

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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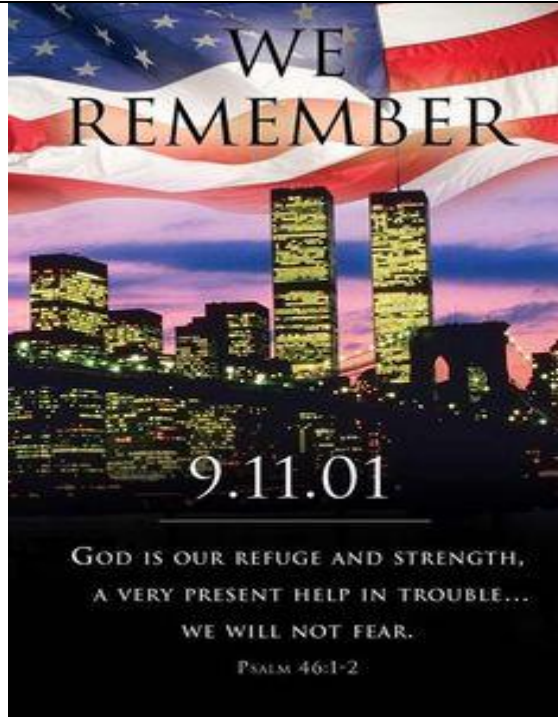
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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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.*

September 11, 2016 – The 24th 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 9:00am	September 11, 2016 Angelo Rosa r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Claire C. Fletiz r/b The Messina Family Helen Huhn (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Susan Newell
MONDAY 9:00am	September 12, 2016 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	September 13, 2016 Rev. John F. Bourke r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	September 14, 2016 Leonard Ayres Ellsworth r/b Lois Picknally
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	September 15, 2016 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	September 16, 2016 Msgr. Edward D. Alleyne r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY 4:30pm	September 17, 2016 Joseph Swider r/b The Baylor-Pandola Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	September 18, 2016 Richard Brokowski r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Edwin "Buddy" Collopy r/b The Haas Family Helen Huhn r/b Maryann Bufanio James Ackley r/b Our Religious Education Staff



The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of* *The Victims of 9-11*

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.

September 3/4, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$5,331
2016-2017 Weekly Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,386

Special Collections:

- September 11th: "Holy Father/Peter's Pence" (Diocese)
- September 18th: "Catholic University" (Diocese)
- September 25th: "Louisiana Flood Victims" (Diocese)
(There is no special envelope for the flood victims)
(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.

Remember Our Sick

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 Alessandrini, 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, Sr., Michael Lopez, 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, Helen Setzer, 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 September 17/18

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui
EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, *Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: B. Mattia, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 9:00am

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

Sunday, 10:30am

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

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,
Come One, Come All
To Coffee and Pastries,
At the Parish Hall!

Sunday, September 18th
After the 10:30am Mass



This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 9/12-Monday-9am Communion Service, 11am Ladies Bible Study
- 9/13-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 9/14-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 9/15-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
- 9/16-Friday-9am Mass
- 9/17-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 9/18-Catechetical Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016!



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

When: Mondays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions. Phone or text: 610-805-5363 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

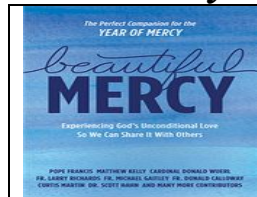
The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The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

Registrations for 2016-2017 are still being accepted.

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 Continue
September 15th 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, October 7, 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 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 September, contact Maryann-856-333-6525.

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.

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/>

Camden Catholic Events

Camden Catholic High School Open House

Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m. (check-in begins at 6:30). Learn how we empower today's students to find their purpose through academics, arts and spirituality. Meet our faculty, students, coaches and administration, tour the campus, and "Catch the Spirit" of CCHS! RSVP online: www.camdenatholic.org/openhouse.

Camden Catholic High School Scholarship & High School Placement Test

Saturday, November 5 at 8:30 a.m. Pre-Register online www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents. Students interested in competing for Merit and Arts Scholarships must take the test at Camden Catholic.

Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students are being scheduled at Camden Catholic High School. Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy. Select your day at www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

Irish Synergy Girls Leadership Event

Hosted by the Leadership Academy of Camden Catholic High School on Sunday, October 30 for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Visit www.camdenatholic.org/irishsynergy for more information.

Apartment for Rent

1-bedroom apartment in Pennsauken on the 1st floor, front and back entrance, private, call 856-665-0788 for details and more information.

Join St. Stephen's New Health & Wellness Team!

