

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

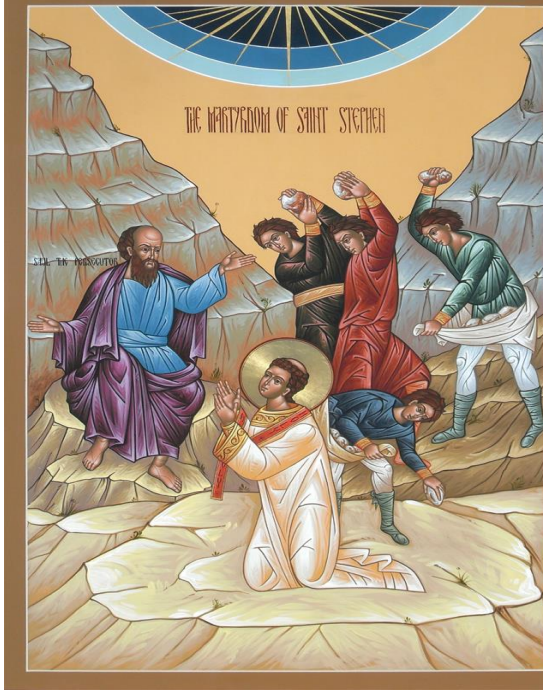
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

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
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.*

October 11, 2015 - The 28th 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 2016 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	October 11, 2015
9:00am	Chris Picciano (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Nick Picciano
10:30am	Joseph Bui & John Bui r/b The Bui Family John Farina r/b St. Stephen's Choir Daniel Strang, Sr. r/b Father Daniel Rocco
MONDAY	October 12, 2015 (Rectory Closed Columbus Day)
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	October 13, 2015
9:00am	The Good Intentions of the Sen Xuan Ho Family r/b Family
WEDNESDAY	October 14, 2015
9:00am	The 9 Victims of the Umpqua Community College Shooting in Oregon r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	October 15, 2015
9:00am+Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY	October 16, 2015
9:00am	John F. Peberdy r/b Gerry Kozempel
SATURDAY	October 17, 2015
4:30pm	William Sauer r/b Family
SUNDAY	October 18, 2015
9:00am	Jenny Hagan r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	John Kerwick r/b His Wife, Son & Family



The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of The Unborn Children.*

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.

October 3/4, 2015 Collection:	\$5,357
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,572

Next Special Collection:

October 18, 2015: "World Mission Sunday" (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, Eleanor Becker, Joy Bowman, Jackie Cardwell, Yolanda Colafrancesco, 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, Gregory Hayes, Chuck Hillwig, Thomas Holmes Sr., John Howard, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Arlene LaFreda, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Denise McHugh, Dorothy McPeak, Neal Norris, 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.

Ministry Schedule for October 17/18

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, V. Thibault, *A. Knight

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, M. Conway

EM's: E. Nolte, L. D'Alessandro, M. Bufanio, M. Conway, *R. Leone

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, Jared Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, P. Cioe, J. Messina

Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, C. Aleszczyk

ST. STEPHEN'S FALL HARVEST MASS AND RECEPTION

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24th

4:30PM MASS

Refreshments & Fellowship to follow in St. Stephen's Parish Center

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Columbus Day Closings

On Monday, October 12th we will observe Columbus Day, a national holiday.

The Rectory & all Diocesan Offices will be closed.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

10/12-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study,
 Rectory Closed Columbus Day
 10/13-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Medicare 101
 10/14-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 10/15-Thurs.-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion
 10/16-Friday-9am Mass
 10/17-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 10/18-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptisms

Ladies Bible Study

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

"You will find Mary within the whole of the Christian Mystery, for devotion to her is not an end in itself, but the main road leading to Christ, to the glory of God, and to love of the Church."-Pope Paul VI

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue October 14th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues this Thursday, October 15th @ 7pm
 in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center



We are discussing:
***Galileo:
 Science, Faith,
 and the
 Catholic Church***
 by Dr. Guy Consolmagno,
 S.J., Ph.D.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
**Friday, November 6, 2015,
 9:45am-7:00pm.**



Art & Environment

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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.
 For Prayer Requests for the month of October, please contact Michael @ 856-662-2543.

Parish Library

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Fall 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).



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.

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.

“Loss of a Loved One”

This is the 11th in an 18-week series dedicated to you who have felt the grief and loss of a Loved One:*

May Your Grief Be Brief *

May your grief be brief
For the one you love,
Though you know not why, you try
To put your faith in the Lord above.

God does strange things like tears He brings,
That causes us sorrow and strife.
You know He makes and you know He takes,
It is all a part of life.

As you bereave, you must believe
They are in a better place than this,
God holds most dear those He brings near
To Him, in that heavenly state of bliss.

