

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
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Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

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Contact Information

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August 25, 2013 – The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 – 7pm Vigil

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.

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.

Tribunal Parish Advocate-Dc. Anthony Cioe- (856) 227-2145

Rectory Summer Hours-Monday thru Thursday 9am-4:30pm
(Closed for 9 Summer Fridays from July 5 thru August 30)

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 2014 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	August 26, 2013 Gloria Vendetti r/b Jim O'Callaghan, Terry & Megan
TUESDAY 9:00am	August 27, 2013 Marie Zinicola r/b Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	August 28, 2013 Betty Somogyi r/b A Friend
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	August 29, 2013 Stephen L. Dombrowski r/b Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	August 30, 2013 Dorothy Kersis r/b Michael Ciarrocca
SATURDAY 4:30pm	August 31, 2013 Kenneth Knight r/b Carmella Meyers
SUNDAY 9:00am	September 1, 2013 Victor Gerst, Sr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Msgr. James A. Carr r/b People of the Parish William Boucot r/b Pat Pickering & Family Joseph Snipas r/b People of the Parish James R. McCoy r/b Ed & Estelle Ciccarone

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 17/18, 2013 Attendance/Collection	446/ \$5,529
August 18/19, 2012 Comparison	475/ \$6,077
2013-14 Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$4,871

Next Special Collection: 9/8/13: "Holy Father" (Diocese)

*There is an undated envelope for "Mission Co-op" in August.

At "press time" the Diocese has not yet assigned a Missionary to us. Any funds received will be used for various parish Mission activities.

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## 2013 House of Charity Appeal

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| <b>2013 House of Charity Y-T-D</b> | <b>\$48,432.50 (92.7%)</b> |
| <b>2013 House of Charity Goals</b> | <b>\$52,250.00</b>         |

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 141 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:

**Dolly Angelastro, Edith Bielinski, Milton Burns, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, John Maggioncalda, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Theresa Sauer, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivillo, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.**

## Ministry Schedule for August 31/Sept. 1

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** M. Ciarrocca, M. Ciarrocca, S. Surgner  
**EM's:** T. Angstman, Sr. Eleanora, A. Cirullo, P. Petronis, \*B. Taylor  
**Lector:** R. Taylor

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** O. Graff, J. Mack, C. Hearn  
**EM's:** S. Marano, L. Rosario, J. Rosario, R. Leone, \*T. Modzier  
**Lector:** M. Miller

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** K. Fagan, J. Bui, K. Coar  
**EM's:** J. Messina, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, L. D'Alessandro, \*W. Delfin  
**Lectors:** M. Turan, L. Fagan

## Stewardship Reflection

August 25, 2013

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *"Stewardship Has Different Standards"*

*"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." LUKE 13:30*

Our standards in our society are so different from God's standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will judge us by our **Stewardship** and not earthly standards.

## Rectory Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 9am-4:30pm  
Closed Summer Fridays through August 30<sup>th</sup>

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

8/26-Monday-9am Mass  
8/27-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
8/28-Wednesday-9am Mass, 7pm LifeTouch Portraits Meeting  
8/29-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 1:30pm Staff Luncheon  
8/30-Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed-Last Friday of Summer  
8/31-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
9/1---Sunday- 9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

### *Monday Ladies' Bible Study*

Will resume September 9<sup>th</sup> from 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*

Registrations for 2013-2014 are filling up!

### Don't be left out, register today!

Forms may be found in the rectory and on our website.  
The fee remains at **\$125 per family**. Start date is **9/18/13**.

### *Thursday Night Discussion Club* ON SUMMER HIATUS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.



### *First Friday Adoration*

The next Exposition & Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-7:00pm.**



"The worship given to the Trinity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...must fill our churches also outside the timetable of Masses...Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation of the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease." -Blessed John Paul II

### *Saturday 9am Men's Prayer Group*

ON SUMMER HIATUS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

## *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.

## *Bereavement Committee*

The Bereavement Committee is seeking volunteers to help minister to those who've recently lost loved ones in our community of faith. To join this special ministry, please call **Joy Bowman** at **662-4803**.

## *Council & Board Meetings*

All meetings 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

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| Monday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Finance Council |
| Monday, September 16 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Council  |
| Monday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Liturgy Board   |

## *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 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.

### SUBMIT ALL FORMS & PAYMENTS TO THE RECTORY

## *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.

## *Scrip Fundraising Program*

Scrip is available for purchase at the Scrip Table after all weekend Masses and at the rectory during summer business hours, **Monday-Thursday 9am-4:30pm** (excluding Holy Days & Holidays).

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



**We are here to pray for you.**

Prayer requests for the month of  
August, please contact  
**Betty @ 662-6928.**



The 25th annual Charismatic Conference will be held at the Wildwood Convention Center in Wildwood, NJ on the weekend of October 11, 12 & 13.

Adult, Senior High Youth and Junior High Youth Tracks will be offered. Come join us as we celebrate our Silver Anniversary.

This year's theme is "Your every act should be done with love." 1 Cor 16:14

For a registration form or more information, go to <http://www.camdencharismatic.org> or call (609) 522-5010

**St. Joachim Golf Tournament Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

St. Joachim Parish at 601 West Browning Road in Bellmawr, NJ is holding its second annual golf tournament at the Valleybrook Country Club in Blackwood, NJ on October 10, 2013. If you are interested in golfing, sponsoring a hole, or buying raffle tickets, please visit our website at [www.St.JoachimParish.net](http://www.St.JoachimParish.net). Click on the golf outing for registration forms, sponsor forms, and general information on the mega 50-50 to be drawn at the dinner on October 10, 2013. If you have any questions regarding the golf outing, you may contact Ken Murray at 856-931-5348 or the parish rectory at 856-931-6307.

