

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

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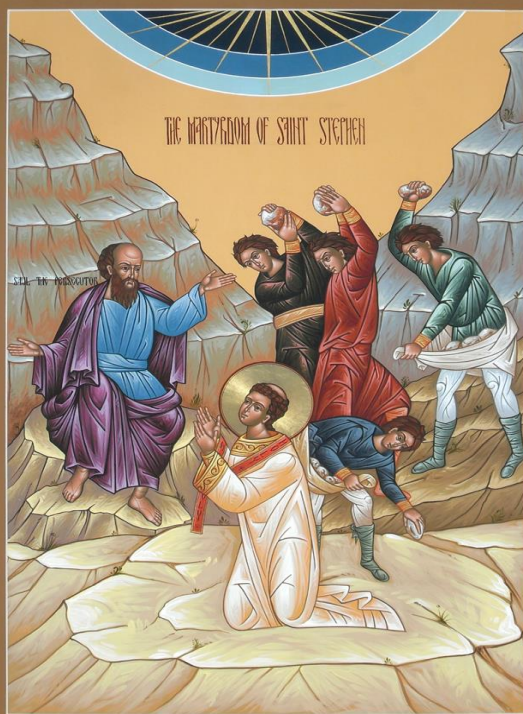
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Religious Education

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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

(Accidents, Dying or Death)

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(856) 227-2145

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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 12, 2014 – The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	October 13, 2014 (Columbus Day-Rectory Closed) Bill Campbell r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY 9:00am	October 14, 2014 Daniel & Victoria Steinmetz r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	October 15, 2014 Loretta Stayton r/b Marie Ellis
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	October 16, 2014 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	October 17, 2014 A Special Intention r/b Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	October 18, 2014 (Harvest Mass in Church) Mickey Broome (20 th Anniversary) r/b His Wife, Catherine
SUNDAY 9:00am	October 19, 2014 John F. Peberdy r/b Gerry Kozempel
10:30am	Msgr. Thomas S. Sharkey r/b People of the Parish

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 4/5, 2014 Attendance/Collection	443/	\$4,900
October 5/6, 2013 Comparison	446/	\$4,864
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$4,807

Next Special Diocesan Collection - 10/19/14: "Mission Sunday"

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.**

First Friday Adoration

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



Columbus Day Closings

On Monday, October 13th we will observe Columbus Day, a national holiday.

The Rectory & all Diocesan Offices will be closed.



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, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex, Barbara Weingard.**

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

Prayer requests for the month of **October**, please contact Betty @ (856) 662-6928.

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.**

Ministry Schedule for October 18/19

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: J. Bui, S. Surgner

EM's: A. Cirullo, J. Heining, L. Heining, A. Knight, *Sr. Eleanora

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: T. Albert, C. Hearn, B. McHugh

EM's: S. Marano, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Leone, *L. D'Alessandro

Lectors: D. Heck, J. Messina

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, C. Aleszczyk, O. Albert

EM's: P. Cioe, T. Mattera, M. Meloni, J. Fagan, *K. Fagan

Lectors: E. Mattera, L. Fagan

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

10/13-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, Rectory Closed Columbus Day

10/14-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Finance Council

10/15-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes

10/16-Thurs-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club

10/17-Friday-9am Mass

10/18-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession,

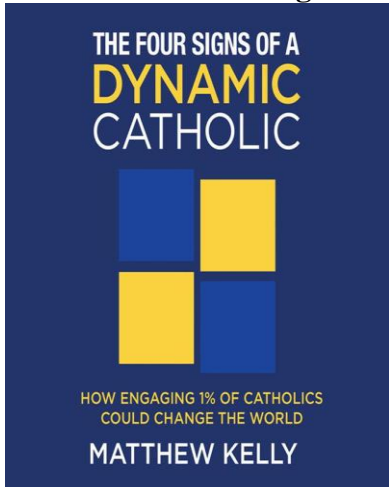
4:30pm Harvest Mass & Reception to follow.

10/19-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptism

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues this Thursday, October 16th.

We are discussing:



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

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 During our discussion on **PRAYER**, the following prayer was submitted by one of the attendees:

**“O Lord God, Our Father,  
 Please grant us the blessing  
 that the bells of  
 our St. Stephen Church  
 never be silenced.  
 We ask this through  
 Christ our Lord. Amen.”**

During our discussion on **STUDY**, the beginnings of a **Lending Library in the Parish Center** was developed and will be in effect within the next few weeks.

## ***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.**



## **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.



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 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”

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***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**

## ***Prayer Pavers to Our Lady***

**Congratulations and Thank You to Frank & Rosemarie Rosolia on purchasing their paver!**

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).



# 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 a South Jersey Medicare Information Session **Monday, October 20 at 7pm in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center.** For further information, feel free to call Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753.

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Mass of Anointing and Healing

Saturday, **October 18, 2014, 10:30 am**, a complimentary Hot Lunch will follow in the Hall. Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Michael T. Mannion at St. Cecilia Church, (Mary Queen of All Saints Parish), 4824 Camden Avenue, Pennsauken. This Mass is sponsored by The Order of Malta, American Association, Discovery Ministries and several other organizations.

