

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

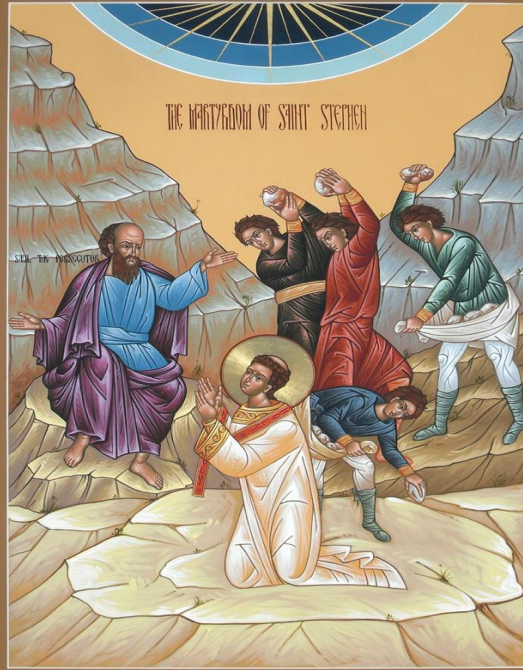
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe**  
Permanent Deacon

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

**Parish Trustees**  
Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

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



## *Contact Info*

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

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(856) 261-9336  
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**Tribunal Parish Advocate**  
Deacon Anthony R. Cioe  
(856) 227-2145

**Parish Email:**  
[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

**Parish Website:**  
[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 25, 2016 – The 26<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.  
Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 25, 2016</b>
9:00am	Phyllis Mignogna r/b Edward J. Vogt, III
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Helen Huhn r/b Donna & David Kane Patricia C. Bakey r/b People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 26, 2016</b>
9:00am	Communion Service
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 27, 2016</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 28, 2016</b>
9:00am	Richard Gentile, Sr. r/b Frank Pigliacelli
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 29, 2016</b>
9:00am/Novena	For the Healing of Rick Taylor r/b People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 30, 2016</b>
9:00am	For the Good Intentions of St. Stephen's Health & Wellness Ministry
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>October 1, 2016</b>
4:30pm	Nicholas J. Gambino r/b His Wife, Vilma Gambino
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>October 2, 2016</b>
9:00am	Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Helen Huhn r/b St. Stephen's Choir Mary V. Sonnie r/b The Angstman Family Ruth O'Brien r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Marlene Matteo r/b Her Family



## 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.

<b>September 17/18, 2016 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,693</b>
<b>2016-2017 Weekly Collection Target:</b>	<b>\$4,600</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b>	<b>\$4,452</b>

Special Collections:

**September 25<sup>th</sup>:** "Louisiana Flood Victims" (Diocese)

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** "Pro-Life" (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., 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, Mary VivIELlo, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Barbara Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for October 1 / 2

*\* Designates Alternate Server*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Server:** S. Surgner

**EM's:** L. D'Alessandro, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, \*A. Knight

**Lector:** B. Mattia

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** Q. Nguyen, J. Vales

**EM's:** J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Davis, R. Leone, \*M. Bufanio

**Lectors:** Joan Rivera, Jared Rivera

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** M. Daniels, C. Nicdao

**EM's:** T. Mattera, M. Miller, D. Urgo, T. Urgo, \*J. Messina

**Lectors:** R. Aleszczyk, C. Aleszczyk

## *In Appreciation*

A Special Thank You to Earl Nolte for his expertise and work on building the concrete ramp to the entrance of the Parish Center. We have already received many thanks for making access to the Parish Center easier for our elderly parishioners.

Thank you also to Trish Gardner and Bill Tillinghast for heading up our monthly Sunday Coffee & Pastries last weekend. Special thanks to our Hospitality Ministry headed by Terry Modzier, Anna Cirullo, and Mary Sharon Monaco. It was very nice once again to see all the people gathering in the Parish Center spending time in conversation and fellowship.

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

9/26-Monday-9am Communion Service, 11am Ladies Bible Study,  
6pm Deacons' Prayer Meeting  
 9/27-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Board  
 9/28-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes  
 9/29-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club  
 9/30-Friday-9am Mass  
 10/1-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass  
 10/2-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



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*

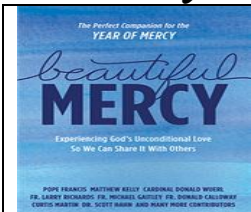
#### **To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church**

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*

Will continue September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

### *Thursday Night Discussion Club*



Will continue  
**September 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** 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](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.

## *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

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. In October contact Lois - 856-665-1221.

## *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**

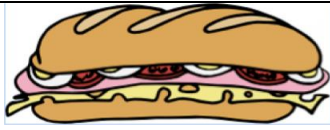
If you would like to volunteer in the library, please contact Gail Tutwiler (gtutg@aol.com), Beth Picknally Camden (bethcorkabi@gmail.com) or Mary Sharon Monaco (monacofamily4@comcast.net; 609-238-1968).

## *Prayer Pavers to Our Lady*

### **Congratulations and Thank You**

**to Lawrence Gatti, Jr. on purchasing a paver!**

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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).



**Knights of Columbus,  
Council 3512  
Hoagie Sale**

As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 & \$6.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **October 1 & 2**. For info call 856-227-4980.