**CCHS Class of 1963 50-Year Reunion**

The first class to graduate from Camden Catholic's Cherry Hill location is celebrating their 50th reunion on Saturday, October 19, from 6-11 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel in Mount Laurel. For tickets or to provide your updated contact information, visit [www.cchsclassof1963.com](http://www.cchsclassof1963.com), call Jim Bigley 856-816-6907, Janet Sereno Lewis 856-840-5959, Vicki Sclafani Orzechowski 609-220-9604 or email [cchs63reunion@gmail.com](mailto:cchs63reunion@gmail.com).

**Day of Recollection October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Recollection for both men and women will take place on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-3:30pm at the Church of the Sacred Heart, 103 Fourth St., Riverton, NJ. The day will include registration, continental breakfast, morning prayer, rosary, conferences lunch, confession and Holy Mass. Father Bruce Lewandowski, a Redemptorist priest from Philadelphia, will be the moderator for the day. His enthusiasm and sense of humor promise to make this a truly spiritual day. For further information, please call Dolores at (856) 829-2763.



**3 Specials now thru Labor Day!**

- 1. Free Celebration Announcements** such as engagements, sacraments, graduations, births, etc...
- 2. Free Memorials:** Honor the memory of a loved one with words of remembrance and photos.
- 3. Free Obituaries** from yourself or funeral director.

All of the above will appear online and in the printed Star Herald. To get started or for more information, please log on to <http://www.catholicstarherald.org/>.

After Labor Day, we will continue to accept Announcements, Memorials & Obituaries at a more affordable price than larger, local newspapers charge.

Experience God's Love & Gift of Healing

**Eucharistic Celebration & Healing Service with Fr. Fernando Suarez**

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 @ 5pm  
Our Lady of Hope Parish  
701 Little Gloucester Road  
Blackwood, NJ 08012

**Bring your Family & Friends!**

For more information, please call the **Filipino Apostolate of South Jersey (Diocese of Camden)**  
Marvin & Vivian Alverio (856)-383-7196

## *Music Ministry Notes Summer 2013*

As we welcome the summer season, the St. Stephen Adult Choir takes a much-needed rest in order to recharge our musical “batteries”. The Music Ministry will still provide worship music, at all weekend liturgies, in the hopes of enhancing your spiritual experience. We are so blessed to have a wonderful group of singers and musicians, dedicated to serving St. Stephen Parish through music. As always, we welcome anyone who is interested in joining our ministry. Please feel free to contact me, through the Rectory Office, if this is the year you feel inspired to share your musical talents with us. We are looking forward to returning in the fall, rejuvenated, and ready to continue to thank God, through our music, for the blessings he has bestowed upon us. Have a peaceful summer and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Music Director

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A Discovery Retreat Day for Special Needs Families Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 10 AM - 3 PM

Mass to follow dedicated to Our Families

A unique and comfortable opportunity to share lives, hopes and concerns in a trusting, comfortable and open atmosphere. You are all welcome to join us for all or part of the retreat day!

For information or to register, please contact:
Margie Abrams (609) 932-6134
Mabrams64@comcast.net
www.Discoveryministriesinc.org

The Discovery House is completely accessible.
Located in the beautiful pinelands of South Jersey
([3730 Richards Ave, Mullica Township, NJ 08037](http://www.Discoveryministriesinc.org))
near Hammonton.



2013-2014 REGISTRATION

Saint Stephen School is accepting new students for the 2013-2014 school year. We have a few openings left. Please call the office at 856-662-5935 if you would like to make appointment to see the school and meet our wonderful students and teachers. We look forward to you and your friends becoming part of the Saint Stephen’s school family.

Our School's current enrollment in Grade K to 8th for the next school year is **182**. We have room for many more students. If you know someone who is looking for the best Catholic education in Pennsauken, please have them contact the school. Thank you for spreading the word about the best kept secret in town.

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### *Life in the Spirit Seminars*

The Life in the Spirit Seminars are an exciting opportunity for you to “step away” and take time to renew and deepen your personal relationship with the person, the work, and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Join us on Sundays from September 8 - October 27 at 7:30-9:00pm at St. Rose of Lima** (parish lounge in rectory basement) 300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights.

The guest speakers will includes **Fr. Joseph Byerley, Fr. Peter Idler, Msgr. Michael Mannion, Deacon Craig Bickel and Deacon Joe Garozzo.**

For more information contact Chick Warrington (856)783-7117 [chickwarrington@comcast.net](mailto:chickwarrington@comcast.net) or Sue Wheeler (856)854-5844 [cswheeler45@gmail.com](mailto:cswheeler45@gmail.com). All are warmly welcome!

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Take Time For Yourselves

Now is the time for married couples to plan a weekend away together. This very private time together will strengthen, renew and rekindle your relationship. **The next two Marriage Encounter weekends are Sept. 20-22 & October 18-20.**

For more information, contact Bob & Michelle Dooley at 609-827-7117 or mesjdooley@gmail.com. website - mesj.net