

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



*Different Histories...*

*One Faith...*

*Different Ages...*

## *Pastoral Staff*

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

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



## *Contact Information*

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## *January 26, 2014 – 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

**Children's Liturgy:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 9:00am

**Holy Days:** 9:00am & 7:00pm

**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, 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.

**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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

- MONDAY**            **January 27, 2014**  
9:00am                Helen Andrychowski r/b JoAnn & Cecelia
- TUESDAY**         **January 28, 2014**  
9:00am                A Special Intention r/b Family
- WEDNESDAY**     **January 29, 2014**  
9:00am                Philomena & Anthony Gini r/b The Gini Family
- THURSDAY**       **January 30, 2014**  
9:00am+Novena     Ed Radetich (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) r/b Matt & Pat Petronis
- FRIDAY**            **January 31, 2014**  
9:00am                Mary Gundersen r/b Rose Davis
- SATURDAY**        **February 1, 2014**  
4:30pm                Catherine Maurer r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
- SUNDAY**           **February 2, 2014**  
9:00am                Charles Watson r/b The McHugh Family  
10:30am                Rev. Thomas E. Ploude r/b People of the Parish  
                                 Olga Mignone r/b Frank Pigliacelli  
                                 Richard Pacholski r/b His Wife Lucille & Family

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of William Sauer.

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>Jan. 18/19, 2014 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>493/</b>	<b>\$5,162</b>
<b>Jan. 19/20, 2013 Comparison</b>	<b>586/</b>	<b>\$5,761</b>
<b>2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$5,588</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,095</b>

**Diocesan Special Collection** 1/26/14: "Mission Membership"  
**St. Stephen's Special Collection** 2/2/14: "Heating Fuel Offering"

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### People for the Poor Chances Feb. 8/9

As you may be aware, People for the Poor is a 100% Volunteer Organization that does nothing but fundraisers & EVERY PENNY goes to Homeless Shelters & Soup Kitchens throughout South Jersey.

We will be selling chances at St. Stephen's for a Time Share ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD the weekend of February 8 & 9th...the cost per chance is \$5 - the reason for the \$5 is because that will feed a person breakfast, lunch AND dinner for a day.



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:

- Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joe DiLorenzo, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, 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, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, John Maggioncalda, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex.**

## Ministry Schedule for February 1 / 2

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** S. Caban, T. Mason, O. Albert  
**EM's:** L. Heininger, J. Heininger, T. Angstman, B. Taylor, \*P. Petronis  
**Lector:** R. Taylor

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** C. Aleszczyk, C. Hearn, M. Conway  
**EM's:** S. Marano, L. Monaco, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro, \*R. Davis  
**Lectors:** J. Messina, J. Gerst

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** K. Fagan, L. Fagan, J. Bui  
**EM's:** K. Fagan, J. Fagan, T. Scavuzzo, C. Otto, \*T. Link  
**Lector:** P. Cioe

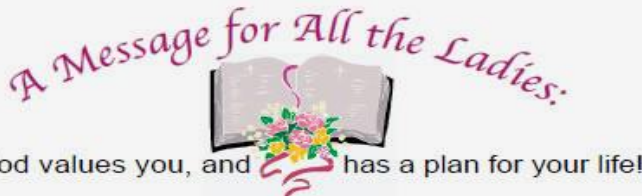
## Stewardship Reflection "Stewards Follow"

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." MATTHEW 4:22

Just as He called the first apostles, Jesus calls each of us to follow Him, too. We are not expected to leave our businesses and our families behind, but we are expected to be good *Stewards* by putting our service to Jesus before worldly endeavors.

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

1/27--Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Liturgy Board  
1/28--Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA  
1/29--Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 6:30pm Eucharist Workshop,  
1/30--Thur-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Book Club  
1/31--Friday-9am Mass  
2/1---Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
2/2---Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



***Monday Ladies' Bible Study***

1-2:30pm in the Stonegate Conference Room.

***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

***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***

Continue Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.

