

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

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

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



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January 20, 2013 – 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

Children's Liturgy: 3rd 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, 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.

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".

SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 19, 2013 Ricardo Taylor, Sr. r/b Rose Marie Davis
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 20, 2013 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
MONDAY 9:00am	January 21, 2013 Sr. Ann Thomas Sullivan, SSJ r/b Diane Leone
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 22, 2013 Mrs. Ida Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 23, 2013 Marie Zinicola r/b Lucille Buffington
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	January 24, 2013 Rev. Gerald J. Fitzpatrick r/b Virginia Licata
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 25, 2013 Mass of Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua r/b Gerry Kozempel
SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 26, 2013 Ricardo Taylor, Sr. r/b Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 27, 2013 Charles Bearint r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Catherine & Charles Magee r/b Family Brian Reese r/b Joe & Maria Haas Evelyn Capocetta r/b Joe & Bev Fitzpatrick Judith Ann Gormley r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of The 26 Sandy Hook Victims.

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.

Jan. 12/13, 2013 Attendance/Collection	473/	\$4,627
Jan. 14/15, 2012 Comparison	604/	\$5,780
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,505

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 26/27

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, C. Hughes, N. Hughes
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, M. Bufanio, A. Cirullo, *alternate T. Angstman
Lectors: L. Heininger, J. Heininger

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, O. Graff, B. McHugh
EM's: S. Marano, N. Schmidt, L. D'Alessandro, E. Nolte
Lectors: J. Messina, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: J. Mack, Ma. Ciarrocca, Mi. Ciarrocca
EM's: L. Solano, Geo. Tutwiler, Gail Tutiler, J. Bowman
Lectors: M. Miller, C. Otto

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewards In God's Plan"

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan, helping to do His work here on earth? Remember that if you don't serve in **Stewardship** and do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it.



National Holiday Closings

On Monday, January 21st we will observe the **Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

The School, Rectory & all Diocesan Offices will be closed.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

1/21-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Pastoral Council,
 School & Rectory closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
 1/22-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 1/23-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD
 1/24-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Adult Choir, 7pm Discussion
 1/25-Friday-9am Mass
 1/26-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 1/27-Sunday-RCIA, 9am School Mass & 10:30am Mass
 Catholic Schools Week: January 27 – February 2

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.
 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 23rd @ 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. 1st, 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

Art & Environment Ministry

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass is asked to contact our A&E Chairperson **Maria Haas at 665-8393**. Anyone who would like to make a donation for a tree to honor a deceased loved one or would like to join the A & E Ministry may call Maria at the number above.

A Special Thank You

To all our parishioners, school staff and PTO for your generosity, time and effort to help make this year's **Angel Tree** a huge success. Every angel was selected which enabled every child from **St. Anthony's of Padua** in Camden to receive a gift for the Christmas Season.

Sincerely,
The Liturgy Committee

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 21	Pastoral Council
January 28	Liturgy Board
January 30	Spiritual Life Board
February 11	Finance Council

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
 or by calling **Michael Ciarrocca at 856-425-4799**.

RCIA Ministry

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

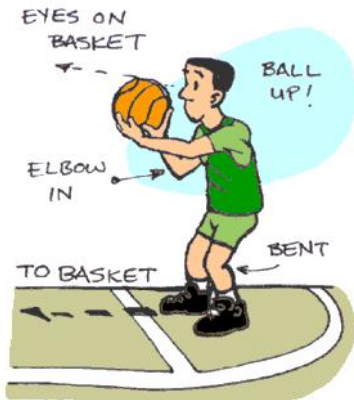
- Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
- Have you been away from the church...and have now returned, but want to know more?
- Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism; Confirmation; and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

Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Contest



On Saturday 01/26/13 at 1:30 pm the KofC Council 3512 is holding its annual Free Throw Contest in the gym at St. Stephen School. The contest is open to parochial and public school students between the ages of 10-14. Participants compete against those in the same age and gender category. Registration begins at 1:00pm. For information contact Glenn Johnson @ 609-922-4349.

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.

Holy Redeemer Hospice

Homecare. Healthcare. Lifecare.

Holy Redeemer Hospice, a New Jersey based program of Holy Redeemer Health System, is in need of caring volunteers. As a Catholic Health System rooted in the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer, we Care, Comfort, and Heal following the example of Jesus. We offer a faith-based program with a holistic approach to healing and caring for the total person beyond their healthcare needs. Volunteer opportunities include clerical work to support hospice staff, or patient visits and companionship to support hospice patients and their families. Training is provided. No personal care required. Please call Jane Elliott at (856) 312-1520 or email jellio@holyredeemer.com for more information.



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 and select marriage enrichment or go directly to www.livinginlove.org.

TIME OUT!

Gentlemen:

Give yourself a time out to Recharge your battery, Relax with friends, perhaps Resolve a problem on issues in your life. **Join us March 8-10 for a Men's Retreat at St. Joseph's in the Hills in Malvern, PA.**

Comments from recent new Retreatants: "That weekend really helped me relax", "That weekend helped me be a better husband and father", "The Malvern weekend changed my life".

For more info: Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753 or email Joe at jfagan1982@comcast.net. Register at www.malvernretreat.com.

**The Catholic Church of St. Mary, Cherry Hill
Presents in Concert**

The Sicilian Tenors



Sunday, February 10, 2013 at 2:00pm
Call for tickets: (856) 424-1454 or (856) 424-4423

Thank You

January 20, 2013

Dear Parishioners,

In gratitude for you and your family's gracious gift of \$17,609 during this Christmas Season, I would like to express on behalf of the parish our sincere thanks for your generosity. It is because of your steadfast support that we are able to fulfill the Parish's spiritual, financial and physical responsibilities. As you are aware, we are beginning a new venture: The development of our new Sr. Bernadette Parish Center. Hopefully this will afford our parishioners the opportunity to gather together and celebrate our life as a parish educationally, spiritually, and socially.

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 2013.

With a promise of prayer for your intentions, I am

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Hurricane Sandy Benefit Concert for Camden Diocesan Schools & Communities



Renowned Liturgical Musicians & Composers
David Haas & Lori True will perform:

Friday, January 25th @ 7pm at Christ Our Light
402 North Kings Highway, Cherry Hill, NJ

Tickets: \$10 pre-sale and \$15 at the door

Join together in Song & Praise for the benefit of local Diocesan schools & families affected by Hurricane Sandy, including Our Lady Star of the Sea in Atlantic City, Cape Trinity Catholic Regional School in North Wildwood, Assumption Regional Catholic School in Galloway, Bishop McHugh Regional School in Cape May Courthouse, Holy Spirit High School in Absecon, and Wildwood Catholic High School. **David & Lori will also host a Music Workshop on Saturday, January 26th at Christ Our Light from 8:30am-Noon, \$10 per person.** TICKETS & Info: (856) 546-5201.

THE ARTS ACADEMY AT CCHS



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 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.