

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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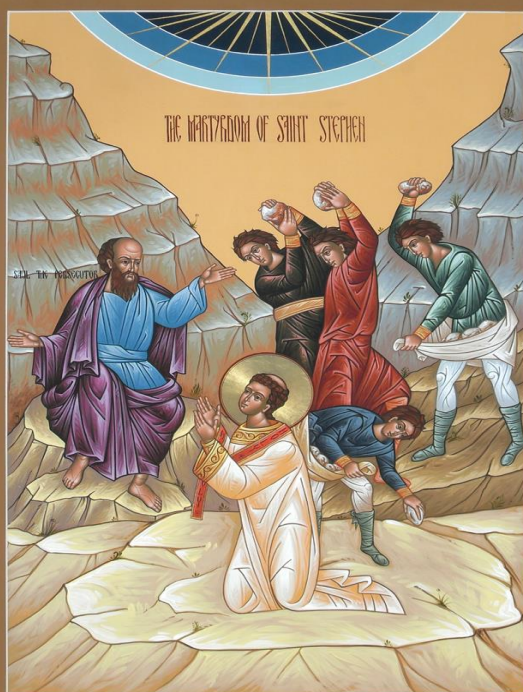
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Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



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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.*

September 6, 2015 – The Twenty-Third 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 2016 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY 9:00am	September 6, 2015 Frank Orsini r/b St. Stephen's Nursing Home Ministry
10:30am	Msgr. Joseph P. Herron r/b People of the Parish
MONDAY 9:00am	September 7, 2015 (Labor Day-Rectory Closed) <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	September 8, 2015 Betty Lou McGurrin r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	September 9, 2015 Timothy Sambucci r/b The McGrath Family
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	September 10, 2015 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	September 11, 2015 The Victims of 9/11 r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY 4:30pm	September 12, 2015 John O'Connor r/b His Wife Florence & Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	September 13, 2015 Frank Orsini r/b Frank & Rita Miller
10:30am	John Kerwick r/b His Wife, Son & Family Alyce Klaus r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Dee & John Von Alex r/b Sister, Terry Scavuzzo



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.

August 29/30, 2015 Collection:	\$4,183
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,453

Upcoming Special Collections:

Sept. 13, 2015: "Holy Father Peter's Pence" (Diocese)

Sept. 20, 2015: "Catholic University" (Diocese)

(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

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, Eleanor Becker, Joy Bowman, Jackie Cardwell, Yolanda Colafrancesco, John Coyle, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Joseph Fagan, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Joseph Gerst, Nancy Gogel, Pat Gruber, Gregory Hayes, Chuck Hillwig, Thomas Holmes Sr., John Howard, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Arlene LaFreda, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Denise McHugh, Dorothy McPeak, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Donna Jean Vinciguerra, Mary Vivello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for September 12/13

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, *A. Knight

Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, B. McHugh

EM's: T. Modzier, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, N. Schmidt, *L. D'Alessandro

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, J. Scavuzzo

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: J. Bui, K. Fagan

EM's: P. Cioe, J. Messina, Geo. Tutwiler, T. Urgo, *D. Urgo

Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, C. Aleszczyk

Labor Day Closings

On Monday, September 7th we will observe Labor Day, a national holiday. The Rectory and all Diocesan Offices will be closed.



The Knights of Columbus will be having their semi-annual flea market on **Saturday, September 19, from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm at St. Cecilia's School parking lot.** Spaces are available. For further information, please call Lonnie Monaco at 856-662-6049.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

9/7-Monday-9am Communion Service, Rectory Closed Labor Day
 9/8-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 9/9-Wednesday-9am Mass, 7pm CCD Teachers' Meeting
 9/10-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal,
 6pm Children's Choir, 7pm Adult Choir
 9/11-Friday-9am Mass, 3:30pm Anthony Cioe Wedding
 9/12-Saturday-11am John Farina Memorial Mass,
 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 9/13-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015



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

"You will find Mary within the whole of the Christian Mystery, for devotion to her is not an end in itself, but the main road leading to Christ, to the glory of God, and to love of the Church."

-Pope Paul VI

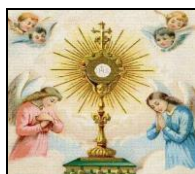
Wednesday Night CCD Classes Registration for 2015-2016 is underway!

Forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The fee is **\$135 per family**. Opening CCD Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, September 16th at 6:15pm**.

Thursday Night Discussion Club Will Resume September 17th. See Page 5 for Details!

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, October 2, 2015, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



Art & Environment

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.**

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.
For Prayer Requests for the month of **September**, please contact **Bernadette @ 856-854-2928.**

Parish Library

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your late Summer / early Fall 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 donate spiritual and religious books to the collection, please drop them off at the Parish center in the Library. 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).



CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word Will Resume September 20th!

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.

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.

“Loss of a Loved One”

This is the 6th in an 18-week series dedicated to you who have felt the grief and loss of a Loved One:*

Seven Stages of Loss

Everyone’s handling of loss may be different. Here are Seven Stages that you can go through to get to where you need to be. You may experience some or all of these stages and it may not be in this order.

You may go through some of the stages quickly and others may drag out over a longer time and you may come back to them at a later date.

Last week we did Stage #3 – Anger & Bargaining

Stage #4: Depression, Sadness, Reflection, & Loneliness

You may feel that you are making progress after a time of self-reflection and all of the sudden you may feel sad again. This is a normal stage of grief, so resist the urge to be talked out of feeling it by well-meaning people.

You may feel over whelmed by a sense of loss and feel depressed. You may have the urge to isolate yourself, reflect on the good memories of your life together, or perhaps even to refuse to remember the bad ones. You may be feeling empty emotionally or in despair.

