

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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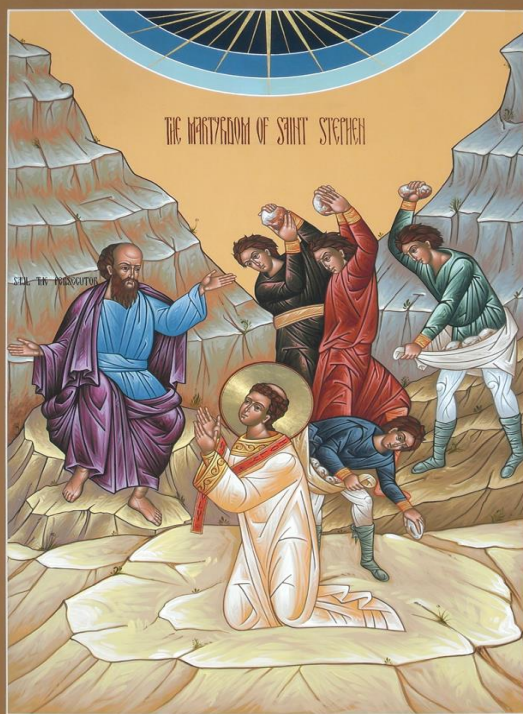
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Permanent Deacon

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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

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(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.*

January 11, 2015 – The Baptism of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday 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 1 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".

MONDAY 9:00am	January 12, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 13, 2015 William Blumenstein r/b Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 14, 2015 Mary Murray r/b The Amodei Family
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	January 15, 2015 Frances Swider (1 st Anniversary) r/b The Baylor-Pandola Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 16, 2015 Rose Marie Mufalli r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 17, 2015 James Curnew r/b Russ & Josie Johnson
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 18, 2015 Ida Fanelle r/b Carmine & Erika Fanelle
10:30am	Janet McCarthy r/b The Haas Family Harry Amirian r/b Louise D'Alessandro

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Rose Marie Mufalli.

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 3 / 4, 2015 Collection:	\$4,947
December 27/28, 2014 Collection:	\$4,395
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,959
2014 Christmas Attendance/Collection:	705/ \$20,173
2013 Christmas Comparison:	722/ \$18,113

Next Special Collection:

January 25, 2015

"Mission Membership Sunday" (Diocese)

(posted as a courtesy for our 20+ E-givers)

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## Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide **Electronic Giving, or e-Giving**, 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.



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, Joy Bowman, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Nicole Franklin-Sonnie, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Ann Marie Meyer, Debbi Morrissey, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivielo, Dolores VonAlex, Barbara Weingard.**

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Ministry Schedule for January 17/18

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: M. Conway

EM's: A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, J. Heininger, *L. Heininger

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, Q. Nguyen

EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, L. D'Alessandro, E. Nolte, *S. Marano

Lectors: D. Heck, J. Messina

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, C. Aleszczyk

EM's: J. Fagan, K. Fagan, P. Cioe, T. Urgo, *D. Urgo

Lectors: E. Mattera, L. Fagan

Stewardship Reflection for The Baptism of the Lord "Stewards Put God First"

"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals" – MARK 1:7b

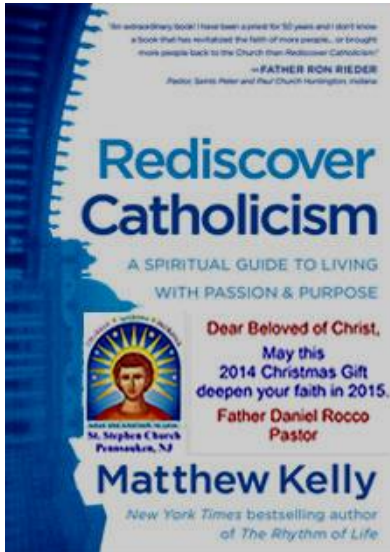
We are put on this earth to love God, love our neighbor and make disciples. How many times does our own pride and ego get in the way of fulfilling God's plan for us? Humbling ourselves before God and putting Him first in all things should be our top priority as His **Stewards**.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 1/12-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study
- 1/13-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 1/14-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 1/15-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Wedding Rehearsal, 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion Club
- 1/16-Friday-9am Mass
- 1/17-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 2pm Wedding, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 1/18-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

