

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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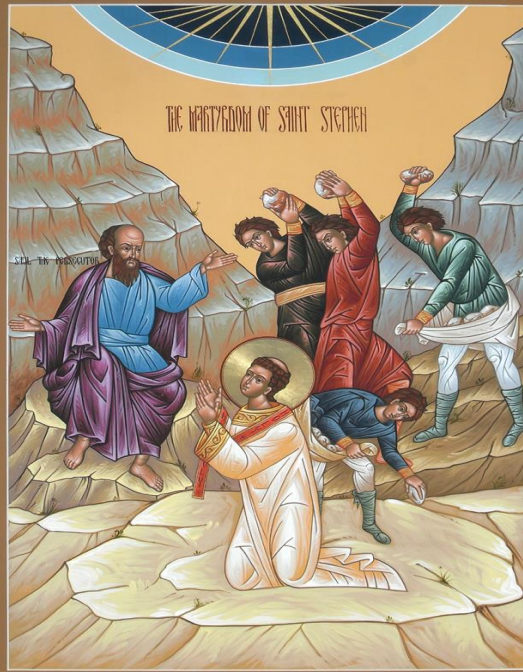
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Rectory Summer Hours
Monday – Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday: 9:30am-3:00pm



Contact Info

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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 7, 2016 – The 19th 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 7, 2016
9:00am	Maria Calzonetti (10 th Anniversary August 9 th) r/b Family
10:30am	Alma Martin r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt
MONDAY	August 8, 2016
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	August 9, 2016
9:00am	Philip Sapienza r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY	August 10, 2016
9:00am	Fred G. Rocco (Birthday Remembrance) r/b His Wife
THURSDAY	August 11, 2016
9:00am/Novena	Rev. Francis P. Gaffney r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY	August 12, 2016
9:00am	Rev. James P. Rush r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY	August 13, 2016
4:30pm	Theresa B. Ridgway r/b The Haas Family
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



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
***In Memory of
John Sarich, Sr.***

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.

July 30/31, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$3,877
July 30/31, 2016 Air Conditioning Fund:	\$1,206
2016-2017 Weekly Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,208

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 Alessandroni, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, 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, Mary Sonnie, 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 13/14

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: L. Heininger, J. Heininger, Sr. Eleanora, A. Rende, *A. Knight

Lectors: J. Gerst, B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, J. Vales

EM's: M. Miller, E. Nolte, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, *R. Leone

Lectors: Joan Rivera, Jared Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: R. Gardner, M. Daniels, C. Nicdao

EM's: T. Angstman, G. Tutwiler, T. Mattered, T. Scavuzzo

Lectors: P. Cioe, J. Messina

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewards Seek Heavenly Treasure"

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." LUKE 12:34

Jesus encourages His *Stewards* to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 8/8-Monday-9am Communion Service
- 8/9-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 8/10-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 8/11-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 8/12-Friday-9am Mass
- 8/13-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 8/14-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, 11:45am Baptismal Training

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

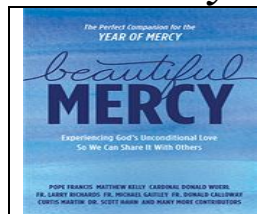
The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The 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

(This program will be on Summer Break during July & August)

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 Winter 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.

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## 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](mailto: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/>

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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!

Reflections on the Readings for The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2016

Reading 1 Reflection - Wisdom 18:6-9

The most memorable event in the early history of the Israelites was their exodus from Egypt. God led them out of slavery and saved them from their enemies. Today's reading recalls God's special care and protection of the Israelites. The author sees God's people as "the holy children of the good" who have cooperated with God's plan for salvation.

Reading 2 Reflection

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12

Because the Israelites believed, God saved them. Today's second reading recalls how our early faith ancestors placed their trust in God. Abraham and Sarah left their comfortable home and went to an unknown land because God called them. When God promised that they would have a son (Isaac), they were old enough to be great-grandparents. But they believed. They had the virtue of faith, a lasting confidence that God's word would be fulfilled.

Gospel Reflection - Luke 12:32-48 or Luke 12:35-40

One way Christians can prove that they are a people of faith is to live every day as though they expect Jesus to return. Today's gospel urges us to be awake and on the watch like servants awaiting the master's return home. We should be "on guard" against anyone or anything that leads us astray from Christ. Since no one knows when the final judgment will happen, the wise person will always be prepared for it.

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### Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. *If you are struggling in your marriage, attending a Retrouvaille program could be the best gift you give to your spouse, and family!* Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage.

**The next program begins on the weekend of August 12-14 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.**

For more information or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. The deadline for registering for this weekend is July 31. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential. When accessing information online, be sure to use Pennsylvania and Delaware Valley as your destination.



The Parish of St. Monica, the newly united citywide parish of Atlantic City, invites you to its annual Wedding of the Sea Celebration.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016

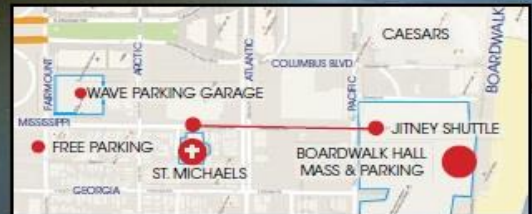
12PM – Mass of the Assumption at Boardwalk Hall (Pacific & Mississippi Ave.)

1:10PM - Procession to the Surf, in front of Boardwalk Hall for Wedding of the Sea

12:30–6PM – Wedding of the Sea Festival at St. Michael's (10 N. Mississippi Ave.)

### FREE & OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

FREE PARKING at lot across from Angelo's on Fairmount Ave. (b/w Georgia & Mississippi)



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- Barbera Seafood**
- Dock's Oyster House**
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- El Charro**
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