

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



*Different Histories...*

*One Faith...*

*Different Ages...*

## *Pastoral Staff*

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor  
Permanent Deacon Ernest Picknally  
Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe  
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal

**Emergencies: (856) 261-9336**  
*(Accidents, Dying or Death)*



## *Contact Information*

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## *January 13, 2013 – 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

**Children's Liturgy:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 9:00am

**Holy Days:** 9:00am & 7:00pm – 7:00pm Vigil

**Miraculous Medal Novena** – Every Thursday after 9am Mass.

**Eucharistic Exposition** – First Friday from 9:30am-7pm.

**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 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.

**Tribunal Parish Advocate**-Dc. Anthony Cioe- (856) 227-2145

**Rectory Office Hours**-Monday thru Friday 9am-4:30pm  
*(Closed all Holy Days of Obligation & National Holidays)*

### 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.*

**Parish Membership** – Moving INTO the parish all are asked to register as soon as possible.

Moving WITHIN or OUT – kindly notify rectory of changes.

**Please consider remembering St. Stephen's in your Will or Estate Planning.** There are financial benefits to do so while still alive and, in death, the spiritual reward of helping to continue the Church's mission of preaching Jesus Christ.

**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.

**Our Parish Family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life.**

# 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 2014 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>January 12, 2013</b> Ricardo Taylor, Sr. r/b Dc. Anthony & Phyl Cioe
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 13, 2013</b> Donna Fricke r/b The Scavuzzo Family
10:30am	William Blumenstein r/b The McHugh Family Marie Zinicola r/b Lillian Tomarchio Vincenza Faiola r/b Sr. Eleanora & Family Herbert Schute r/b His Wife
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 14, 2013</b> Sr. Ann Thomas Sullivan, SSJ r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 15, 2013</b> Jennie Farmer r/b Richard Beyer
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 16, 2013</b> Howard & Clara Buffington r/b Lucille Buffington
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>January 17, 2013</b> Theresa Scafidi r/b Rosina Midili
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 18, 2013</b> Carrie Fanelle r/b Her Niece
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>January 19, 2013</b> Ricardo Taylor, Sr. r/b Rose Marie Davis
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 20, 2013</b> Zachary Mathiew r/b Duane & Pam Heck
10:30am	Marcia D'Ippolito r/b Dc. Anthony & Phyl Cioe Rev. Gerald J. Fitzpatrick, SJ r/b Virginia Licata Helen Nichols r/b Family Herbert Schute r/b His Wife

## 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>Dec. 29/30, 2012 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>512/ \$7,005</b>
<b>Dec. 31/January 1, 2012 Comparison</b>	<b>558/ \$6,501</b>
<b>January 5/6, 2013 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>508/ \$5,474</b>
<b>January 7/8, 2012 Comparison</b>	<b>559/ \$6,018</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$5,536</b>

### Next Special Diocesan Collection:

January 27, 2013: "Mission Membership Sunday"



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:

**Dolly Angelastro, Edith Bielinski, Milton Burns, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Donato Gallicchio, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Rev. David Klein, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Wanda Loperfido, Murn Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Cyrol Valentino, Gloria Vendetti, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.**

## Ministry Schedule for January 19/20

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** T. Mason, Z. Marlin, H. Atchison

**EM's:** T. Veneziani, B. Taylor, L. Heininger, \*alternate Sr. Eleanora

**Lectors:** W. Mattia, R. Taylor

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** S. Caban, E. Mattera, C. Padua

**EM's:** S. Marano, S. Muffalli, J. Rosario, L. Rosario

**Lectors:** M. Corbett, J. Scavuzzo

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** Katie Coar, Kelly Coar, J. Bui

**EM's:** C. Otto, D. Urgo, T. Urgo, L. D'Alessandro

**Lectors:** J. Bowman, L. Fagan

## Stewardship Reflection

### Baptism of the Lord - Stewards called in Baptism

*"John answered them all saying, 'I am baptizing you with water; but the one who is mightier than I is coming...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'" (Luke 3:16)*

The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults 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 Catholics there is only one simple gift that we need to give to Jesus. The only gift God wants is a complete offering of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God in this way, we will know in our hearts what **Stewardship** God calls us to.

