

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

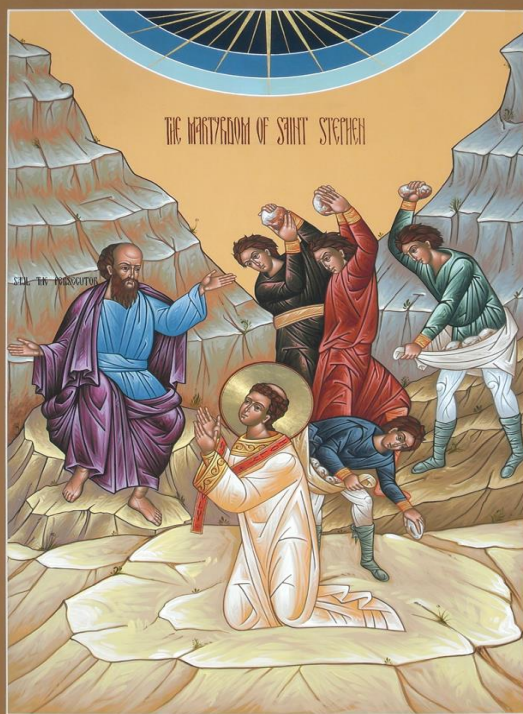
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**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 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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**Tribunal Parish Advocate**  
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**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 18, 2015 – The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

### **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, 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.

**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".**

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 19, 2015</b> A Special Intention r/b Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 20, 2015</b> Rose Marie Mufalli r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 21, 2015</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>January 22, 2015</b> Josephine Pingelli r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 23, 2015</b> Rose Marie Mufalli r/b Rose Marie Davis
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>January 24, 2015</b> Royce Vanaman r/b Rita Vogt & Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 25, 2015</b> Catherine Hartson r/b Louise D'Alessandro
10:30am	Pal & Helena Burke r/b Nick Picciano Deceased Members of the Rocks & Magee Family r/b Family

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Louise Pigliacelli.

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>January 10/11, 2015 Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,243</b>
<b>2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:</b>	<b>\$5,004</b>

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.**

# Remember Our Sick

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, 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 24/25

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: J. Heiningen, L. Heiningen, A. Knight, C. Pandola, \*V. Thibault

Lector: B. Mattia

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, Q. Nguyen

EM's: M. Bufanio, R. Davis, R. Leone, L. McHugh, \*S. Marano

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, P. Nolte

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, O. Albert

EM's: M. Meloni, J. Messina, L. Solano, Geo. Tutwiler, \*T. Mattera

Lectors: C. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

# WHY DO WE ...

## Introduction

Welcome to our new bulletin series. This weekly addition to the bulletin is intended to be an adjunct to the talks before Mass. Its aim is simply to enlighten or remind us about the meaning behind the rituals and symbolism of the Mass. Each week, a new portion of the Mass will be addressed. We will start with a talk about the "day" chosen for Mass and proceed through each stage to the recessional.

It is hoped that increasing our awareness of the meaning behind the rituals, as well as some of the history of how these traditions evolved into our Mass, we will develop a sense of renewed appreciation for the beauty of our Mass, and become more engaged, actively participating in this celebration.

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Closings**

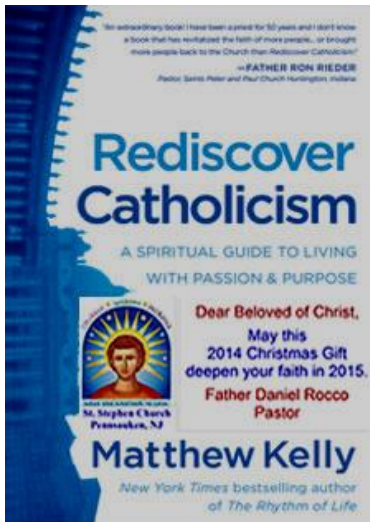
On Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> we will observe the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a national holiday.

**The Rectory and all Diocesan offices will be closed.**

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

- 1/19-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study, Rectory closed MLK Day
- 1/20-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Pastoral Council
- 1/21-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 1/22-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
- 1/23-Friday-9am Mass
- 1/24-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 1/25-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

***Thursday Night Discussion Club***  
**Continues January 22, 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 22<sup>nd</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.

***A HEARTFELT THANK YOU***

The Art & Environment Ministry wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the ministry members, Building and Grounds Ministry and all the parishioners that volunteered to prepare and restore our church during the Advent and Christmas liturgical seasons. A **Special Thank You** to the St. Stephen parishioners who beautified the church for the Advent and Christmas season by remembering their families and friends through the flower donation appeal. **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.**

***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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).

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## RCIA Ministry

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

- Have you been worshiping 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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## Good Shepherd Open House

Good Shepherd School in Collingswood will be holding an Open House on Sunday, January 25 from noon-2pm.

**100 Lees Ave in Collingswood NJ 08108**

**For more info call Dianne Gallagher at 856-869-4592 or email [goodshepherdgallagher@verizon.net](mailto:goodshepherdgallagher@verizon.net).**

# Camden Catholic High School News

## Camden Catholic High School Admissions Information Session Thursday, January 29th 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.

Please complete the online Registration Form at [www.camdenatholic.org/infosession](http://www.camdenatholic.org/infosession). If you have questions, call the Admissions Office at 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or email [janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org).