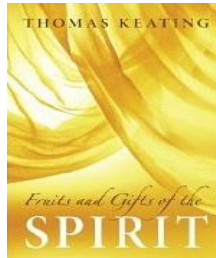
***Thursday Night***

***Discussion Club***

Continues January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Center.

We are discussing

"Fruits & Gifts of the Spirit" by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO



***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



"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 Parish Center Meeting Room. Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.

***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.

***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 Meetings***

All at 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

Monday, January 27 Liturgy Board  
Monday, February 10 Finance Council

***Prayer Pavers to Our Lady***

**AN ONGOING MEMORIAL!**

All pavers are now installed and many spaces still available!

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](http://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 office hours, **Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm** (excluding Holy Days & Holidays).

***St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You***

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|  | <p><b>We are here to pray for you.</b><br/>Prayer requests for the month of January, please contact <b>Michael @ 662-2543</b>.</p> |
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**St. Joseph's In the Hills Men's Retreat**  
March 7-9, 2014

- Some men come to relax
- Some visit with friends
- Some are in crisis and need answers
- All are welcome
- 18 men joined us last year from South Jersey
- You are invited March 7-9

More information at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)  
or call Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753.

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**FAITHfull Food Drive**

In the next few weeks more information will be made available to you regarding an initiative to raise awareness about hunger here in South Jersey and to put our faith into practice in meeting the needs of so many. On a single day, **Sunday, February 23rd**, the Diocese of Camden hopes to collect nearly 600,000 lbs of canned foods at all parishes across the six county South Jersey area. Proteins like canned tuna, chicken, etc...and all other canned items are needed. An extra can or two purchased each week over the next month will go a long way in helping your parish to raise its quota and in turn feed a hungry neighbor.

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**The Arts Academy at CCHS**

**Open House Thursday, January 30, 7-9 p.m.**

Meet our faculty and experience the arts at CCHS as showcased by our talented students. Programs of study include performing arts, fine arts, digital arts and media studies, dance, chorus, music and band. This is also a great opportunity to tour the campus if you did not have an opportunity to attend the Fall Open House.

Register at [www.camdenatholic.org/artsopenhouse](http://www.camdenatholic.org/artsopenhouse)  
or call 856-663-2247 ext. 136

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**A Closer Walk with God**

Desiring a closer walk with God? Join us as we ask for the infusion of Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Presence of Jesus Christ. Silent Meditation, Reflection & Adoration. All are warmly welcome to attend!

**St. Rose of Lima Church ~ Main Church**  
300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035  
Sunday March 16, 2014 from 2-3:30 pm

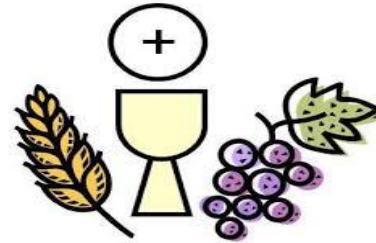
**Presenter: Fr. Joseph Byerley**  
**Silent Spiritual Meditation, Reflection & Adoration**

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1. Gloucester Catholic Junior-Senior High School Registration for the 2014-2015 academic school year is **February 22**, 9am-12pm. Contact Admissions Director, George Bakey, at [gbakey@gchsrams.org](mailto:gbakey@gchsrams.org) or (856)-456-4400, ex 227.
2. The Gloucester Catholic Admissions Office announces their "**Ram for a Day**" program! On any school day, students are welcome to experience a day in the life of a Gloucester Catholic student and feel part of the GC family. For information regarding Gloucester Catholic's shadow program, contact Admissions Director, George Bakey, at [gbakey@gchsrams.org](mailto:gbakey@gchsrams.org) or (856)-456-4400, ex 227.

