

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

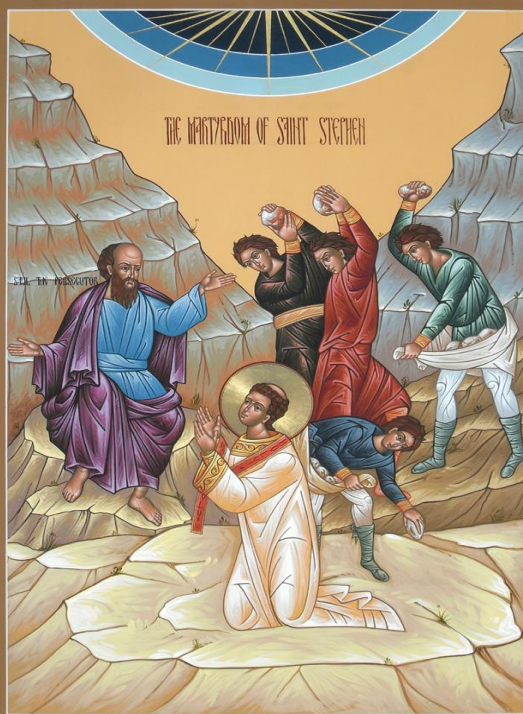
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Rose Marie Davis
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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

Emergencies
(856) 261-9336
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Deacon Anthony R. Cioe
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Parish Website:
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 4, 2015 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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 5, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	January 6, 2015 Ida Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	January 7, 2015 Patricia Strow r/b Mary McCarthy
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	January 8, 2015 Henry Kipp r/b Linda & Cindy
FRIDAY 9:00am	January 9, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	January 10, 2015 Deacon Ernest Picknally r/b The Camden Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	January 11, 2015 Maria Ida Fanelle r/b Gertrude Cavallo
10:30am	Margaret "Peg" Lodge r/b The Haas Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of the Buondonno 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 20/21, 2014 Collection:	\$6,412
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,982

Offertory Figures for December 27/28 will be posted in the January 11th bulletin as this issue was submitted on 12/22/14. Christmas Offertory figures & flowers will also appear January 11th.

Next Special Collection:

January 25, 2015:

"Mission Membership Sunday" (Diocese)
(posted as a courtesy for our 20+ E-givers)

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.StStephensPennsauken.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, Ann Marie Meyer, Debbi Morrissey, 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 10/11

\* Designates Alternate Server

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: B. Taylor, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, \*Sr. Eleanora

Lectors: J. Heininger, L. Heininger

**Sunday, 9:00am**

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: L. McHugh, M. Miller, T. Modzier, N. Schmidt, \*S. Marano

Lectors: J. Gerst, W. McHugh

**Sunday, 10:30am**

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: L. Solano, Geo. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, T. Link, \*J. Messina

Lectors: P. Cioe, J. Messina

## Stewardship Reflection

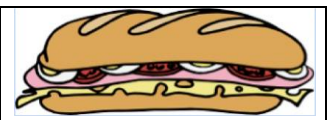
### "Stewards Offer Their Treasures"

*"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."*

- MATTHEW 2:11B

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, as good **Stewards**, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

**Knights of Columbus,  
Council 3512  
Hoagie Sale**



As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **January 10 & 11**. For info call 856-227-4980.

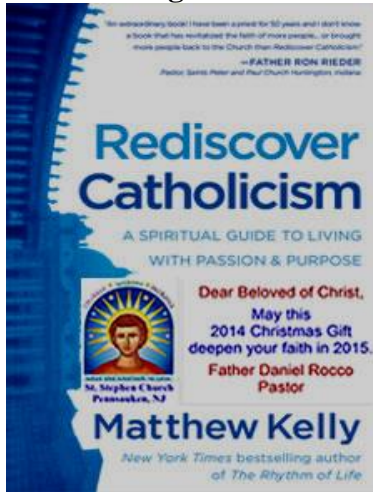
***This Week @ St. Stephen Parish***

1/5-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study  
1/6-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Fire Company  
1/7-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes Resume  
1/8-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club Resumes  
1/9-Friday-9am Mass  
1/10-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
1/11-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

Will resume **Thursday, January 8, 2015 @ 7pm.**

We will begin to discuss:



**ALL ARE WELCOME TO CONTINUE OUR PARISH DISCUSSION IN PLANNING THE FUTURE OF ST. STEPHEN PARISH.**

***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***

will resume on January 7, 2015 at 6:15pm.

***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 9:45am-7:00pm.**



***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.**

***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 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.**

***Volunteers Still Needed!***

**January 11th (Next Sunday)**

Transition our church to Ordinary Time



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"*

***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 New Year's 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

**UPDATE:** We apologize that due to several unforeseen circumstances (weather, illness, scheduling), the paver installation has been delayed. We have asked Fr. Rocco to announce the installation as soon as we are able. It was our New Year's Resolution to have this done before the New Year. **Thank you once again for your patience and support of this ongoing memorial.**

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).

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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.**



## GET INVOLVED

### 2015 World Meeting of Families

Many local families and individuals have inquired about how they can get involved with the WMF2015 in Philadelphia next September. More information on preparing as a family, volunteering, and/or hosting visitors from abroad may be found at the official website for the event - [www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org). The site also allows you to register to participate in the many conferences offered.

### PLEASE NOTE:

With the announcement that the Holy Father intends to visit Philadelphia at the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families next September, the Diocesan chancery has received phone calls from parishes and individuals seeking information about tickets, organizing bus trips, and how they might get involved. Representatives from the Holy See are planning to visit Philadelphia in January to determine the Holy Father's itinerary and the details of his planned visit. **Those details will likely come in early spring and additional updates will be provided in a timely manner.**

**Please remember that the World Meeting of Families 2015 and the Papal Visit are two different events. Registering for the World Meeting of Families 2015 DOES NOT include access to any papal events that will be scheduled.** Parishes and schools should make use of the preparatory catechesis (sent to pastors, PCLs and principals) over the next ten months and should encourage participation in the World Meeting. Additional information and suggestions may be found on the website - [www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org).



## ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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December 18, 2014

Mr. John Hee  
Diocese of Camden Finance Office  
631 Market Street  
Camden, NJ 08102

Dear Jack,

We just received the St. Stephen School Subsidy Billing (Vouchers),  
**Invoice#DOC-04278** via fax, dated 12/15/14, for the sum of **\$92,000**.

We would like to pay it in the following manner:

1. Please transfer **\$32,000** to the proper Diocesan account from  
**St. Stephen's Msgr. JF O'Connell Scholarship Fund,**  
**Account#S1091-008.**
2. Enclosed please find the balance of **\$60,000** in the form of a parish check.

This will fulfill our obligation to the 92 former students of St. Stephen School who transferred to another Catholic School in compliance with all established criteria set forth by the Diocese and our Parish.

Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely Yours,

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco  
**Pastor**