Are you interested in improving your health? Do you want to help others live the abundant life? Do you see a connection between care of the spirit and health and wellness of the body? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then we need you! Whether you are a healthcare professional, such as a physician, paramedic, dietician, nurse, etc., a professional in another field with an interest in health care, or a lay person with a desire to promote wholeness of the body and spirit, your help is needed. Please consider becoming a part of the Health and Wellness Team here at St. Stephen. Some of the functions of this team will be to plan health programs for the faith community, listen to the faith community's health concerns, and to work with the existing ministries of the parish to identify and address the health needs of the parish community.

Please contact the Rectory at 856-662-9339 or ecclesia@comcast.net and provide your name, telephone number, and email address. Then watch this bulletin for more information coming soon! Thank You!

Joanne DiBraccio, RN, CCM - Parish Nurse

August 27, 2016

Dear Fr. Rocco, Deacon Anthony, Deacon Al, and parishioners of St. Stephen's.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank the St. Stephen's family for a wonderful Christian experience for the past 10 years. Jack and I were so happy to join the parish in 2006. We became Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, we were counters for 6 years, helped out with the script program, worked the yard sales and going out collecting on Thursday nights, participating with the Living Nativity.

I cannot thank everyone enough for being so welcoming and friendly. We will truly miss St. Stephens as we embark on this next journey of our life in Virginia. I can only hope and pray we find a parish half as good as St. Stephen's. Whenever I walk through those doors I feel like I am home. God truly blessed us when we made the decision to come to St. Stephen's. I am a proud parishioner of St. Stephens and my only regret is that I didn't do it sooner. I received such peace in my heart being active and involved.

God Bless all of you and St. Stephens Parish.

Sincerely

Jack and Linda Heininger

St. Stephen Music Ministry Notes Fall 2016



Calling all Children/Youth!!!

The Music Ministry at St. Stephen Parish is actively searching for new members. If you love to sing or play an instrument, we invite you to join our Youth Music Ministry Program. This year, we welcome **Miss Theresa Gardner** as our Youth Music Ministry Director. Theresa is a talented singer and musician who recently attended the Music Ministry Alive Program under the direction of Mr. David Haas, musician, singer, and composer. She brings her many talents to St. Stephen Parish as she works with our enthusiastic and creative children and youth, helping them to develop and share their musical gifts. **Our first rehearsal will be held on Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 P.M.** Come and meet Theresa and experience the joy that music gives. Please make this the year that you join us in making music to praise our God.

People for the Poor Chances

The weekend of **September 24-25** People for the Poor will be selling chances for **\$5** (the cost for feeding a person for a full day) this year the winner will receive a week's vacation in Log Cabin in the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee along with a \$500 TD Gift Card! (both of these items were donated).

Below is a short story from our People for the Poor representative, Caroline:

"6 weeks ago, I was dropping off food at Home for the Brave which is a homeless shelter for our Vets (the words "homeless" & "veterans" should NEVER be in the same sentence)...anyway,

I was getting ready to leave when this handsome young man, around 27-28, who you could tell was Military by his posture, walked in, shook my hand and then went over to Tom who works with the Vets, shook his hand and said he was "Sgt...". Tom told him he was expected and to follow him. The young man asked for a second, walked over to the door, grabbed a black trash bag - he was moving in!!! This young man who had served our Country in both Iraq & Afghanistan was homeless...

This is just one of our Organization which we support and because of the kindness & generosity of St Stephen's Parish, that young man and so many more are having a better chance to get back of their feet, regain their self-respect and be able to enjoy life once again."

PREPARING FOR CONGRESS XII
 JULY 6-9, 2017
*"The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me: act justly, love goodness,
 and walk humbly with your God"*

Rooted in Our Faith
 Day of Reflection

With Keynote Speaker
Rev. Stephen D. Thorne
 Pastor, St. Martin DePorres Catholic Church
 Philadelphia, Pa
 Chaplain, Neumann University
 Consultant for Daniel Rudd Fund

Saturday, November 5, 2016

9:30 AM—2:30 PM

Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish
 St. Bart's Church
 751 Kaighns Ave. Camden, NJ 08103

Music provided by
 Diocese of Camden Gospel Choir
 (God's Perfect Harmony)

COST: \$10.00 per person includes lunch
 Please make check or money order payable to: Diocese of Camden
 Send payment to: Black Catholic Ministries & Cultural Diversity
 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102
 Attn: James E. Andrews, Director
 856-583-2907 or 2904 James.Andrews@camdendiocese.org

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - OCTOBER 28, 2016

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Name: _____ \$ 10.00 _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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