

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

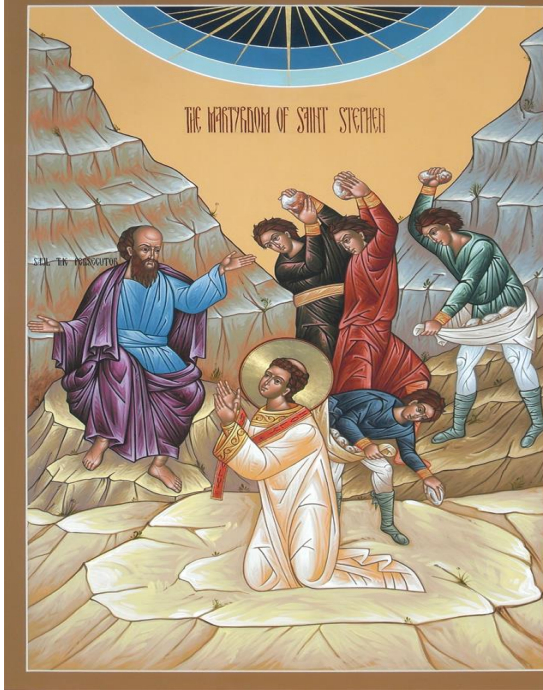
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Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday thru 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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ecclesia@comcast.net
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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.*

January 10, 2016 – The Baptism of the Lord

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	January 10, 2016 Joseph D. Burns r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Vincenza Faiola r/b Sr. Eleanora & Family Shirley Quinton, Audrey Taylor & Audrey Keenan r/b Nancy Reese
MONDAY 9:00am	January 11, 2016 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 12, 2016 Rev. Ronald S. Falotico r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 13, 2016 Carrie & Ida Fanelle r/b Niece
THURSDAY 9:00am Daily	January 14, 2016 Neal Norris r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 15, 2016 Benito Ciarrocchi r/b Rose Davis
SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 16, 2016 Kevin Kneib r/b The Pandola Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 17, 2016 Florence McHugh r/b Joe & Maria Haas
10:30am	Richard Cesta r/b St. Stephen's Pastoral Council Vince Piccione r/b The Haas Family Gina Marie Conway r/b Fr. Rocco and His Mother



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of Rudolph Stumpo.

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.

January 2/3, 2016 Collection:	\$4,785
December 26/27, 2015 Collection:	\$4,748
2015 Christmas Collection:	\$17,501
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,667

Next Special Collection:

January 17, 2016: "Parish Heating Fund" (St. Stephen)
(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)



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, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Joy Bowman, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, 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, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Chuck Hillwig, Thomas Holmes Sr., John Howard, Helen Huhn, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Denise McHugh, Dorothy McPeak, 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 Vinciquerro, Mary Vivillo, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard, Keith Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for January 16/17

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, V. Thibault, J. Heininger, *L. Heininger

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, M. Conway

EM's: T. Modzier, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Leone, *R. Davis

Lector: D. Heck

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: K. Fagan

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, T. Mattered, *M. Miller

Lector: P. Cioe

USHERS still needed for Sunday's 10:30am Mass.

Please call Keith at 856-663-3541 if interested.



Stewardship Reflection

"Baptized Stewards"

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' (Luke 3:16a)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized **Stewards** there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God, we will know in our hearts what God calls us to do.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 1/11-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
- 1/12-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Joint Council Mtg.
- 1/13-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 1/14-Thursday-9am Mass, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
- 1/15 -Friday-9:00am Mass
- 1/16 -Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 1/17 -Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Ladies' Bible Study will resume on January 11th



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

Continue January 13th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will continue this Thursday January 14th @ 7pm in the Sister Bernadette Parish Center and discuss the question: **"Why can't Catholics get married outside of a church building, i.e., on a beach?"** Later in 2016 we will be discussing the following areas of concern to our parishioners: **Abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning and several other topics.**

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, February 5, 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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.
For Prayer Requests for the month of January, please contact **Linda @ 856-661-8045.**

Parish Library

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 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).



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.



ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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January 10, 2016

Dear Beloved in Christ,

It is with heartfelt gratitude, that I, on behalf of the Parish of St. Stephen, thank you for your kind and generous Christmas offering.

It is because of your steadfast support that we were able to fulfill our commitments. Thanks to your generosity, the parish has been able to meet its financial and physical responsibilities this past year.

In this New Year, we as a parish will be facing the daunting task of finalizing the sale of our school building. This process will hopefully be concluded by the end of the summer. Once this chapter is completed, we look forward to the many blessings and challenges God holds for us in the future.

I am personally blessed to have your assistance in striving to live our Gospel values here at St. Stephen's.

May you be blessed with good health, enjoy the company of your loved ones, and continue to experience the love of God during this New Year of 2016.

With a promise of prayer for your intentions, I am

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco

Pastor

*Thank
You*



DIocese OF CAMDEN
Office of the Vicar for Clergy

January 2016

Dear Parishioner:

Father Daniel Rocco will be completing his six year term as pastor of Saint Stephen Parish, Pennsauken. It is the practice in the Diocese of Camden to conduct an evaluation of the pastor before the Priest Personnel Board makes a recommendation to Bishop Sullivan for possibly renewing the pastor's term for an additional six years.

The members of the Personnel Board have decided to conduct this evaluation through an online survey. We invite all of the members of the parish community to participate in this evaluation. In completing the evaluation, we invite you to be honest and charitable. To complete the evaluation, please go to the following link and use the password listed below.

<http://www.camdendiocese.org/frdanielrocco/>

Password: 08109

Following the time period allotted for the evaluation, the local dean along with a member of the Priest Personnel Board of the Diocese of Camden will share the results of the survey with your pastor. This is a good opportunity for Father Rocco to hear about the fruits of his labors and/or to see areas where growth is needed.

In the event that you are not able to complete the survey online, a printed copy is available at the parish office. You may complete the printed instrument and mail it to:

Reverend Terry M. Odien
Vicar for Clergy – Diocese of Camden
631 Market Street
Camden, NJ 08102

The online or the in-mail survey must be **completed within three weeks** of this notice first appearing in your parish bulletin.

Thank you for your willingness to participate in this important ministry.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry M. Odien".

Reverend Terry M. Odien
Vicar for Clergy