

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



*Different Histories...*

*One Faith...*

*Different Ages...*

## *Pastoral Staff*

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor  
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Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal  
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

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



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## *January 5, 2014 – 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

**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".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 6, 2014</b> Paul Turci r/b Pat & Earl Nolte
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 7, 2014</b> Carol McCarroll r/b The Nettleton Family (Mary, John & Colleen)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 8, 2014</b> Howard & Clara Buffington r/b Daughter-in-Law
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>January 9, 2014</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 10, 2014</b> Deacon Ernest Picknally (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Jim & Janice Rotondo
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>January 11, 2014</b> Robert J. Markley r/b Rita Vogt & Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am 10:30am	<b>January 12, 2014</b> Charles Roback r/b The McHugh Family Theresa Cioe (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b Anthony, Phyl & Children Matthew Yoder r/b The McHugh Family

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Joseph Carter.

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.

Offertory Figures for December 28/29 will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on 12/26/13.

<b>Dec. 21/22, 2013 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>464/</b>	<b>\$5,780</b>
<b>Dec. 22/23, 2012 Comparison</b>	<b>558/</b>	<b>\$5,899</b>
<b>Christmas 2013 Collection (thus far)</b>		<b>\$16,523</b>
<b>Christmas 2012 Comparison</b>		<b>\$17,609</b>
<b>2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$5,588</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,029</b>

**Diocesan Special Collection:** 1/26/14: "Mission Membership"  
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**The Epiphany of Our Lord** is the Christian feast observed today. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows.



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:

- Dolly Angelastro, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Joe DiLorenzo, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, John Maggioncald, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Esther Nunez, Jennifer Osborn, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Theresa Sauer, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex.**

## Ministry Schedule for January 11/12

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: C. Pandola, P. Petronis, Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, \*A. Pandola

Lectors: J. Heining, L. Heining

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Davis, T. Modzier, \*S. Marano

Lectors: Ry. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, T. Link, M. Meloni, J. Messina, \*W. Delfin

Lectors: P. Cioe, E. Mattera

## Stewardship Reflection for the Epiphany of Our Lord "Stewards Bring Gifts"

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." MATTHEW 2:11B

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image of **Stewardship** that we should all try to follow. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. If you have trouble with this idea, keep one of the Magi from your Nativity set on your desk all year as a reminder to bring your gifts to Jesus.

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

1/6--Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study  
1/7--Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA  
1/8--Wed.-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, **6:30pm Eucharist Workshop**  
1/9--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club  
1/10--Friday-9am Mass  
1/11--Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
1/12--Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptismal Training



***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 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.

***Thursday Night***

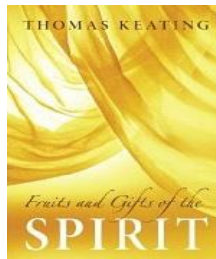
***Discussion Club***

Continues January 9<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.

***CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS AND STUDENT VOLUNTEERS***

The ministry of Art & Environment is seeking volunteers to help restore our church after the Christmas Liturgical season. Kindly consider helping on the date below. Students please bring your paperwork to document service hours.

**Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 11:45 am (after the 10:30 am Mass)**

Look for sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

Questions call Maria @ 665-8393.

***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 13	Finance Council
Monday, January 20	Pastoral Council
Monday, January 27	Liturgy Board

***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***



We are here to pray for you. Prayer requests for the month of January, please contact Michael @ 662-2543.



### Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/13 through 12/31/13) you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary, 25, 50 or 75 years of marriage, please join us in celebrating on *WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY, February 9 at 3:00 pm Mass* in Blackwood, at St. Agnes Church, Our Lady of Hope Parish. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.

Registration forms are available at all parish offices. Deadline is **January 24, 2014**. For more information please contact our office, Mary Lou Hughes at 856-583-6132.