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***Thursday Night Discussion Club***  
**Continues January 15, 2015 @ 7pm.**



Please join us as we continue to discuss "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly, the book we were generously gifted with this Christmas. Let's start the new year learning more about God's love and the gift of our Catholic faith. A good resolution for 2015 can be "to become a better version of myself" and help others as they journey to become all God calls us to be. The discussion club needs your voice, see you Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center.

Extra copies of "Rediscover Catholicism" are available in the Rectory. They are free to all Parishioners and \$5 if you'd like to purchase one for a friend.

***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:45am-7:00pm.**



***Saturday 9am Men's Prayer Group***

Please join us for our Men's Scripture/Prayer Group. We meet every Saturday morning at 9am for one-half hour in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.

***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.



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

**When: Mondays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Where: Stonegate Main Conference Room**

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.  
 Phone: 662-8046 email: heides@comcast.net

*"The woman who walks with God always reaches her destination"*

***St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You***



**We are here to pray for you.**

Prayer requests for the month of **January**, please contact **Bernice @ 856-662-4641**.

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To Jesus Through Mary Tuesday Night
Rosary 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

Your devotion to the Blessed Mother was expressed by the response to the Knights' "Prayer Pavers to Our Lady".

Continue your devotion
Come pray with us!

"To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Jesus."

Blessed John Paul II, Apostolic Letter on the Rosary



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.

Parish Library

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for your New Year's 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).

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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.

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RCIA Ministry

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

- Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
- Have you been away from the church...and have now returned, but want to know more?
- Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism; Confirmation; and Eucharist?
- Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church.

Please contact Father Daniel Rocco at (856) 662-9339 or Loretta Steinmetz, RCIA Team Leader at (856) 227-4980 for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. Your marriage deserves it, and so does your home life. The next weekends are **Feb. 6-8 and April 17-19.** For more information call 609-742-4035 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Visit our website wwme-southjersey.org



GET INVOLVED

2015 World Meeting of Families

Many local families and individuals have inquired about how they can get involved with the WMF2015 in Philadelphia next September. More information on preparing as a family, volunteering, and/or hosting visitors from abroad may be found at the official website for the event - www.worldmeeting2015.org. The site also allows you to register to participate in the many conferences offered.

PLEASE NOTE:

With the announcement that the Holy Father intends to visit Philadelphia at the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families next September, the Diocesan chancery has received phone calls from parishes and individuals seeking information about tickets, organizing bus trips, and how they might get involved. Representatives from the Holy See are planning to visit Philadelphia in January to determine the Holy Father's itinerary and the details of his planned visit. **Those details will likely come in early spring and additional updates will be provided in a timely manner.**

Please remember that the World Meeting of Families 2015 and the Papal Visit are two different events. Registering for the World Meeting of Families 2015 DOES NOT include access to any papal events that will be scheduled. Parishes and schools should make use of the preparatory catechesis (sent to pastors, PCLs and principals) over the next ten months and should encourage participation in the World Meeting. Additional information and suggestions may be found on the website - www.worldmeeting2015.org.



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January 11, 2015

Dear Parishioners,

It is with heartfelt gratitude, especially in these past months of difficult transition from a parish with a school to a parish without a school, 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 commitment to gift our 92 transferring students with a \$1,000 Voucher to a Catholic Elementary School. 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 new challenges. These challenges can only be met through your sacrificial offerings. Be assured that your faithful giving, year after year, is never taken for granted.

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 2015.

With a promise of prayer for your intentions, I am

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco

Pastor