested parishioners how to operate the defibrillator (life-saving cardiac device) located in our church vestibule. Please call the rectory at 662-9339, x6 if you are interested. We will then plan the session at one of the Pennsauken Fire Houses and post the time and place in a future bulletin.

Estate Planning

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.

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

PAVER ORDER UPDATE!!! Proofs for the Spring Update have been received and approved. Our engraver expects to have them to us by the end of August. A total of 17 Pavers are on this order. **Thank you for your support!!**

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 August, contact **Michael @ 662-2543.**

College Mass Schedules

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 - Stockton College

235 Pomona Road

Pomona, NJ 08240

Lois Dark, Director

Father James King, Chaplain

Sunday Mass - 6 pm (Homemade dinner available after Mass)

Daily mass on campus on Mon. and Thurs. in Room F-201 at 12:45 pm

Newman Club - Wednesday's at 8 pm (Homemade dinner at 7 pm)

Contact Information: ldark@camdendiocese.org or 609-707-1067

Facebook: Stockton Catholic Campus Ministry (Newman Club)

Newman House - Rowan University

1 Redmond Avenue, Glassboro, NJ 08028

Mass Schedule

Sunday7 pm

Mon.-Wed.....12:30 pm Thurs. 7 pm on campus (TBA)

St. Bridget's University Parish

125 Church Street, Glassboro, NJ 08028

Sat.....4:30

Sunday.....8:30, 10:30 am & 1 pm (Spanish)

Mon.-Fri.8:00 am

Sat.....9:00 am

Catholic Campus Ministry-Opening Events

August 30.....Open House.....2:00 pm at Newman House

August 31.....First Mass and Bar-b-q.....7:00 pm at Newman House

Ann Polo, Director

Nina Camaioni, Assistant to the Director

Fr. Robert Sinatra, Chaplain

Fr. Matthew Weber, Pastor

Contact information www.rowanccm.com

apolo@camdendiocese.org or 856-881-3474

Facebook: Rowan University Catholic Campus Ministry

Rutgers University – Camden

Catholic Campus Ministry

Fr. Mike McCue OSFS, Campus Minister

Contact Information: mccue1959@gmail.com or (215) 582-1666

Sunday Mass – 5 PM Campus Center – Main Room

Daily Mass at 12 Noon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Market and Broadway

School Supplies for Haiti

At the request of James Andrews, the Diocesan Director of Black Catholic Ministries, I will be collecting school supplies for children in Haiti who lack the most basic resources a school should have. The current needs are: **notebooks, erasers, highlighters, pencils, pens, crayons, sharpeners and book bags.**

There will be a box at the vestibule until Sunday, August 17, 2014, awaiting your donation.

Thank you kindly, Lily.

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Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry.

A special toll-free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.

**The Diocese of Camden**



**DIOCESE OF CAMDEN**  
**Office of Child and Youth Protection**

*We can be sure that we love God's children when we love God and do what he has commanded. 1 John 5:2*

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

**CAP 1** teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

**CAP 2** is called *No More Bullies, No More Victims* and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

**CAP 3** is called *Cyber-Empowerment* and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere.

Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1 or 2 again if they prefer.

The following sessions will be offered in September:

**CAP Phase 1**

Tuesday, September 2, 2014, 7:00pm, Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit, Mullica Hill (Mullica Hill Site)  
Monday, September 8, 2014, 7:00pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lindenwold, San Juan Diego Center (**Spanish Only**)  
Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 7:00pm, St. Clare of Assisi, Swedesboro, Swedesboro Parish Hall  
Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 7:00pm, Our Lady of the Lakes, Collings Lakes  
Thursday, September 11, 2014, 7:00pm, Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Center  
Tuesday, September 23, 2014, 7:00pm, St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Northfield,  
Wednesday, September 24, 2014, 7:00pm, Our Lady of Peace, Williamstown, Marion Hall  
Thursday, September 25, 2014, 7:00pm, St. Katharine Drexel, Egg Harbor Township, Parish Life Center.

**CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention**

Thursday, September 18, 2014, 7:00pm, Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Center

**CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment**

Monday, September 29, 2014, 7:00pm, Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Center

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (856) 583-6165 or email [Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org) to register. **Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.**

The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website @ [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org)

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY.**