

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

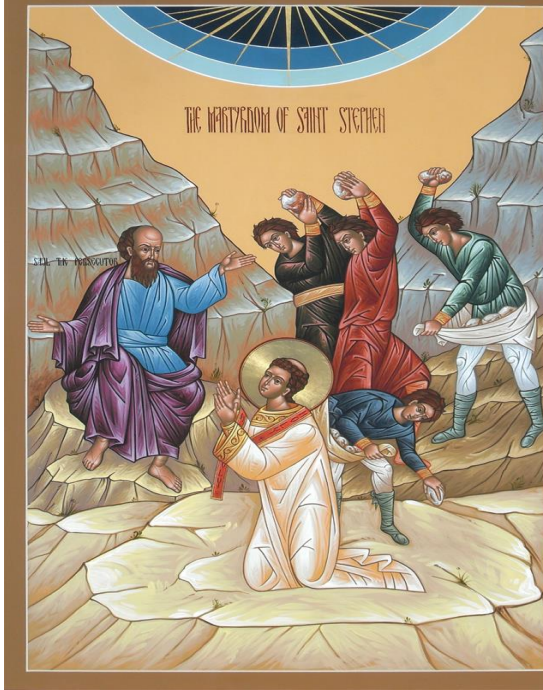
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**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  
**Rectory Fax**  
(856) 662-4679

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

**Tribunal Parish Advocate**  
Deacon Anthony R. Cioe  
(856) 227-2145

**Parish Email:**  
[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

**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 3, 2016 – The Epiphany of the Lord***

**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, 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 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".**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 3, 2016</b> John Conboy r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Olga V. Mignone r/b Donald Mignone John Kerwick r/b His Wife, Son and Family Richard Cesta r/b The McHugh Family
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 4, 2016</b> <i>Communion Service</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 5, 2016</b> Robert Norris (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) r/b Jim & Janice Rotondo
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 6, 2016</b> Rev. Ronald S. Falotico r/b People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am Daily	<b>January 7, 2016</b> Benito Ciarrocchi r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 8, 2016</b> The Buffington Siblings r/b Sister-in-Law
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>January 9, 2016</b> Philip Cresthull r/b The Baylor & Pandola Families
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 10, 2016</b> Joseph D. Burns r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Vincenza Faiola r/b Sr. Eleanora & Family Shirley Quinton r/b Nancy Reese Audrey Taylor r/b Nancy Reese Audrey Keenan r/b Nancy Reese



## The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of *The Weingard & Burns Family.*

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.

**December 19/20, 2015 Collection: \$5,374**  
**2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target: \$5,000**  
**Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average: \$4,659**

*December 26/27 Offertory Figures will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on 12/22/15.*

Next Special Collection:

**January 17, 2016: "Parish Heating Fund" (St. Stephen)**  
*(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 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 Vivello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard, Keith Wilson.**

## Ministry Schedule for January 9/10

*\* Designates Alternate Server*

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Server:** S. Surgner

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

**Lector:** B. Mattia

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Server:** Q. Nguyen

**EM's:** L. D'Alessandro, L. McHugh, M. Miller, E. Nolte, \*R. Leone

**Lectors:** J. Gerst, W. McHugh

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Server:** J. Bui

**EM's:** P. Cioe, M. Meloni, Geo. Tutwiler, J. Messina, \*T. Angstman

**Lectors:** R. Aleszczyk, C. Aleszczyk



Homes Helping Single Mothers and Babies Since 1965.

## GOOD COUNSEL THANKS YOU...

The Mom's, babies, staff and volunteers of Good Counsel Homes, Riverside, we are humbled by the extreme generosity of the parishioners of St. Stephen's Parish. **The baby bottles returned to date amount to \$4,008.09.** We are happy to share an early Christmas miracle arrived, December 18, Baby Noah, weighing in at 7 pounds 11 ounces. It is through your financial support, we are able to continue to provide a loving home for our families. I have been told God will not be outdone in generosity, that being said, you will be eternally blessed. We welcome you to visit our Good Counsel Home, call JoAnn DiNoia, 609-387-2928; [joann\\_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org](mailto:joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org). (We still have bottles that have been yet been returned. Some of you may have simply forgot to return it. If so, still bring it to church and Good Counsel Homes will receive your bottle. If you took a bottle and were not able to participate, for whatever the reason, that's okay—you can still help. The return of the bottle will still be a donation as this is one less bottle we have to purchase. ☺ Thank you and God bless you.)

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

- 1/4-Monday-9am Communion Service
- 1/5-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 1/6-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 1/7-Thursday-9am Mass, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
- 1/8 -Friday-9:00am Mass
- 1/9 -Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 1/10 -Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

### **Ladies' Bible Study will resume on January 11<sup>th</sup>**



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**

Will resume January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

### **Thursday Night Discussion Club**

Will resume this Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center and discuss the question: "Why can't non-Catholics receive the Eucharist?" 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](http://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**

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 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).



