

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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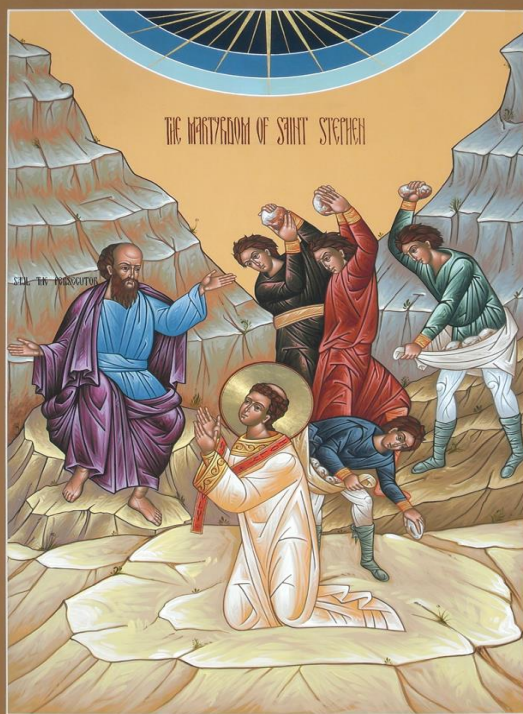
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Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

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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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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 25, 2015 – The Third 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, 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.

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".

MONDAY 9:00am	January 26, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 27, 2015 Joseph Bancr r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 28, 2015 Robert Norris r/b William Mignone
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	January 29, 2015 Santa "Sue" Donio r/b Fr. Daniel Rocco & Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 30, 2015 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 31, 2015 William Sauer (2 nd Anniversary) r/b His Wife, Theresa
SUNDAY 9:00am	February 1, 2015 Catherine Knighton r/b Duane & Pam Heck
10:30am	Rose Marie Mufalli r/b Alex Rende Lois Oxley r/b The Haas Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of John Sarich, Sr.

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 17/18, 2015 Collection (Ice):	\$3,874
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,965

Special Collections:

- January 25, 2015 "Mission Membership Sunday" (Diocese)
- February 18, 2015 "Eastern Europe" (Diocese - Ash Wednesday)
(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.StStephensPenssauken.com to set up your account.**



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, 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 Viviello, Dolores VonAlex, Barbara Weingard.**

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Ministry Schedule for January 31/Feb. 1

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, V. Thibault, L. Heininger, *A. Cirullo

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, C. Hearn

EM's: L. Monaco, T. Modzier, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, *S. Marano

Lector: D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: T. Albert, O. Albert

EM's: K. Fagan, T. Link, T. Mattered, T. Angstman, *J. Fagan

Lector: M. Miller

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewards Follow"

"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."
- MARK 1:17B

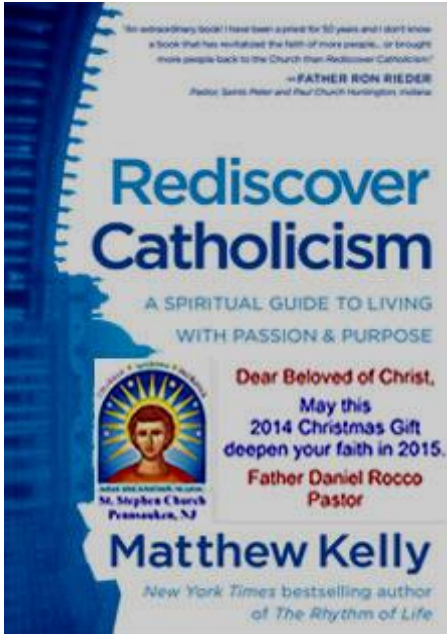
Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all His **Stewards!** Jesus asks us to help Him build his church on earth by generously sharing all our gifts of prayer, talent and treasure. Remember, Jesus calls us to generously develop and share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

1/26-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study, 6:30pm Deacons Meeting
1/27-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Board
1/28-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
1/29-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:00pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
1/30-Friday-9am Mass
1/31-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
2/1--Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues January 29, 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 29th 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 6th 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.

Art & Environment

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 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 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.

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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) 662-9339 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.

WHY DO WE...

Celebrate Mass on Sunday?

"This is the day the Lord has made." Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. For Christians, this has become the first of all days, the first of all feasts, the Lord's Day.

-CCC, 2174

The heart of the Sunday celebration is the Eucharist. The practice of celebrating the Eucharist on "The Lord's Day" is a tradition that dates back to the Apostles. While Sunday is generally considered the first day of the week, it is also referred to as the eighth day- a day signifying eternity. Sunday completes the Sabbath because it anticipates our eternal rest in God. The Sabbath remembers the first creation; Sunday recalls the new creation in Christ and the Spirit.

BECOME ENGAGED

The Church desires attendees at Mass, not to be strangers or silent spectators. Through a good understanding of the rites and prayers, it is expected that Catholics will be involved in this sacred celebration by being conscious of what is taking place and participating fully in prayer and song.

As we meditate on the scriptural and Eucharistic portions of the mass, we will grow in our love and worship of God, as well in respect and love for one another. In this way, we are living what Jesus proclaimed as God's Greatest Commandments:

- ◆ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your Soul, and with all your mind.
- ◆ You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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Camden Catholic High School News

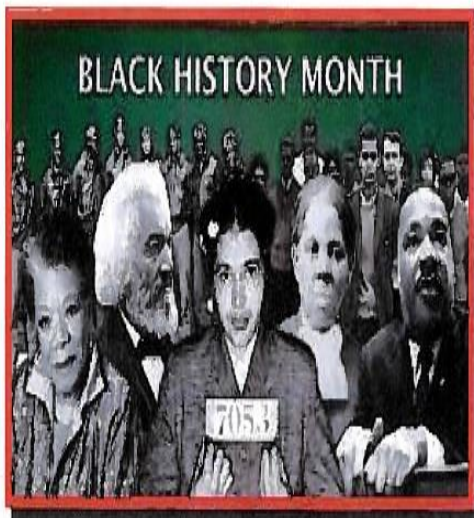
Camden Catholic High School Admissions Information Session Thursday, January 29th from 7-9 p.m.

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. If you have questions, call the Admissions Office at 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or email janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org.

Camden Catholic High School Freshman Registration:

Class of 2019, Sat., Feb. 21 from 8-11am. 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 or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.



**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**

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