

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

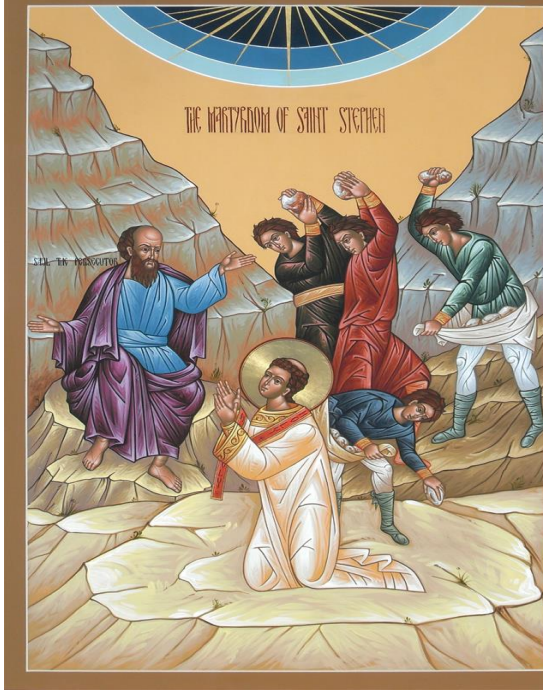
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
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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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Deacon Anthony R. Cioe
(856) 227-2145

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Parish Website:
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 17, 2016 – 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, 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 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
MONDAY 9:00am	January 18, 2016 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 19, 2016 Rev. Ronald S. Falotico r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 20, 2016 Benito Ciarrocchi r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
THURSDAY 9:00am Daily	January 21, 2016 Ida Petulla (21 st Anniversary) r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 22, 2016 Kathleen Stehm (1 st Anniversary) r/b A Friend
SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 23, 2016 Bob Hanna r/b Joe & Maria Haas
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 24, 2016 Florence McHugh r/b Pat & Earl Nolte
10:30am	Richard Cesta r/b Joe & Maria Haas Mark S. Fillari r/b The Nolte Family



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 9/10, 2016 Collection:	\$5,158
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,684

Special Collections:

January 17, 2016: "Parish Heating Fund" (St. Stephen)

January 24, 2016: "Mission Membership" (Diocese)

(See Page 4 for Bishop Sullivan's Mission Membership Appeal letter)

(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 Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard, Keith Wilson.**

Ministry Schedule for January 23/24

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

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

Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, Q. Nguyen

EM's: N. Schmidt, E. Nolte, M. Bufanio, L. McHugh, *M. Miller

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: C. Aleszczyk

EM's: M. Meloni, J. Messina, T. Urgo, D. Urgo, *Geo Tutwiler

Lector: M. Turan

Township of Pennsauken

January 4, 2016

Dear Parishioners,

For over 20 years the **Pennsauken Angel Tree Program** has assisted Pennsauken/Merchantville families who have struggled financially during the holiday season. This program is funded 100% by toy and cash donations from local businesses, community organizations, residents and Township employees. Volunteers spend many hours delivering the toys to less fortunate families in our community.

Because of your very generous donation, we were able to help 40 families experience the magic of Christmas. So on behalf of Pennsauken Township, I would like to thank you for caring for the children of Pennsauken and want to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Thank you.

Ricardo Taylor, Mayor

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

1/18-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study,
Rectory Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday
 1/19-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 1/20-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 1/21-Thursday-9am Mass, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 1/22 -Friday-9:00am Mass
 1/23 -Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 1/24 -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 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 20th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will continue this Thursday January 21st @ 7pm in the Sister Bernadette Parish Center and discuss the question:

"Why do I need a priest to confess my sins to God?"
 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

Our Cup Runneth Over!

Until further notice, we can't accept any more books!

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 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

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 rejoice 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.



Office of the Bishop
Diocese of Camden

January 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On the weekend of **January 23-24**, parishioners throughout our diocese are invited to make a special commitment to the worldwide mission of Jesus, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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

Through the Propagation of the Faith, we can, in fact, reach out to the peoples of the world. In more than 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide, priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists rely on the prayers and financial assistance of the members of this Pontifical Mission Society. They count on this support 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.

Knowing the generosity of the people of this diocese, I call upon you to make this special commitment to the Missions through the Propagation of the Faith this coming "Membership Sunday."

Most grateful for all you have done and will do for the Church's missionary work through the Propagation of the Faith, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis J. Sullivan".

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.
Bishop of Camden



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