**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.

## **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).





**Resource and Referral Help Line  
for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities**

Do you or Someone You Love Need Care At Home?

Contact the Help Line at : **1-888-26-VITALity**  
**(1-888-268-4825)**

A free and simple Gateway to Help at Home for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities seeking to remain healthy, safe and secure in their homes.

The Vitality Help Line:

- + Provides information and access to Community, Health and Medical Services.
- + Arranges for Care Coordinators to visit you at your Home to help you navigate the complex healthcare, insurance and provider system.

All this is provided at no charge through the charitable efforts of the Diocese of Camden.

Visit [vitality.camdendiocese.org](http://vitality.camdendiocese.org) for more information.

A Healthcare Ministry of the Camden Diocese . Funded through the House of Charity and the Healthcare Foundation of the Camden Diocese.

**Paul VI Slam Dunk Tours**

The Paul VI Eagles are ready to soar! Please join us for a special pre-game tour of our beautiful school, followed by an exciting Paul VI home basketball game:

**Paul VI Girls v. Timber Creek, Saturday, January 9, 2016, Tours at noon, Game at 1 PM**

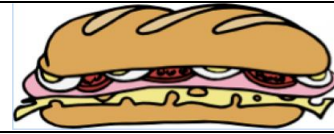
**Paul VI Girls v. Cherokee, Thursday, January 28, 2016, Tours at 6 PM, Game at 7 PM**

Reservations are appreciated; please visit [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org) for more information or to make a reservation. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Please come to the gym entrance at tour time; students and an accompanying adult will receive a complimentary game passes. Questions? Please email Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Director of Admissions at [kstewart@pvihs.org](mailto:kstewart@pvihs.org).

**USHERS Needed**

**for Sunday's 10:30am Mass!**

Please call Keith at 856-663-3541 if interested.



**Knights of Columbus,  
Council 3512**

**Hoagie Sale**

As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 & \$6.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **January 9 & 10**. For info call 856-227-4980.

**#Know Mercy**  
**Gay & Catholic:**  
**Accepting My Sexuality, Finding Community, Living My Faith**

**DATE:** Tues., Jan. 12, 2016  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m. – Doors Open  
7:30 p.m. – Presentation Begins  
**LOCATION:** Tir Na Nog  
482 E. Evesham Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

**PRESENTED BY:**  
**Eve Tushnet**  
Author of "Gay & Catholic"

**Future Theology on Tap Events**  
**Mar. 15, 2016**  
Tir Na Nog, Cherry Hill, NJ  
Topic: Encounter Mercy

Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, in their late teens (18-19), 20s & 30s.

Diocese of Camden – Young Adult and Campus Ministries 856.583.2908 • 609.804.0200 • [theologyontap@camdendiocese.org](http://theologyontap@camdendiocese.org)  
Join "Theology on Tap - South Jersey" on Facebook. Twitter feed: "TheologyonTapSJ"

**Welcome the Stranger**

The Catholic Church here in the U.S. observes **National Migration Week from January 3-9**, a period of prayer, education, and action around issues that affect immigrants and refugees. Take some time with your family this week to visit the National Migration Week website, where you can download a beautiful prayer card, learn about how the Church is responding to the Syrian refugee crisis, and email your lawmakers to urge them to take action to protect refugees.

Access the website here: <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-andrefugeeservices/national-migration-week/>.

(Or, more simply, just Google "National Migration Week.")



# Young Adults Retreat

Marianist Family Retreat Center  
417 Yale Avenue, Cape May Point, NJ 08212  
Questions? Please call 609-884-3829  
Email us at: [mfrc@capemaymarianists.org](mailto:mfrc@capemaymarianists.org)  
[www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)



## Come Pray, Reflect & Laugh!

February 5 - 7, 2016

This Weekend is intended for Young Adults (age 22 to 35, married or single) who want to examine their personal faith, in relation to God, self, co-workers and others. There will be time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, reflection, faith sharing and social interaction.

**SCHEDULE:** Friday Dinner (6:30 pm) to Sunday (no later than 2:00 pm)

**Cost: \$125 Per Person**

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### Registration Form

**Program:** Young Adults Retreat Weekend, February 5-7, 2016

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (D.O.B.) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ (DOB) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse): \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Aid?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, a financial aid form will be sent to you.

Please list *special needs* on reverse of this form (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> floor room)

**Please mail this form with a \$60.00/person deposit** (payable to the Marianists) that is deductible from the cost but non-refundable if canceled less than 2 weeks prior to the retreat date. **Send to:**

Marianist Family Retreat Center  
417 Yale Avenue P.O. Box 488  
Cape May Point, NJ 08212-0488  
609-884-3829

Questions? Please call or email us at [mfrc@capemaymarianists.org](mailto:mfrc@capemaymarianists.org)