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**Apartment for Rent**

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

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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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**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents) or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: [janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org](mailto: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<sup>th</sup>** for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Visit [www.camdenatholic.org/irishsynergy](http://www.camdenatholic.org/irishsynergy) for more information.



Specializing in lawn care, hedges, mulching,  
and odd jobs around the house.  
Contact Drew at 609-315-3130.

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

We will be meeting on **Monday, 10/3/16 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center**. If you have not signed up yet, you are welcome to join us then.

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](mailto: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**

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**Join the Notre Dame Club**

The Notre Dame Club of South Jersey is for alumni and friends of Notre Dame. The Club supports the mission of Notre Dame through Community Service and cheers for the Irish at Game Watches. See the Club website or Facebook page. All are welcome. Go Irish! Contact Chris Baekstrom at [southjersey.president@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:southjersey.president@alumni.nd.edu).

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**Attention All Centenarians!**

Our Good Lord has blessed some among us with the gift of 100 years. **If you are one of those 100 or more years young, or soon to celebrate your 100<sup>th</sup> birthday**, the Camden Diocese VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services wants to know who you are so that we can recognize you and celebrate your wonderful life. If you or a family member would send us your name, address, phone number, parish, age and birthday, we would be most grateful. You can send it to:

**VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services  
Diocese of Camden  
631 Market Street  
Camden, NJ 08102**

Or Email [Gerard.jablonowski@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Gerard.jablonowski@camdendiocese.org)

Catholic Charities  
Diocese of Camden



## Showers of Mercy

### Diocese-Wide Diaper Drive

To close out the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Catholic Charities is collecting diapers (sizes NB-5) and wipes for mothers in need across South Jersey. Donate diapers and wipes, then come to a "Shower of Mercy," baby showers where we'll celebrate mothers in the community and give out the diapers.

Step 1: Donate Diapers/Wipes      Step 2: Attend a Shower of Mercy



Now through  
November 18

8 Drop-off Locations:

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. Atlantic City | 5. Rio Grande |
| 2. Bridgeton     | 6. Salem      |
| 3. Camden        | 7. Vineland   |
| 4. Penns Grove   | 8. Westville  |

Find all addresses online at  
[CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/Locations](http://CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/Locations)  
Diapers Sizes NB-5 requested



November 18  
1-3 p.m.

5 Shower of Mercy Locations

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. 9 North Georgia Ave.<br>Atlantic City, NJ | 4. Village Shoppes<br>1304 Rt. 47 South,<br>Unit C1<br>Rio Grande, NJ |
| 2. 1845 Haddon Ave.<br>Camden, NJ            | 5. 810 E Montrose St.<br>Vineland, NJ                                 |
| 3. 114 State St.<br>Penns Grove, NJ          |                                                                       |



[CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/MERCY](http://CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/MERCY)



Questions?  
856-691-1841



[Brian.Wagner@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Brian.Wagner@camdendiocese.org)



## Pro-Life Collection October 2<sup>nd</sup>

For more than thirty years, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated **Respect Life Sunday** on the first Sunday in October. This year the theme is "*Moved by Mercy.*"

As you know, the **Pro-Life Collection**, the primary source of funding for our Respect Life activities and initiatives, will be taken up in parishes in our diocese on **October 1-2**. Your support will help us meet the challenge of building a Culture of Life in our time by moving the wider culture to respect the lives and dignity of all persons through education and service.

Since there is an unbreakable bond between the love of our God who has a human face in the love of our neighbor, we are compelled to oppose violence against persons in any form, whether it is through abortion, abuse, the death penalty or war. Our defense of life must also include working to eliminate racism, poverty and hunger. These are affronts to God Himself. Thank you for your generous support of this collection.



## Please Join Us At GOOD COUNSEL'S BANQUET

Thursday, October 27, 6:00-9:00pm  
THE MERION, 1901 US ROUTE 130,  
CINNAMINSON

YOU are invited to attend Good Counsel's Tenth Annual Fund Raising Banquet to benefit the homeless, pregnant mothers of our Riverside home. Our key note speaker is Vicar General of the Camden Diocese, Father Robert Hughes. Come and hear one of the many success stories of one of Good Counsel's moms and how, through your financial support, she now has hope for her future. Reservations are required. Please contact Mary Ann Lorimer for information: 215-989-0021 or [lorimerma@aol.com](mailto:lorimerma@aol.com). Ask friends to join you and we will reserve a table of 10 just for you! A free will offering will be taken during the dinner. Celebrate the miracles of our Riverside home with us. I look forward to seeing you! JoAnn DiNoia  
[Joann\\_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org](mailto:Joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org)

## Our Lady of Fatima 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Walls of Jericho prayer project is honoring Our Lady of Fatima as we approach the 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her apparitions in Fatima. **Please join us in praying the Rosary at 7pm in the St. Rose of Lima Chapel, Haddon Heights, October 7-13.** For more information see [www.fatima.wojworld.org](http://www.fatima.wojworld.org).

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

Bells are ringing for married couples! Not church bells, not school bells, not wedding bells, but faith, knowledge and married love WILL grow if you hear the wake-up bell reminding you to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next weekends are **Sep 30-Oct 2 and Dec 9-11**. Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Visit our website [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org)