## Camden Catholic High School Freshman Registration: Class of 2019

**Saturday, February 21 from 8-11 a.m. CCHS Dining Hall**  
Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students are being scheduled throughout the winter 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. Contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: [janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

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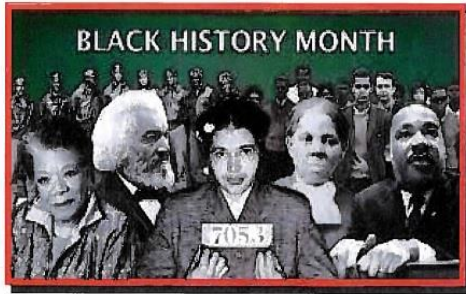
# Gloucester Catholic High School News

1. Gloucester Catholic Junior-Senior High School Registration for the 2015-2016 academic school year is Saturday, February 21, from 9am-12pm. Application for registration can be completed on the website. Visit [www.gchsrams.org](http://www.gchsrams.org) and click on the "Apply Online" link under "Apply to Gloucester Catholic" on the left-hand side. Contact Admissions Director Tom Flynn at [tflynn@gchsrams.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrams.org) or (856)-456-4400 ext. 228 with questions.

2. Gloucester Catholic invites all prospective students to its winter "Maroon and Gold Expo" on Saturday, January 31st. View student fine and performing artwork starting at Noon and grab your seats for the 1:00 PM tipoff at our boys' varsity basketball game.

3. The Gloucester Catholic Admissions Office announces their "Ram for a Day" program! Take the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Gloucester Catholic student and feel part of the GC family. Visit [gchsrams.org](http://gchsrams.org) to see the procedure for Gloucester Catholic High School's "Ram For A Day". For more information, contact Tom Flynn in Admissions at [tflynn@gchsrams.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrams.org) or call (856)-456-4400, ex 228.

4. Gloucester Catholic Junior Senior High will host the Eleventh Annual "Ultimate" Basket Auction, A Celebration of Maroon and Gold, on Thursday, March 19 at The Washington in Turnersville. Tickets make great Christmas gifts! Plan on a fun night out with the girls and support a wonderful cause. Proceeds benefit the GCHS Scholarship and Tuition Assistance Programs. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner, entertainment by "The Hotsy Totsy Gals", and the opportunity to win fabulous prizes! Contact Lizann Ward at [lizannward1267@aol.com](mailto:lizannward1267@aol.com) or call (609) 519-1588.



**PLEASE JOIN US IN  
CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
WITH MASS**

**AT**

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH  
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY  
2677 DELSEA DRIVE, FRANKLINVILLE, NEW JERSEY**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015**

**1:30 PM**

**MOST REVEREND DENNIS J. SULLIVAN, D.D.  
CELEBRANT  
REV. JAMES GOODE, OFM  
HOMILIST**

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***Hospitaller Order of St. John of God***

December 19, 2014

Dear Rev. Rocco,

I take this opportunity to thank you and your parishioners for your generosity in support of the challenges the Hospitaller Order faces in West Africa. This crisis that we have been going through is one that changed dramatically our services to the sick and poor. As you can only imagine, many, many lives have been lost or permanently affected by the Ebola virus. And yet, through the generosity of the Diocese of Camden, the Brothers have been able to continue to offer care to the sick and going to visit people in their own villages. Our hospitals, thank God, are open and are serving those who come for services. As approach the great feast of Christmas, may the Peace of the Savior be with you and your loved ones.

United in Prayer,  
**Brother Thomas Osorio, OH  
Prior**

*(The Parishioners of St. Stephen donated \$604  
last August to assist the Brothers in their ministry)*

***Prayer Service & Discussion  
“Walking With The Saints”***

*The Cause for the Canonization of  
Father Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)*



**Guest Speaker:**

Brother A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem.

**Special Assistant to the Bishop for the Cause  
Seminarian and Priesthood Candidate**

*In January of 2010, His Eminence Cardinal Francis George, OMI announced the Archdiocese's pursuit of the cause for canonization of Father Augustus Tolton, 1854-1897. The requisite historical and theological commissions are done compiling the Acta (dossier) of his life and arguing his virtues as well as taking testimonials in ecclesiastical court regarding spiritual favors and possible miracles to aid the Cause. In his capacity as Diocesan Postulator for the Cause, Most Reverend, Bishop Joseph N. Perry appointed Brother A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem. as his Special Assistant to help with popularizing the Cause through public speaking events, fundraisers and educational programs. Join us to get a first-hand update of the progress the Cause has made and the movement that is taking place in the Church.*

Friday, February 20, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

St. Stephen Catholic Church  
6306 Browning Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08109  
Light refreshments immediately following in the Pastoral Center



For more information, contact:  
James E. Andrews, Director  
Back Catholic Ministries  
856-583-6184

All community organizations  
parishes and persons are welcome

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***Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass***

**January 22**, the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, is a special day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This is a great opportunity to pray in solidarity with those attending the March for Life, join presider and homilist Fr. Joseph Capella for this important evening of prayer and reflection.

**It will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Shrine  
(135 N. White Horse Pike, Lindenwold).**

The evening has two components:

- 6:30 PM: Pro-Life Rosary**
- 7:00 PM: Holy Mass**

For more information, please call **856-583-6119**  
or email **michael.laskey@camdendiocese.org**.