

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

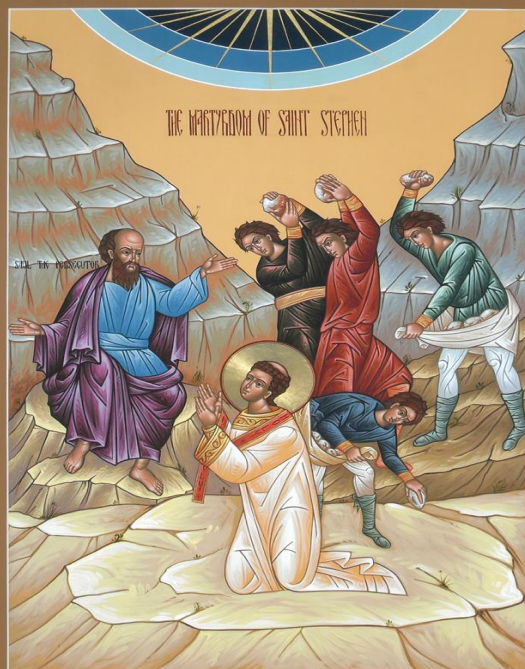
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
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Rose Marie Davis
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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

Emergencies
(856) 261-9336
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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 4, 2016 – The 23rd 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	September 4, 2016
9:00am	Victor Gerst, Sr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Neal Norris r/b Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer
MONDAY	September 5, 2016 (Rectory Closed Labor Day)
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	September 6, 2016
9:00am	Rev. John F. Bourke r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	September 7, 2016
9:00am	Msgr. Edward D. Alleyne r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	September 8, 2016
9:00am/Novena	Rev. Joseph H. Burns r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY	September 9, 2016
9:00am	Robert Guthrie r/b Lois Picknally
SATURDAY	September 10, 2016
4:30pm	Frank P. Moles, Jr. r/b The Baylor-Pandola Family
SUNDAY	September 11, 2016
9:00am	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



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
***In Honor of Our
Firemen & Policemen***

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 27/28, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$3,702
2016-2017 Weekly Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,281

Upcoming Special Collections:

- September 11th: "Holy Father/Peter's Pence" (Diocese)
 - September 18th: "Catholic University" (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 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 Viviello, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for September 10/11

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

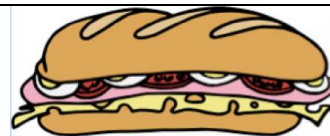
Altar Server: S. Surgner
EM's: Sr. Eleanora, A. Rende, A. Knight, V. Thibault, *A. Cirullo
Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, M. Turan

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, J. Vales, Q. Nguyen
EM's: T. Modzier, R. Leone, L. McHugh, E. Nolte, *M. Miller
Lectors: J. Gerst, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: R. Gardner, C. Gardner, M. Conway
EM's: M. Meloni, M. Conway, T. Angstman, T. Mattered, *T. Scavuzzo
Lectors: P. Cioe, J. Messina



**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 **September 10 & 11**. For info call 856-227-4980.

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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.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

9/5-Monday-9am Communion Service, Rectory Closed Labor Day
 9/6-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 9/7-Wednesday-9am Mass
 9/8-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club, 7pm Choir
 9/9-Friday-9am Mass
 9/10-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
 9/11-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

The Ladies Bible Study will resume Sept. 12th.



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

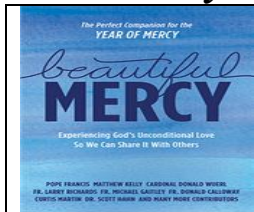
The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The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

Pennsauken Property Meeting Sept. 8th

Ms. Tracy Howarth, recently hired by Pennsauken township to deal with the abandoned and foreclosed property problem in Pennsauken, will give a presentation on Thursday, September 8, at the Pennsauken Public Library, beginning at 7:00 pm, followed by a question and answer session. Mr. John Kneib, mayor of Pennsauken, will also attend to answer any questions regarding the township. All are invited to attend.