Those that depart
are never gone from your heart
As you think of them as time goes by,
'Ere they live on, as the sun meets the dawn
T'is not days end, but a brand new sky.

Next week - a poem: “Shadows Near and Far”

* This is an excerpt from the book “*Pour Your Heart Out*,” by David L; Steinberg, © Copyright, April, 2015. All rights reserved under the copyright laws of the United States. Permission is granted to Saint Stephen Church, Pennsauken, NJ to use this in their weekly bulletin.

Your comments are most welcome: 856-547-3860 or 856-383-5325 or steinberg.david07@comcast.net.

Paul VI High School News

The Paul VI Blue & White Alumni 5K Run & Walk will be held on **Saturday, October 24th**. Race will step off at 10:00 a.m. in Haddonfield’s Pennypacker Park. Tee-shirts will be provided to all participants. Those who register by 10/14 will pay \$15; Race Day registration \$20; and \$10 for students. To register, visit www.pvihs.org and click on 5k Run & Walk. Families welcome. A light barbecue will follow.

“MEDICARE 101”

- *Should you have a Medicare Supplement?
- *Or a different Medicare Advantage Plan?
- *Do you need help with your Medicare Part D Drug Plan?

If you need answers, please join us for one of the upcoming South Jersey Medicare Information Sessions:
This Tuesday, October 13th @ 7pm
Saturday, November 14th @ 10am
Tuesday, December 1st at 7pm
All in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center.

For further information, feel free to call Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753.

Camden Catholic High School News

Open House Thursday, October 29 at 7 p.m. (check-in begins at 6:30). Join us to learn more about South Jersey’s top-ranked Catholic high school (according to Niche.com 2015 Rankings). Meet our faculty, students, coaches and administration, tour the campus, and “Catch the Spirit” of CCHS! RSVP online: www.camdencatholic.org/openhouse.

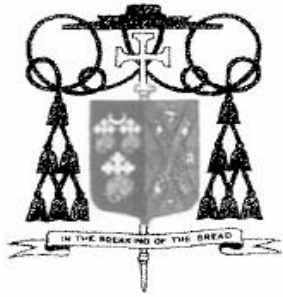
Camden Catholic High School Scholarship & High School Placement Test Saturday, November 7 at 8:30 a.m. Pre-Register online www.camdencatholic.org/admissions. Students interested in competing for Merit and Arts Scholarships must take the test at Camden Catholic.

Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students are being scheduled 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.

Bishop Eustace Prep School News

Open House and Scholarship/Entrance Exam

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School invites students and parents to our Open House on Sunday, **October 18, 2015** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Experience firsthand our commitment to academic excellence, spiritual development, and personal growth, while touring our college style, 32-acre campus. Skip the lines and pre-register on our website! We also encourage interested 8th grade students to sit for our Scholarship/Entrance Exam on Saturday, **October 24, 2015** at 8:00 a.m. The fee for the exam is \$25. The eight highest scorers will be offered an academic scholarship. To prepare for scholarship and entrance exam season, we will offer a practice test on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. It will provide experience with the testing format and identify opportunities for improvement. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at (856) 662-2160, ext. 240, or visit our website at www.eustace.org.



Office of the Bishop
Diocese of Camden

October 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year we remember in a special way our Baptismal call to mission as we celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, this year on **October 18**. On this Sunday, we will gather at the Eucharist, as will Catholics throughout the world, in a spirit of love for Evangelization so that, through our *prayers* and *concrete acts of solidarity*, the gift of faith may be shared with all. This year's celebration is further enriched as we mark the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Decree on the Missionary Activity of the Church (*Ad Gentes*) which proclaims, "The pilgrim Church on earth is missionary by its very nature," reminding us that ***all of us are called to be on mission***.

In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis writes, "Mission is part of the 'grammar' of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the Spirit who whispers 'Come' and 'Go forth.' Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries..."

On World Mission Sunday, as our diocesan family joins our brothers and sisters around the world, responding to the voice of the Spirit, *we connect with our world on mission: ...with Africa*, where six million children receive an education in some 16,000 Church-run elementary schools ...with *Asia*, where those who are sick are provided with loving care at 5,000 Catholic hospitals and small clinics ...with the *Americas*, where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the Good News of the God's great love to families ...with *Oceania*, where young men are supported in their studies for the priesthood, to bring the Lord's healing hope and peace to those in need ...with *Europe*, where new churches are being built to welcome faith communities, renewed after years of persecution.

Your financial help on World Mission Sunday, offered in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, supports such efforts in 1,150 young mission dioceses in our world, reaching the poorest communities with a message of hope and healing, mercy and peace. Pope Francis emphasizes that "mission is a passion for Jesus and at the same time a passion for his people." Let us have that same passion this World Mission Sunday, as we share the joy of the Gospel and help the poor by our fervent prayer and through generous hearts!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis J. Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.
Bishop of Camden