## DIVORCE AND BEYOND

Contact: **Debbie Wolk, 856-881-4133**  
or [debbiewolk@hotmail.com](mailto:debbiewolk@hotmail.com)

*Divorce and Beyond* is for people who are **already divorced or have filed** for divorce. It examines what happens to most husbands and wives going through the breakup of their marriage. It helps participants understand what they are going through and that others have gone through the same things. Finally, it suggests activities for making divorce a growth experience.

02/12/2014

#### REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM INTRODUCTION:

- Registration will take place in the St. Joseph Room, 7:00 PM, Our Lady of Peace Parish.
- A fee of \$20.00 for the class and book will be collected.
- Support Group Guidelines will be outlined.
- Each participant will have a chance to share.
- Group will end by 9:00 PM each evening.

- 02/19/2014 Session One-The Process of Divorce
- 02/26/2014 Session Two-Self Image
- 03/05/2014 Session Three-Stress
- 03/12/2014 Session Four-Anger
- 03/19/2014 Session Five-More on Anger
- 03/26/2014 Session Six-Blame and Guilt
- 04/02/2014 Session Seven-Loneliness
- 04/09/2014 Session Eight-Forgiveness
- 04/16/2014 Session Nine-Happiness
- 04/23/2014 Session Ten-Pathways to Growth
- 04/30/2014 Prayer Service

**Our Lady of Peace "KidsCope" will also start on 02/12/2014(Ages 6-12). This is a special group to help your children heal from the pain caused by divorce. It will incorporate videos, stories, crafts and a safe place to share their feelings. (A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for the program.) A parent must attend Divorce and Beyond!**



### Paul VI Slam Dunk Tours

Paul VI High School is pleased to offer special pre-game tours of the school for the following basketball games during the 2014 basketball season. No reservations are needed. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Please come to the gym entrance at tour time; middle school students and an accompanying adult will receive a complimentary game pass. Eligible games are as follows:

**Paul VI Boys v. Timber Creek, Friday, January 10, 2014, Tours at 6 PM, Game at 7 PM**

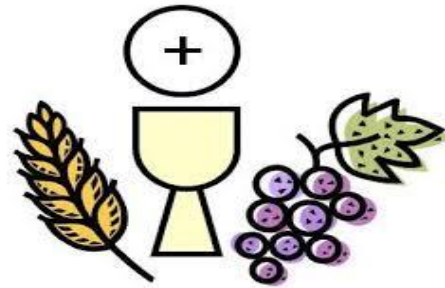
**Paul VI Boys v. Eastern, Saturday, January 18, 2014, Tours at Noon, Game at 1 PM**

**Paul VI Girls v. Bishop Eustace, Thursday, February 13, 2014, Tours at 6 PM, Game at 7 PM**

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Director of Admissions at [kstewart@pvihs.org](mailto:kstewart@pvihs.org).

Begins 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 will be a five-session workshop offered on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Family Center, beginning on January 8, 2014.**

### OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME:

Local Host Family needed for a 16 year old South Korean Catholic boy who will arrive in January to study at Camden Catholic High School, tuition paid. He is a motivated learner who loves playing soccer, plays the flute and has traveled to China, Japan and Canada and recently lived and studied in Wisconsin. He holds an F-1 visa, speaks English, is fully insured, & has his own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board & receive a generous monthly hosting stipend & a fulfilling experience. Contact **Cecelia LaPlaca** with **Nacel Open Door** ([www.nacelopendoor.org](http://www.nacelopendoor.org)) at 215-584-7751 or [cecelaplaca@gmail.com](mailto:cecelaplaca@gmail.com).

### iRace4Vocations



Save the Date: On **Sunday, April 27, 2014**, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Rowan University (201 Mullica Hill Road, Glassboro) for our 3rd annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at 1:00 pm followed by our 5k run/1 mile family stroll. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with some family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in priestly vocations for our diocese. We hope that parishioners of all ages will say yes to this intergenerational day. For more information, contact Fr. Romano at [michael.romano@camdendiocese.org](mailto:michael.romano@camdendiocese.org) or 856-583-2858.

