

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

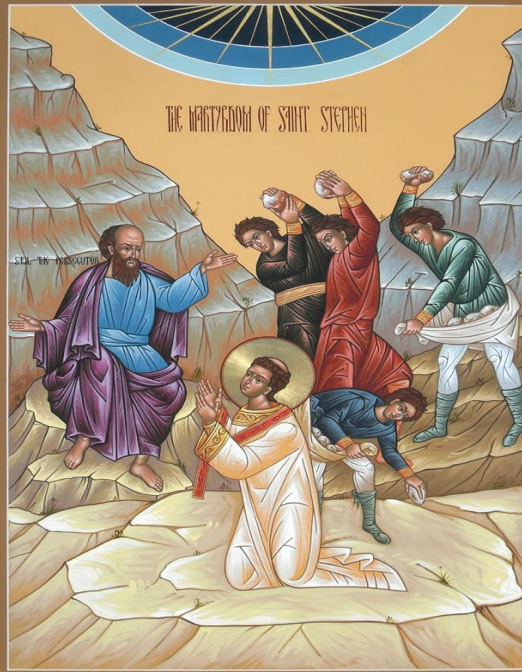
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe**  
Permanent Deacon

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

**Parish Trustees**  
Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

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

**Parish Email:**  
[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

**Parish Website:**  
[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 15, 2017 – The Second 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, 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 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 2018 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 15, 2017</b>
9:00am	Helen Huhn r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Anne McAdams r/b People of the Parish Healing of Jim DeShields r/b Dean & Mary Russell Spiritual Healing of Dean Russell r/b Friends
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>January 16, 2017</b>
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>January 17, 2017</b>
9:00am	Michael A. Howitz r/b Dorothea Dodds
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>January 18, 2017</b>
9:00am	In Thanksgiving to Our Art & Environment Ministry's Dedication this Advent & Christmas
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 19, 2017</b>
9:00am/Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 20, 2017</b>
9:00am	Ida Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 21, 2017</b>
4:30pm	Mass of Thanksgiving to Saint Lucy r/b Vilma Gambino
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 22, 2017</b>
9:00am	Richard Brokowski r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	In Thanksgiving to Our Music Ministry's Dedication this Advent & Christmas



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.

January 7/8, 2017 Offertory Collection (snow):	\$3,479
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,673

Special Collections:

January 15<sup>th</sup>: "Parish Heating Fund" (St. Stephen)  
 January 29<sup>th</sup>: "Church in Latin America" (Diocese)  
 (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, 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, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., 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, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Mary Russell, Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Esther Tillinghast, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Vivello, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Barbara Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for January 21/22

\* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, \*Sr. Eleanora

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, B. McHugh

EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Davis, M. Bufanio, \*R. Leone

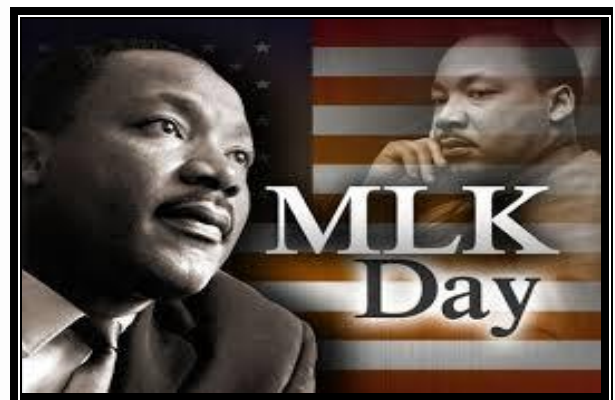
Lectors: W. McHugh, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, C. Nicdao, M. Daniels

EM's: P. Cioe, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, J. Messina, \*T. Angstman

Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, C. Aleszczyk



On Monday January 16th we will observe the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a national holiday. **The Rectory and all Diocesan offices will be closed.**

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

1/16-Monday-9am Communion Service, Rectory/Diocese Closed,  
11am Ladies Bible Study, 7pm Deacons Prayer Meeting  
1/17-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
1/18-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes  
1/19-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion Club  
1/20-Friday-9am Mass  
1/21-Saturday - 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
1/22-Sunday - 9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

### *Ladies Bible Study*

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

**When: Mondays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)**

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.  
Phone or text: 610-805-5363 email: heides@comcast.net

*The woman who walks with God  
Always reaches her destination*

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

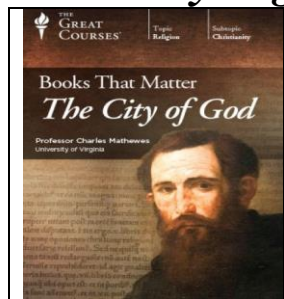
**To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church**

Come join us as we ask Our Lady to pray with us and for us. 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 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

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



Will continue  
**January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** in the  
Sr. Bernadette Parish Center  
with  
Prof. Charles Mathewes'  
**"Books That Matter-  
The City of God"**

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

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, February 3, 2017**  
**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](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.