Next week: Stage #5 -The Upward Turn

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Your comments are most welcome: 856-547-3860 or 856-383-5325 or steinberg.david07@comcast.net.

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## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**HOT HOT HOT.** If you enjoy the warmth of summer, why not sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and bring some more warmth and intimacy to your marriage.

**The next weekend dates are October 23-25 and December 11-13, 2015.**

Call 609-742-4035 for information or email [applications@wwme-southjersy.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersy.org). Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

## Special Needs Faith Formation Program

Registration is currently open for the Special Needs Faith Formation Program being offered by the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God. The program is open to anyone with disabilities within the Camden Diocese wishing to make their sacraments or attend continuing faith classes. Classes are held from 10:00 – 11:00 am on Saturdays at the Westville Grove Campus and from 11:30 – 12:30 on Sundays at St. Casimir’s Parish in Woodbine. For more information please contact Bro. Tom Osorio at 856-848-4700 Ext 1142 - [tosorio@sjogcs.org](mailto:tosorio@sjogcs.org) or Linda Kutz at 856-848-4700 Ext 1600 - [lkutz@sjogcs.org](mailto:lkutz@sjogcs.org).

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Reflections on Today’s Readings The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 Reflection: Isaiah 35:4-7

Times of fear and hopelessness make our hearts feel pinched and small. When the people of the kingdom of Judah were threatened by their enemies, God took pity on their fear and hopelessness. He sent the prophet Isaiah with a message that strengthened them. Isaiah foretold a time when God would come to save his people. The signs of God’s coming would include the healing of the blind, the deaf, and the lame.

These signs of the Messiah’s coming were later fulfilled by Jesus as the One sent by God. We who follow him are called to share his work of caring for the weak, the sick, and the poor among us.

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### Reading 2 Reflection: James 2:1-5

The expression "telling it like it is" definitely fits this reading. Saint James points a finger at the common practice of showing greater respect to the rich than to the poor. When this kind of discrimination is practiced in a church setting, it is an even greater offense than it is elsewhere. James reminds us that poor are especially loved by God and are chosen to be "rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom."

As members of the faith community, we are to share God’s love and concern for the poor who live in our midst. They may be poor in financial resources. Or they may be poor in spiritual or intellectual gifts. Whatever they lack, they are never to be discriminated against or thought less important than those who are in any way poor.

### Gospel Reflection: Mark 7:31-37

What was promised in today’s first reading we see fulfilled in this gospel story. A man who is deaf and suffers from a speech impediment is taken by his friends to see Jesus. Moved by the man’s pitiful condition, Jesus takes him aside and performs a healing ritual. He concludes by praying that the man’s senses "Be opened!" And the man begins immediately to hear and speak plainly.

Despite Jesus’ command to keep the miracle a secret, the crowd goes wild with excitement and spreads the news throughout the region. They praise Jesus because "He has done everything well!" Jesus, however, does not want them to expect a Messiah who will bring them political power and economic riches. He was a Messiah who used God’s power only to serve others and not to avoid suffering himself.

# Discussion Club

Resumes Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm in the Parish Center

We will be discussing:

## *Galileo: Science, Faith, and the Catholic Church*

by Dr. Guy Consolmagno, S.J., Ph.D.



### **What can Galileo’s extraordinary life and profound legacy teach us today?**

Galileo's story is a touchstone in debates about science and religion, but our preconceptions inevitably color the way we see the issues. To understand who Galileo was, what he accomplished, and what you can learn from his triumphs and failures, you need a great teacher to place him in context by exploring the cosmologies, political and religious and historical events, and famous people of his generation. You also need to get a sense of the man himself: from his family background and early ambitions to the person he grew into as he became a father, rising celebrity, literary lion, and ultimately an infirm but unbroken old man.

In *Galileo: Science, Faith, and the Catholic Church*, you will explore the context and implications of the Galileo affair—the events that culminated in his condemnation by the Roman Catholic Church. You can take no better guide than Dr. Guy Consolmagno, a renowned astronomer, Jesuit brother, and popular writer.

The Galileo affair resonates with our own times. Although the debate about an earth or sun-centered universe is long past, the ways we react to new ideas hasn't changed at all. All of the hopes, fears, and misunderstandings that surrounded Galileo and his opponents, we still face today in our encounters with science and religion.

By spending time with Galileo and his story, you will enrich your own faith and increase your understanding of science and religion.

# Papal Mass Celebration

St. Stephen Church or Parish Center

On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm we are inviting all parishioners to join us in the Church or the Parish Center for the live telecast of the Papal Mass. After the Mass you're welcome to share your favorite dish with those who are attending. There will be sign-up sheets in the church vestibule. Please indicate the number who are attending and the food item you'd like to share.

## “Music Ministry Notes”

Fall 2015



As we move into the fall season, the Music Ministry of St. Stephen Parish is in full swing. We begin formal rehearsals in September, and our Children’s Choir, Adult Choir, Ensemble, Folk Group, Musicians and Cantors are scheduled to provide the music to enhance each of our parish liturgies. We are very grateful to those members of the Music Ministry who shared their musical gifts with the parish over the summer months. We have many exciting events planned for this coming year, so stay tuned to the bulleting for more information.

It is our hope to grow our ministry this year by welcoming new members. If you are interested in seeing what happens at our various rehearsals, please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions and invite you to attend a rehearsal.

St. Stephen Parish is blessed with many talented parishioners. Is this the year that you will share your talent? Please contact the parish office, provide your contact information, and I will call you back. Or, you can just stop by and chat after Mass. In the meantime, please continue to join our Music Ministry from the pews by lifting your voices in song with us.

Thank you,  
**Mrs. Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Music Director**