Those experiencing physical, emotional or spiritual issues are especially welcome as well as caregivers, friends and family. For further information please contact: Alberta Peters, 856-665-1385 or Alberta_steph@Comcast.net. (Volunteer help is greatly appreciated in all ministerial areas of Mass)

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## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual White Mass

On Sunday, **October 19<sup>th</sup>** we will be celebrating the White Mass for Healthcare Workers and their families in the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center in Camden. The St. Luke Awards for outstanding service in Catholic healthcare within the Diocese of Camden are presented during the Mass. This year's honorees are Joseph W. Devine, President, Kennedy Health Systems, Saints Peter & Paul Parish, Turnersville, Rev. James J. Durkin, St. Mary's Catholic Home, David Haggerty LCSW, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Haddon Twp. Reception will follow Mass. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Terry Odien and the topic will be "Spiritual Issues in End of Life Care". If you would like to attend the White Mass, please call 856-342-4150 or Email [Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org) to RSVP.

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Camden Catholic News

**Open House For 6th, 7th and 8th Graders:
Thursday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us to learn more about our college prep academics, Leadership Academy, championship athletics, and renowned performing, fine and digital arts curriculum. Register online at www.camdencatholic.org/openhouse or call 856-663-2247 ext. 136

Irish Synergy: Girls Leadership Even

For girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades: **Sunday, October 19**
Featuring guest speaker Vice Admiral Nanette DeRenzi '79 JAG USN and workshops to help build your leadership skills in the classroom, on the stage, and on the field. Details at www.camdencatholic.org.

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## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Real home improvement is not about hammers and nails; it's about relationship. Enrich your marriage. Enrich your home. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekends are **Oct 17-19 and Dec 5-7**. Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-742-4035 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Visit our website [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

# CarePackage for CareGivers

**Frances Nuñez**, a parishioner at St. Stephens Church in Pennsauken, has founded a project called **CarePackage for CareGivers** to create care packages that cater to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of family caregivers. Her experience last September taking care of both of her parents during and after their hospitalizations has opened her heart to the incredible sacrifices that caregivers make for their loved ones and the toll that it takes on them. "It takes incredible love and selflessness to be a good caregiver and I wish to honor and support caregivers because so much rests on their wellbeing ." The care package wish list includes things like household need (cleaning services, groceries etc.) transportation needs (gas cards, maintenance services etc.) resources for stress reduction (relaxation cds etc.) , caregiver resources and entertainment. To accomplish this goal, she is asking for monetary donations and in-kind donations etc. For a more detailed wish list, to find out how you can contribute to the care packages and to find out more about CarePackage for CareGivers and their partner for this project, Twin Oaks Community Services, please visit the website at [care4givers.co](http://care4givers.co), the facebook page at [www.facebook.com/carepackageforcaregivers](http://www.facebook.com/carepackageforcaregivers) or call Frances at 609-560-1886. **Frances will be speaking briefly before all weekend Masses October 18 & 19.**

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The Knights of Columbus are looking for vendors for our Christmas theme Craft Fair on Friday and Saturday, **November 28th and 29th**, at St. Cecilia's school auditorium. Home-made crafts, baked goods, Christmas decorations and ornaments, sports memorabilia, and whatever else your specialty might be are welcome. **For more information, please call Lonnie Monaco at 609-238-9512.**

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## Emotions Anonymous

Emotions Anonymous (EA) announces the beginning of a new chapter. EA is a twelve-step program for emotional wellness and learning to live with unsolved problems. It started on September 11, 2014, and is meeting each week thereafter. **Meetings will be held on Thursday at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at 2395 Route 70 West, Cherry Hill, NJ (Bishops View Clubhouse).** Everyone is welcome. For further information call Dave at 856-701-7805.

**EXTRAORDINARY  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS**

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked that parishes throughout the world pray for the success of the Extraordinary Synod that will meet in Rome until October 19:

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate  
the splendor of true love,  
to you we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel  
and small domestic Churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may families never again  
experience violence, rejection and division:  
may all who have been hurt or scandalized  
find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may the approaching Synod of Bishops  
make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and inviolability  
of the family,  
and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
graciously hear our prayer.*

*Amen.*



**ST. STEPHEN'S FALL HARVEST  
MASS AND RECEPTION**

**WHEN:  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>  
TIME: 4:30PM MASS**

**WHERE:  
ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH CENTER  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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**Mass of Remembrance
for our Deceased
Bishops, Priests and Deacons**

**Tuesday, November 4, 2014 - 12:05 PM
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
642 Market Street, Camden**

Followed by lunch in Cathedral Hall

We will remember in a special way those who have died this past year, namely:

- Deacon Pablo Berrios**
- Rev. Msgr. David F. Budney**
- Rev. Msgr. William F. Collins**
- Rev. Msgr. Eugene J. Fitzsimmons**
- Reverend William H. Hart**
- Deacon E. Michael Henry**
- Reverend Wayne Patrick Lavin**
- Reverend Thomas E. Ploude**
- Rev. Msgr. Thomas H. Sharkey**
- Reverend Robert O. Yori**

We need a count for Mass and Lunch.
Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 28th
FAX 856-966-5957;

E-mail spatullo@camdendiocese.org
or call 856-583-2855

Please invite your parishioners to attend the Mass.

Note: It is important that you respond since we have limited space for parking.