### ***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.

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



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

For Prayer Requests for the month of January contact **Betty @ 856-662-6928.**

### ***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**

### ***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](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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/>

# A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Many thanks to the members of Art and Environment and Building and Grounds ministries for their help during the Advent and Christmas Liturgical seasons. Also a special thank you to all the parishioners who donated poinsettias to honor or in memory of loved ones to help enhance and beautify the church.

## Health and Wellness Team News

The next meeting for the Health and Wellness Team will be Tuesday 1/24/17 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Contact Joanne at [Joannedb@comcast.net](mailto:Joannedb@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

Are you interested in learning CPR? Do you need to brush up on your skills? The Health and Wellness Team will be conducting a CPR class in February 2017, date to be determined. The class will be offered in the Parish Center and provided by a certified CPR instructor. Please note this class will not meet the requirements for CPR certification. It is only meant to teach basic skills. If there is a need for a certification class, we will explore that at another time. The class will be offered free of charge. If you are interested, please send an email message to the rectory, at [ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net) with your name, telephone number and email address and a preferred day: Monday or Tuesday evening, or Saturday. Someone will be in touch with you once the class is scheduled.

## Diocesan Black History Month Mass

Join Bishop Sullivan, homilist Rev. Maurice J. Nutt, and the Diocesan Gospel Choir on Sun., Feb. 19, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, NJ 08081. A light reception will follow.

## CATHOLIC DIVORCE MINISTRY

Divorce and Beyond is a seminar/support group for those who are separated and have made the decision to divorce or have gone through a divorce. Our 12 WEEK program will be held in the parish center on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, beginning on March 1, 2017, at Our Lady of Peace Parish (St. Mary's Church), 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ. A \$20.00 registration fee will cover the cost of the seminar and materials. For more info, please call Debbie: 856-881-4133.



Do you or someone you love need care at home?  
Contact the Diocese of Camden's Home & Parish Healthcare Services Resource and Referral Help Line

**1-888-26 VITALity (1-888-268-4825)**

A Free and simple Gateway to Help at Home for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities seeking to remain healthy, safe, and secure in their homes.

### The VITALity HELP-LINE:

- + Provides information and access into Community, Health and Medical Services.
- + Arranges for Care Coordinators to visit you at your Home to help you navigate the complex healthcare insurance and provider system.

All this is provided at no charge through the charitable efforts of the Diocese of Camden.

Visit [Vitality.camdendiocese.org](http://Vitality.camdendiocese.org) for more information.

A Healthcare Ministry of the Camden Diocese  
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## The Arts at CCHS Presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

Tickets Now Available! [www.cchsp Performingarts.com](http://www.cchsp Performingarts.com)  
Performances: March 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 7:30 p.m. and March 5 & 12 at 2 p.m. The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm and elegance. Join us to be entertained by the talented performing arts and music students of Camden Catholic High School.

### Admissions Information Night: Thursday, February 2 from 7-9 p.m.

Whether you are an 8th grader still making your decision about high school, or a 6th or 7th grader planning for your future, please join us to learn more about the admissions process, curriculum, arts and athletics at Camden Catholic High School. This is a general information session in which you will have the opportunity to meet our students, faculty and administration, tour our campus, and have your questions answered. RSVP at [www.camdencatholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camdencatholic.org/admissionsevents), or call the Admissions Office at 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or email [janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org).

### 8<sup>th</sup> Graders:

Freshman Registration is Saturday, February 25 from 8-11 a.m. Admissions Applications for the Class of 2021 may be submitted on a rolling basis only as space permits. Please submit your application for admission as soon as possible in order to be considered for a spot in the CCHS Class of 2021. Visit [www.camdencatholic.org/admissions](http://www.camdencatholic.org/admissions).

### Irish Experience Guest Days

Only a few dates remain this year for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to shadow a current student at Camden Catholic High School. Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy. Select your day at [www.camdencatholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camdencatholic.org/admissionsevents) or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: [janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.



## Help obtain safe rides to school for Catholic school children

### Problem

1. Current Catholic school students can only obtain a ride to school for a maximum of \$884 per student.
2. Many bus companies and school districts are unwilling / unable to transport students at the \$884 rate.
3. The ceiling should match cost of living increases, which has not happened since the 2007-2008 school year.

### What can you do?

Ask Governor to increase funding for nonpublic school transportation in his Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. If your family has been affected by this problem, or you know of families who have, tell the Governor the details. Even if the bussing problem does not apply to you, but you believe in Catholic education, please contact Governor Christie.

### How can you contact Governor Christie?

Call: 609-292-6000

Email: <http://nj.gov/governor/contact/>

Write: The Honorable Christopher Christie  
Governor of New Jersey  
PO Box 001  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Use the NJCC automated Voter Voice system:  
<http://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action>