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

1/14-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Finance Council  
 1/15-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 1/16-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD  
 1/17-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Children's Choir,  
 7pm Adult Choir, 7pm Discussion Club  
 1/18-Friday-9am Mass  
 1/19-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 1/20-Sunday-RCIA, 9am Mass & 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptism

### ***Monday Afternoon Bible Study***



**1:00-2:30pm - Stonegate**  
 Any questions, please call  
 Eileen at (856) 662-8046  
 or email me at  
[heides@comcast.net](mailto:heides@comcast.net).  
 Please feel free to join us!

### ***Tuesday Night Rosary***

Please join us every **Tuesday at 7:00pm** in the church in response to Our Lady of Fatima's request to pray the rosary for peace in the world.

### ***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***

Continue January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15PM

### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

7pm in the Parish Center



### ***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30am-6:45pm.**



"The worship given to the Trinity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...must fill our churches also outside the timetable of Masses...Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation of the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease." -**Blessed John Paul II**

### ***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 Rectory Basement Meeting Room. **Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.**

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

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place.  
**Contact Betty @ 662-6928 for January requests**

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to GOD."  
 -*Philippians 4:6*



**Sr. Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ**  
 c/o Saint Joseph Villa (Room 409)  
 110 W. Wissahickon Ave.  
 Flourtown, PA 19031-1898  
 Direct Phone: (215) 836-3655

### ***Art & Environment Ministry A Special Thank You!***

St. Stephen's Art and Environment Ministry wish to thank all the parishioners, Buildings and Grounds Ministry and all the AWESOME students for helping to prepare our church for the Christmas liturgical season. We are blessed to have so many dedicated members of our parish community. **Any student needing service hours are welcome to meet on Sunday Jan. 13th at 11:30am to restore the church to Ordinary Time.**

### ***Bereavement Committee***

The Bereavement Committee is seeking volunteers to help minister to those who've recently lost loved ones in our community of faith. To join this special ministry, please call **Joy Bowman at 662-4803.**

### ***Council, Board & Ministry Meetings***

(All 7pm in the Parish Center)

January 14	Finance Council
January 21	Pastoral Council
January 28	Liturgy Board
January 30	Spiritual Life Board

### ***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 in the school office, order forms are on our website and in the rectory office.

Info is available @ [www.ststephenspennsauken.com](http://www.ststephenspennsauken.com)  
 or by calling **Michael Ciarrocca at 856-425-4799.**

### ***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) 662-9338 or Loretta Steinmetz, RCIA Team Leader at (856) 227-4627 for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.**

### ***Scrip Fundraising Program***

Scrip is available for purchase at the Scrip Table after all weekend Masses and at the rectory during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm (excluding Holy Days & Holidays). Scrip orders may also be submitted to the school and will then be processed via the rectory for later delivery.

### Blood Drive Thank You!

The American Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus thank all those who participated in the Red Cross Blood Drive at St Stephen's School on December 27th. 24 pints of much needed blood was collected. Please continue to donate throughout the year, and we'll see you at next year's blood drive.

-Knights of Columbus, Council #3512



### Penn Queen Fundraiser for St. Stephen!

Please bring this flyer with you each time you dine at The Penn Queen diner—located at 7349 North Crescent Blvd- In Pennsauken.

St. Stephens will receive proceeds from your check. If you do forget your Flyer—you can also mention St. Stephens at the register for us to receive credit.

Thank you in advance for dining at the Penn Queen and for Supporting St. Stephens Parish Community as well!!!



### Paul VI Slam Dunk Tours

Paul VI High School is pleased to offer special pre-game tours of the school for the following basketball games during the 2012-13 basketball season. No reservations are needed. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Please come to the gym entrance at tour time; middle school students and an accompanying adult will receive a complimentary game pass. Eligible games are as follows: Paul VI Boys v. Cherokee, Thursday, January 24, 2013, Tours at 4:30 PM, Game at 5:30 PM; Paul VI Girls v. Eastern, Saturday, January 26, 2013, Tours at 1:30 PM, Game at 2:30 PM; Paul VI Girls v. Camden Catholic, Sat. February 2, 2013, Tours at noon, Game at 1 PM.

