

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

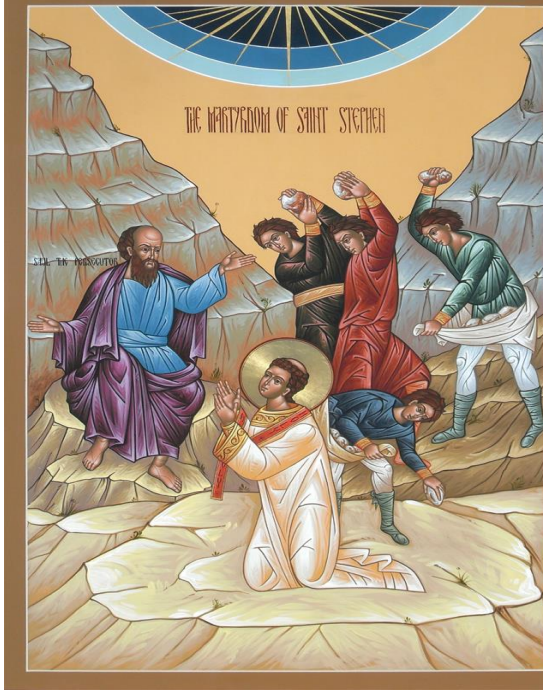
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
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Rose Marie Davis
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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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(856) 227-2145

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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 24, 2016 – The Third 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 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
MONDAY 9:00am	January 25, 2016 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 26, 2016 Rev. Ronald S. Falotico r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 27, 2016 Nancy L. Johnson r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
THURSDAY 9:00am Daily	January 28, 2016 Lucy Alessandro r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 29, 2016 Neal Norris r/b Lucille Buffington
SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 30, 2016 Anna Amalfitano r/b The Pandola Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 31, 2016 Florence McHugh r/b T.J., Denise & Braeden McHugh
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family Scott Forbes r/b Joe Haas



The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of Nicholas DiLaurentis.*

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 16/17 Parish Heating Fund Collection:	\$1,027
January 16/17, 2016 Regular Collection:	\$4,871
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,691

Special Collections:

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

January 31, 2016: "Catholic Schools Week" (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, 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 Vивиello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard, Keith Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for January 30/31

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J.Bui

EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, L. Heininger, **J. Heininger*

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: Q. Nguyen

EM's: T. Modzier, R. Davis, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, **E. Nolte*

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: K. Fagan

EM's: T. Angstman, Geo. Tutwiler, T. Scavuzzo, K. Fagan, **J. Fagan*

Lector: J. Messina

Catholic Schools Week Collection

The weekend of January 30 & 31 is the kickoff to Catholic Schools week. During all Masses, a special collection will be available which will benefit the Catholic elementary schools of the Diocese of Camden. This is the first collection of its kind and will directly underwrite the cost of providing catholic education. As Pope Francis has told us, "as Catholics we have a moral imperative to support catholic education". This collection will thereby benefit both the schools themselves as well as families looking to make Catholic education a possibility for their children. Please consider giving generously!

In today's bulletin you will find a special envelope for this collection next week.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

1/25-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
 1/26-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Board
 1/27-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 1/28-Thursday-9am Mass, 6pm Wedding Rehearsal,
 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 1/29 -Friday-9:00am Mass
 1/30 -Sat.-2pm Wedding, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 1/31 -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 27th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will continue this Thursday January 28th @ 7pm in the Sister Bernadette Parish Center and discuss the question: "Why is a vasectomy or tubal ligation so wrong? Isn't that better than creating fertilized eggs which so often die off?" 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.



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,

Reverend Terry M. Odien
Vicar for Clergy

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ALL SURVEYS are due by next Sunday, January 31, 2016.
Hard Copies are available in the Sacristy & Rectory
for those without computers/internet access.

Camden Catholic High School News

Admissions Info Night for 6th, 7th & 8th Graders Thursday, January 28 at 7 p.m.

