

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

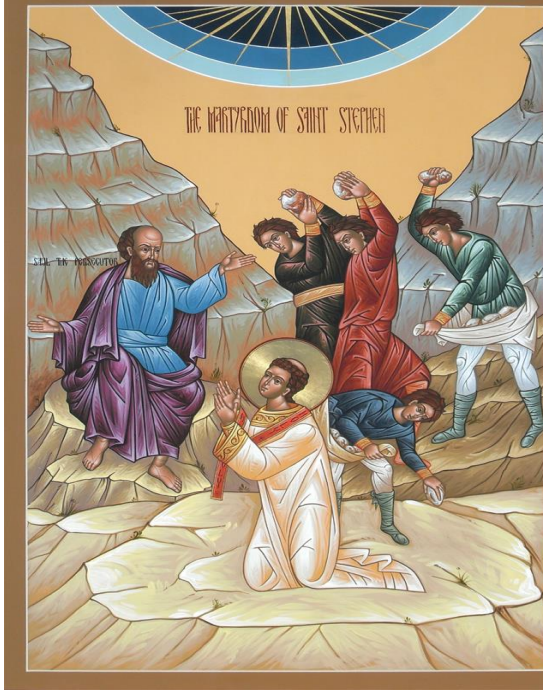
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Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



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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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 31, 2016 – The Fourth 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 31, 2016 Florence McHugh r/b T.J., Denise & Braeden McHugh
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family Scott Forbes r/b Joe Haas
MONDAY 9:00am	February 1, 2016 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	February 2, 2016 Stanko Sarich r/b Dorothea Dodds
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	February 3, 2016 Neal Norris r/b St. Stephen's Nursing Home Ministry
THURSDAY 9:00am Daily	February 4, 2016 Erik Sarich r/b Dorothea Dodds
FRIDAY 9:00am	February 5, 2016 (First Friday Adoration) Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter
SATURDAY 4:30pm	February 6, 2016 Mass of Thanksgiving In Honor of the Blessed Mother and St. Anthony r/b Marisa Cerasaro
SUNDAY 9:00am	February 7, 2016 Gloria Vendetti r/b Her Husband, Anthony
10:30am	Felix Gills r/b Karen Albright Ruth DiDomenico r/b Bob Menta



The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of Gloria Vendetti.*

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 23/24, 2016 Collection (Blizzard):	\$1,045
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,570

Special Collections:

February 7th: "Catholic Schools Week" (Diocese)
February 10th: "Church in Eastern Europe" (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, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Cicccone, Yolanda Colafrancesco,
Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Michael DiVitto, 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, Mary Ann Hoffacker, 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 Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard, Keith Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for February 6/7

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

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

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, Q. Nguyen

EM's: M. Monaco, L. Monaco, R. Davis, N. Schmidt, *L. McHugh

Lectors: J. Gerst, W. McHugh

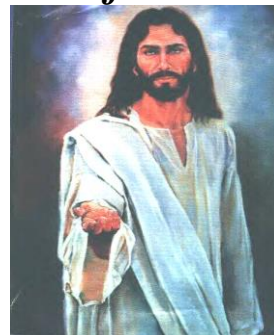
Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: M. Conway

EM's: T. Mattera, D. Urgo, T. Urgo, G. Tutwiler, *J. Messina

Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, C. Aleszczyk

A SPECIAL INVITATION Just for You!



You are cordially invited to come into the silence and spend one hour with Our Lord during our **First Friday Adoration February 5, 2016.**

Jesus said to His Apostles, "Could you not watch one hour with me?"

He is asking us the same question today.

Won't you say "YES" to His invitation?

RSVP to Rosemarie Leone @ 856-662-0035.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

2/1-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
 2/2-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Fire Company Mtg.
 2/3-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 2/4-Thursday-9am Mass, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 2/5-First Friday-9:00am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
 2/6-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 2/7-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



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.

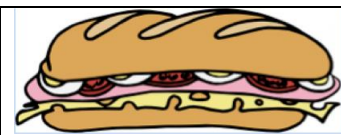
She is the most perfect, the greatest, the holiest human being ever to live. When we repeat her name, we greatly honor God her Creator. Mary never keeps any glory for herself. Her soul magnifies the Lord. (Lk 1:46)

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue February 3rd at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will continue this **Thursday February 4th @ 7pm** in the Sister Bernadette Parish Center and we'll be discussing the following moral issues: **Abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research and human cloning.**



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 **February 6 & 7**. For info call 856-227-4980.

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 February, please contact **Maryann @ 856-477-2789**.

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.

February CAP Schedule

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is called *CAP's Bullying Prevention Program* and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

CAP 3 is called *Cyber-Empowerment* and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere.

Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1, 2 or 3 when they renew their CAP. **The following sessions will be offered in February 2016:**

CAP Phase 1

Thursday, February 4, 2016; 7:00pm; Church of St. Katherine Drexel; 6075 W. Jersey Avenue; Egg Harbor Twp.; NJ 08234

Thursday, February 25, 2016; 7:00pm; Church of the Holy Family; 226 Hurffville Road; Sewell, NJ 08080

CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention Program NONE

CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment

Monday, February 1, 2016; 7:00pm; St. Thomas the Apostle Church; 331 8th St.; Brigantine, NJ 08203

Tuesday, February 2, 2016; 7:00pm; Infant Jesus Parish; Ministry Center; 845 Third Street; Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097

Thursday, February 11, 2016; 7:00pm; St. Teresa School Hall; 27 E. Evesham Road; Runnemede, NJ 08078

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP REGISTRATION LINE with the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (856)583-6165 or contact Lucie Alcazar at luz.alcazar@camdendiocese.org. Please leave your name and the Session Date you are attending; you **will not** receive a call back. Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.

The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website www.camdendiocese.org/cyp.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY.

Black History Month Mass Feb. 7th

Join Bishop Sullivan, homilist Rev. James E. Goode, and the Diocesan Gospel Choir on Sun., Feb. 7, 2016, at 2 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, NJ 08081. A light reception will follow.

Afternoon of Jazz Feb. 14th

Don't miss this 25th annual dinner dance to benefit the Diocesan Black Catholic Ministries' Scholarship Fund on Sunday, February 14th, 3 – 8 p.m. at Masso's Crystal Manor, 210 S. Delsea Dr., Glassboro. Send a check made out to "Diocese of Camden" for \$40 per person and mail it to James E. Andrews, Director, Black Catholic Ministries, 631 Market St., Camden, NJ 08102. Questions? Contact James at (856) 583-2907 or James.Andrews@camdendiocese.org.

Camden Catholic High School News

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@camdencatholic.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.cchsperformingarts.com or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.

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.

Mercy Works
The theme for February is
“To Visit the Sick”,
as inspired by that Corporal Work of Mercy.

As Disciples of Christ and members of His Church, we are all called upon to be His healing hands, extending mercy and love to those among us who are ill or infirmed.

Those who are sick are so often forgotten or avoided. In spite of their illness, these individuals still have much to offer to those who take the time to visit and comfort them.

Here are a few suggestions of what you might consider doing during this month dedicated “To Visit the Sick”:

Give blood. Participate in the next blood drive within your community or at your work place.

Spend time visiting a nursing home – just your presence there will brighten the day of anyone you encounter with your smile.

Take time to stop by and visit with an elderly neighbor. This gesture will bring delight and serve to remind them that they are still a vital member of their church and community.

Offer to assist caregivers of chronically sick family members on a one-time or periodic basis. Give caregivers time off from their caregiving responsibilities so they can rest, complete personal chores, or enjoy a relaxing break.

Next time you prepare a meal that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and give it to a family in your parish who has a sick loved one.

These are just some ways that we can respond to God’s mercy and love as people who care for each other.

For more information on the Diocese of Camden’s Home and Parish Healthcare Services, contact VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services at (856)583-6123.

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HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To Provide Respite for the Weary Caregiver, companionship for those who are facing their final days throughout the Camden County Area. Training is Provided.

Call Pat Concannon at (609) 589-4072
Acacia Hospice – Burlington, NJ 08016

Corporal Work of Mercy:
Visiting the Sick

By Deacon Gerard Jablonowski

As a Church, we are all called to discipleship in Christ. The mission of today’s disciples must be reflected through the actions of the Church in response to the needs of others. In light of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are challenged to carry out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy — actions which extend God’s mercy and compassion through us to those in need. The corporal works of mercy are loving acts of kindness by which we help others with their physical and material basic human needs in order to provide sustenance and dignity in life and after death. An essential act of a disciple being compliant in these works of mercy is manifested through visiting and comforting the sick. As revealed through sacred Scripture, the words of Jesus bring us to appreciate this call: “For I was ... ill and you cared for me.... Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:35-40). The greatest pain of sickness, chronic illness, disability or the advancing frailty of aging is isolation from family and friends and social and community participation. Isolation from Church often occurs as a progressive reality of sickness and frailty and separates one from the comforts of their place of worship, prayer and fellow- ship with their faith community of parishioners. People struggling with illness may even become separated from the most profound nourishment of the Eucharist in this time of most need and desire for the Sacrament. Families are often called upon to be the primary caregivers for ill and aging parents, giving them an opportunity to remain connected to home life through this demonstration of a most profound expression of sacrificial love. The Church, as represented both through the regional diocese and the local parish, must also play a role in this work of mercy through health care ministries that support the efforts of the faithful and extend the healing hands of Jesus to those who are ill or infirm. The Church is called to provide resources and opportunities for parishioners and professionals to reach out and care for those who are sick, disabled or aging. One such example of living this corporal work of mercy can be found in the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, under the leadership of Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan. With Healthcare Foundation, established to provide the financial resources required, the diocese has established Vitality Catholic Healthcare Services to support parish nursing, Stephen Ministries, care coordination, senior day centers and a nonmedical home care service. In addition, the diocese fully funds a robust hospital chaplaincy program, providing pastoral visitation, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, prayer services and availability of the Eucharist throughout southern New Jersey hospitals and nursing homes. Such services keep the faithful connected with their parish communities and break down the walls of isolation, thereby engaging and encouraging our Catholic faithful to participate in the corporal work of mercy to visit the sick. *Deacon Gerard Jablonowski is Executive Director of Vitality Catholic Healthcare Services in the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey.*