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Director of Admissions at [kstewart@pvihs.org](mailto:kstewart@pvihs.org).



### Calling Married Couples of All Ages!

As we begin the New Year, we often resolve to live out our most cherished values with more intentionality. **What would you name as the most important things in your life?** If marriage and family would be on your list, we invite you to invest a day and a half learning how to make the person who is most precious to you feel more “in love”.

**When? Saturday, Feb. 9 thru Sunday, February 10, 2013**  
**Where? St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sicklerville, NJ**

This is a joyful occasion to celebrate being a man and woman in love. We all know that there is a difference between just loving each other and being “in love” with each other. You only have today to live in love! Your children need your witness, and your faith community is counting on it. Please come, experience, and celebrate the freedom to love and strengthen the joy of being married in 2013.

For more information or to register on line go to [www.dioceseofcamden.org](http://www.dioceseofcamden.org) and select marriage enrichment or go directly to [www.livinginlove.org](http://www.livinginlove.org).



### JOURNEY OF HOPE

#### OVERCOME DIVORCE AND REGAIN HOPE

Journey of Hope is a 8 week support program, to help you or someone you know recover from the emotional pain of divorce or separation and to regain hope. With its uniquely Catholic prospective, Journey of Hope addresses the key challenges brought on by divorce and leads participants down the path to recovery by helping them more fully understand and live their faith.

**WHEN:**  
**JANUARY 23, 2013 to MARCH 13, 2013**

**WHERE:**  
**OUR LADY OF PEACE, PARISH CENTER,**  
**ST JOSEPH ROOM 32 CARROLL AVENUE,**  
**WILLIAMSTOWN, NJ 08094**

**TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**CALL: DEBBIE, 856-881-4133,**  
**FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION**

### KIDS COPE

#### A SAFE PLACE TO SHARE FEELINGS

This is a special group to help your children cope and heal from the pain of separation and divorce. It will incorporate videos, stories, crafts and a safe place to share their feelings. KIDS COPE will also begin on **January 23, 2013**. We ask that a parent attend Journey of Hope. Please call Debbie for more information: 856-881-4133

**Office of the Bishop  
Diocese of Camden**

631 Market Street - Camden, NJ 08102

January 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

At Baptism, we take on the responsibility to be Jesus' witnesses and to share our faith with those whom we encounter in our daily lives and to millions unknown to us who have yet to hear the Good News of God's love.

**The Society for the Propagation of the Faith**, founded in 1822 by a French laywoman, is the basic means of support for the Church's worldwide missions in dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

**On the weekend of January 26-27**, all of us in the Diocese of Camden will have an opportunity to make a special commitment to the worldwide missionary work of the Church through enrollment in the Propagation of the Faith on **Mission Membership Sunday**. In doing so, we can reach out to the peoples of the world and to provide the financial resources to assist priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists as they help young people who are searching for meaning in life, comfort refugees in their spiritual and material needs, minister to the sick, teach small children, prepare adults for Baptism, or bring help and hope to the suffering in times of natural disaster and war.

With gratitude for your support of the missions, I thank you for all you have done and will do for the Church's missionary work through the Propagation of the Faith.

Truly, the more we spread the faith, the more we are strengthened in faith ourselves.

May God continue to guide you and bless you.  
Fraternally,

**Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante, D.D., J.C.D.**  
**Bishop of Camden**

THE ARTS ACADEMY AT CCHS

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Camden Catholic High School presents the musical  
**"Once On This Island."** March 8, 9, 15 and 16 at  
7:30 PM. March 10 and 17 at 2:00 PM.

Visit [www.cchsarts.com](http://www.cchsarts.com) for the student produced commercial, tickets, more show information and our exciting events schedule.

**ONCE ON THIS ISLAND** is a one-act musical, with a book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty. Based on the 1985 novel "My Love, My Love", it also includes elements of "Romeo and Juliet" and the fairytale "The Little Mermaid." Enjoy the sites and sounds of this Caribbean-flavored family musical with almost non-stop song and dance.