Grandparents as Spiritual Guides

On Wednesday September 21st 7:00PM at Saint Thomas More Parish, Michael La Corte will speak to the theology of how God calls grandparents to the vocation of passing on the faith. Mr. La Corte is the US Director of the Catholic Grandparents Association. Call the parish office (856-424-3212) for more information and to register for this presentation.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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, 2016.** Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org.

Visit our website wwme-southjersey.org

Deluxe Ham Dinner

Saturday, September 17th
5:30pm to 8:00pm
St. Cecilia School Hall

\$12 Adults,
\$5 Children under 12 yrs. old,
Free for Children under 5 yrs. old.
EAT IN OR TAKE OUT



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

Mary Undoer of Knots Young Adult Ministry In affiliation with Christ the King Parish in Haddonfield, NJ

Our September calendar of events is as follows:

9-9-2016 (Friday) - Mini-Golf and Ice Cream Social

Come join us at Pleasant Valley, on Route 73, in Voorhees, NJ for an evening of mini-golf at 7 PM. We will meet in the front by the cashier station. Immediately following our evening of mini-golf, we'll go to Sundaes, also located on Route 73 for ice cream.

9-17-2016 (Saturday) - Year of Mercy Service Day

In keeping with the spirit of honoring the wishes of Pope Francis and giving our time, we will be having a day of service on Saturday, 9-17-2016. We will be volunteering from 10 AM - Noon at Habitat Restore, Route 38, in Maple Shade. Volunteers must complete a waiver form. Participants are asked to wear sneakers and old clothes. We will meet in the entrance way! Don't forget to bring your waiver form and RSVP by 9-12.

9-25-2016 (Sunday) - St. Padre Pio Mass, Shrine, and Italian Festival

Come join us for a very special day honoring St. Padre Pio on Sunday, 9-25-2016. We will meet at 10:30 AM in the gathering space at St. Padre Pio Parish, 4680 Dante Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08361. We will attend Mass as a group, visit the Shrine, and enjoy the Italian festival in St. Padre Pio's memory. The day will include a special blessing of the relics of St. Padre Pio and newly canonized St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta. The festival offers good food, pastries, fresh NJ produce, Italian music, Chinese Auction, and games. A fun day for day for all!

9-26-2016 (Monday) - Monthly Bowling Night

Our monthly bowling night will take place at Pinsetter's at 7:30 PM. We will meet on the benches across from the bowling alley counter. Shoe rental is \$2.00 and each game is \$2.25.

If you know any Catholic young adults 21 to 40 years old looking to learn more about their faith, volunteer some of their time, or looking to meet new friends, please invite them to join us. For more information, please e-mail Rosanne - persistent21@verizon.net.

Welcome

We've noticed many new visitors attending Mass who've generously contributed to our church. Please consider registering as there are many benefits to being officially registered at St. Stephen's:

- To Arrange for the Reception of the Sacraments
- To Receive Certificates of Eligibility to act as a Sponsor
- To Become more intimately involved in our Parish Ministries
- To Begin receiving Offertory Envelopes to track contributions

St. Stephen Parish Registration Form

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

(This form may be mailed OR placed in the Offertory Basket at Mass)

Family Last Name: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Current Date: ____/____/____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Husband's 1st Name: _____

DOB: ____/____/____ Religion: _____

Wife's Name (1st & maiden): _____

DOB: ____/____/____ Religion: _____

Marriage: Priest ___ Special Permission ___ Divorced ___

Separated ___ Single ___ Widowed ___ Co-Habit ___

Other _____

Children at Home Name:

Date of Birth:

_____/____/____

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_____/____/____

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Others Living in the Home:

Date of Birth:

_____/____/____

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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.

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Mother Teresa Day of Service

Saturday, Sept. 10 2016

9 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Service Sites

Celebrate Mother Teresa's canonization and honor her legacy with a day of community service.

2 Communities • Dozens of Service Sites

Atlantic City:
The Parish of Saint Monica
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
2651 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ

Camden:
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish
St. John Church
809 Park Avenue
Collingswood, NJ

CamdenDiocese.org/MotherTeresa