Enjoy an up-close look at the top-ranked Catholic school in South Jersey and learn more about the admissions process, academic expectations and extra-curricular offerings. RSVP: 856-663-2247 ext. 136 | www.camdenatholic.org/infosession

Class of 2020 Freshman Registration

Save the date! Saturday, February 20 at 8 a.m. Pisa Dining Hall at Camden Catholic. Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students are being scheduled throughout 2016 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
or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

The Arts at CCHS Presents PIPPIN

March 11, 12, 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. and March 13 at 2 p.m. \$12/person. Purchase tickets online at www.cchspeformingarts.com or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.

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Paul VI High School News

Paul VI High School ANNUAL 8th GRADE WINTER DANCE. Eighth grade students are invited to Paul VI High School for the annual 8th Grade Winter Dance on Friday, February 5th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for students who make reservations prior to the 5th, \$8 at the door. Reservations are available by visiting the ADMISSIONS EVENTS page of the Paul VI website, www.pvihs.org. Each student must present a completed, signed permission form to be admitted. Permission forms are available on the school website, www.pvihs.org.

Paul VI PROSPECTIVE PARENTS' WINE & CHEESE will be held on Friday, February 5th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Paul VI dining hall. Parents interested in learning more about Paul VI High School are invited to meet current PVI parents and staff at this annual, informal information night. For reservations, please visit the ADMISSIONS EVENTS page of the Paul VI website, www.pvihs.org.

Paul VI High School REGISTRATION FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS. Paul VI High School congratulates those students accepted into the Class of 2020! Registration will take place at the school on Saturday, February 20th, between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Questions about registration, or inquiries to apply to Paul VI, may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, (856) 858-4900 ext. 336, or kstewart@pvihs.org.

JOINT MEETING OF PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCILS

January 12, 2016

Council Members Present: Joseph Haas, Terry Modzier, Liz McHugh, Earl Nolte, Melanie Lopez, Dennis Rooney, Deacon Cioe, Janis Melfi, and Father Rocco

Finance Members Present: Rose Davis, Rita Vogt, Keith Knight, Lonnie Monaco and Rick Taylor

Special Guest: Sal Marano

Opening prayer by Father Rocco at 7PM.

❖ **OLD BUSINESS:**

SCHOOL BLDG & LAND:

The sale of the school building and adjacent land is still ongoing. The survey has been completed. The engineer is working on plans for the adjacent grounds. We are still under agreement with Mr. Ung the owner of Sun Seng business which sits on Rte. 38. We are hopeful we will be finalizing this deal come late spring early summer.

❖ **NEW BUSINESS:**

Financial Status

We are paid up on our bills!!!! And we are keeping our head above the proverbial water!!!!

Finance committee will submit a detailed analysis of our finances.

We have monies from the sale of the school furniture which we may apply to the construction of a garage, tentative location behind the rectory. This will be a necessary structure as we no longer will have the school building to house tools and electric and motorized equipment.

REPAIRS:

We have completed the installation of lights which front the rectory. To be completed is the wall around the church to prevent soil erosion. Also the church roof and or side seams still need repair to prevent leaks.

ADVENT PHONE CENSUS:

Hats off to Sal Marano, parishioner extraordinaire, who has been conducting a phone census. He personally called 350 active members and 288 inactive members. Of the active members he spoke with, 95% of those gave “positive” feedback on the overall running of our parish. Topics ranged from our Pastor Fr. Rocco, our deacons to our choir and everything in between. If you have been unable to speak with Sal Marano, please contact the rectory. Sal will be more than happy to contact you. Sal said this was a “very enlightening” experience. Thanks again Sal!!!!

FATHER ROCCO 6-YR. TERM END SURVEY:

As you may know Father Rocco’s term as our parish priest has officially concluded on 1/11/16. He is now in a holdover period. This period will encompass the review of the completed surveys of the parishioners.

You may complete this survey on line or by filling out a hard copy.

The hard copies are available at the rectory or at the back of the church.

The letter from the Diocese explaining the process and the survey is in our bulletin of Jan. 10, 17.

We are hoping ALL will give their input in this important decision.

Time frame for completion is THREE WEEKS from 1/10/16.

FATHER ROCCO’S SURGERY:

Father will have foot surgery on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. His recoup time is approximately a week. Father intends to be at the following weekend Mass. Please send your prayers to Father for his successful surgery and speedy recovery. We wish him well!!

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:15 PM. Next PPC meeting is tentative.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Melfi, Secretary of St Stephen’s PPC