Continues This Wednesday

**EUCCHARIST WORKSHOP**



Explore the central mystery of our Faith by taking a deeper look at this most Holy Sacrament. This spiritual study program, presented by **Father Robert Barron** on DVD, will give us a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ's Divine Life that you can receive at every Mass. Please join us for one or all sessions, as we discover and celebrate what Vatican II called the "source and summit of the Christian life." **This is a five-session workshop offered on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Family Center being held until February 12th.**

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**Natural Family Planning**

**Natural Family Planning (NFP)** is a healthy, effective, economical, ecological, and communication-enhancing way to plan your family in accord with Catholic teaching. Fertility awareness with NFP can be helpful to those having difficulty becoming pregnant.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE**

Thursdays: February 6, March 6, April 3, 2014

7:15 – 9:45 PM Voorhees, NJ

Register online at: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)

(click on search/register for class) and enter zip code.

**Deadline for registration: February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Virtual Online NFP courses and a Home Study Course in NFP are also available at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). For more information contact Cecilia at 856-753-1906 or [sj.nfp@comcast.net](mailto:sj.nfp@comcast.net) - [www.live-the-love.org](http://www.live-the-love.org).

· **Couple to Couple League (CCL) NFP Courses** have been awarded full approval under the USCCB revised standards for NFP programs. [www.live-the-love.org](http://www.live-the-love.org)

· CCL has a mobile fertility tracking app that makes charting easier on the go: <http://ccli.org/CycleProGo>

· CCL has NFP Courses in English and Spanish and extra classes for postpartum and premenopause. <http://register.ccli.org/>

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**Job Opening for Parish Administrator**

**Christ the King Parish, Haddonfield, NJ**

Three main areas of responsibility:

1. Financial Management
2. Plant Oversight
3. Development and Fund-Raising

Before submitting an application, please check the parish website [[www.ctkhaddonfield.org](http://www.ctkhaddonfield.org)] for a full job description and requirements. All applications must be submitted by email. No phone calls, please.

## Finance Council Meeting Notes Monday, January 13, 2014

In Attendance:

Fr. Daniel Rocco, Rita Vogt, Rose Davis, Rick Taylor, Deacon Anthony Cioe, Keith Knight, and Lonnie Monaco.

Fr. Rocco opened the meeting at 7:03 PM with a Scripture Reading.

Main discussion of the evening was on the imminent closing of St Stephen school and its aftermath. Fr Rocco and Pat Higgins, school principal, have signed a letter that will be distributed to the School Finance Committee at their Tuesday evening meeting, the parents of the students via the brown envelop (the information packet sent home every Wednesday with the students), and the congregation via the church bulletin this coming weekend. The letter explains how the parish had no alternative but to close the school as the end of this school year. It provides a chance for those students wishing to continue their Catholic education to meet with representatives of other Catholic schools in our area. Eligible students will also receive tuition assistance from St Stephen's parish for the upcoming school year. Fr Rocco remains committed to meeting our financial obligations to the students, teachers, and staff through the end of the school year.

Discussions with potential vendors have already begun for possible use of the school. All will be kept informed on the progress in this area.

Parish Finances: Members of the Finance Committee reviewed the parish financial statements, including the balance sheet as of December 31, 2013 and the profit and loss statement for the months of July through December 2013.  Income: Ordinary income for July through December 2013 was nearly 10% lower than projected in the budget. Ordinary income represents collections taken in at weekend and holy day Masses.  Expenses: During the months of July through December 2013, the parish was \$24,489 over budget, mostly due to an increase of \$25K in our school subsidy. Utility costs were nearly on budget. Assets and Liabilities: As of December 31, 2013, the parish had \$28,579 in the operating account, \$12,153 in the reserve account, and \$31,291 in the Msgr. O'Connell Scholarship Fund (which may not be used for ordinary parish expenses). All parish accounts payable were current at the end of December.

Fr. Rocco closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:27 PM.

The next Finance Council meeting will take place on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lonnie Monaco  
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# St. Stephen's Coach Bingo Night



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2014  
7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.  
ST. STEPHEN'S GYM  
\$30 PER PERSON  
BYOB -- ADULTS ONLY -- Raffles**

**Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.  
Bingo will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.  
Dabbers on sale for \$1.00  
Feel free to bring your own snacks  
Light refreshments will be available**

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## Pre-register - CASH ONLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

**For questions call  
Kim Cianciotti Hiller  
@ 856-938-7075**