*St. Stephen's Parishioner,  
Pastoral Council Secretary, and Lector  
Janis Melfi in the News!*

***Gloucester County  
Prosecutor's Office  
grand jury chief to retire  
after 25-year career***



*Pictured from right to left are:*

Prosecutor Sean Dalton, Assistant Prosecutor Janis Melfi, her sister Lynne Vigilante and niece Lisa Vigilante.

**WOODBURY** — The chief of the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office grand jury section is retiring this week, ending a 25-year career with the office. Assistant Prosecutor Janis Melfi headed the grand jury section for nine and a half years.

"Janis has been one of the most dedicated, hard-working prosecutors I have worked alongside," Prosecutor Sean F. Dalton said. "We will miss her work ethic, sense of humor and commitment to public service."

For seven years, Melfi taught Spanish at Woodrow Wilson High School in **Camden**. She graduated in 1981 from the Rutgers-Camden School of Law, then served as clerk for Superior Court Judge Donald Palese, also in Camden.

Melfi later worked in the Clementon office of attorney Dennis Riley, and in 1989 was hired by then-Gloucester County Prosecutor Richard Hickey. She worked in the appellate, juvenile and trial team sections, most recently as grand jury section chief.

Grand jurors are ordinary citizens called to serve for 17 weeks. Melfi has met with hundreds over the years — 23 on every panel that sits.

In that time, she said she's come to believe that they're "pretty common sensical. I think they have a sense of justice, right and wrong."

As for her co-workers, she said it will be hard to leave them. "I'm going to miss you all, because to me, you're my family," she said at her office retirement party.

***Networking Breakfast Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>***

The Catholic Business Network has hosted several networking breakfasts with each one continuing to grow and attract new business people throughout the diocese.

Leadership is forming and some fundraising activities will be planned to support Catholic Schools in the South Jersey community. **The next Catholic Business Network breakfast will be held on Fri., Jan. 10, 2014 at the Woodcrest Country Club, 300 East Evesham Road, Cherry Hill.**

A networking meeting begins at 7:30 a.m., followed by breakfast and guest speaker:

**International Recording Star – Andy Cooney will speak about "God Faith and the Music Business"**  
<http://www.andycooney.com>

In addition, Andy has been involved with many successful efforts to increase awareness and raise funds for Catholic Education. The meeting will end around 9 a.m. The cost of breakfast is \$20. All are welcome. For more information, please email [SJCBN@comcast.net](mailto:SJCBN@comcast.net).

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**The Catholic Diocese of Camden invites you to  
*An Ecumenical Celebration***

Please join Bishop Dennis Sullivan and Christian Leaders representing other denominations, clergy from our area, your friends and neighbors for an evening of prayer and praise.

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014 @ 7:30p.m.**

**Catholic Church of St. Mary  
2001 Springdale Road - Cherry Hill, NJ 08003  
856-424-1454**

*Refreshments will follow in the gathering space.*

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**New Jersey Catholic Young Adult Conference  
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,  
Piscataway, NJ - JANUARY 25, 2014**

**"COURAGEOUS:**

**Do not Conform to the Standards of this Age (Romans 12:2)**

The conference is designed to provide young adults with an opportunity to experience the presence of God, grow in their knowledge of the faith, take ownership of the Gospel message, and celebrate their Catholic identity; with the intent to spark the flame that they can take back to their local parish and work with other young adults.

**Workshops Topics:**

☺Single? No Problem! ☺Be Courageous ☺Be a Good Builder  
☺Faith is Sweaty ☺Don't Stress, Be Blessed ☺If Time was God's Currency, How would You Spend It? ☺Building Community with Peers ☺¿AhoraQué? (Spanish workshop)

**To Register or for more information visit:**

[www.diometuchin.org/vaconference](http://www.diometuchin.org/vaconference).

Transportation is available from Southern New Jersey through Diocese of Camden's Young Adult Ministries. Departing 1/25/14 from St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, NJ at 8 a.m. Returning to the diocese about 7 p.m. To reserve space, please contact [gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org](mailto:gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org) or 856-583-6122