

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

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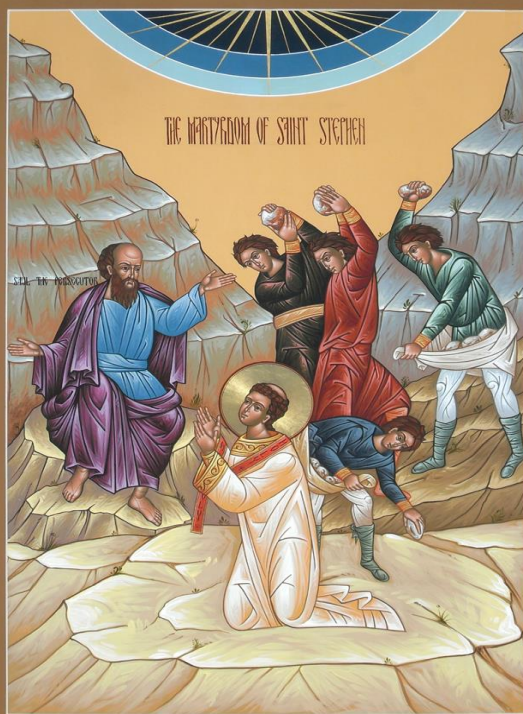
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Religious Education

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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

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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 19, 2014 – The 29th 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** **October 20, 2014**
 9:00am Thomas J. Barlow (25th Anniversary)
 r/b Daughters Bette Nicgorski & Miriam Gricco
- TUESDAY** **October 21, 2014**
 9:00am *Communion Service due to Priests' Convocation*
- WEDNESDAY** **October 22, 2014**
 9:00am *Communion Service due to Priests' Convocation*
- THURSDAY** **October 23, 2014**
 9:00am+Novena People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
- FRIDAY** **October 24, 2014**
 9:00am Mary K. Harr r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz
- SATURDAY** **October 25, 2014**
 4:30pm Milton Burns (1st Anniversary October 29th)
 r/b Ed & Barbara
- SUNDAY** **October 26, 2014**
 9:00am Sydney Nasife r/b The McHugh Family
 10:30am Charles & Marie Fitzpatrick r/b Daughter, Carol
 Martin P. Newell r/b Family
 Msgr. Thomas S. Sharkey r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of John J. Flacco.

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 11/12, 2014 Attendance/Collection	379/	\$4,233
October 12/13, 2013 Comparison	441/	\$4,475
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$4,769

Upcoming Special Collections:

- 10/19/14: "Mission Sunday" (Diocese)
- 11/2/14: "All Souls" (St. Stephen)
- 11/23/14: "Human Development" (Diocese)

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.



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 Pigiaccia, 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 25/26

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm
Altar Servers: S. Surgner, J. Bui
EM's: V. Thibault, Sr. Eleanora, C. Pandola, B. Taylor, *A. Cirullo
Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am
Altar Servers: B. McHugh, Q. Nguyen, M. Conway
EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, N. Schmidt, M. Bufanio, *L. McHugh
Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, J. Gerst

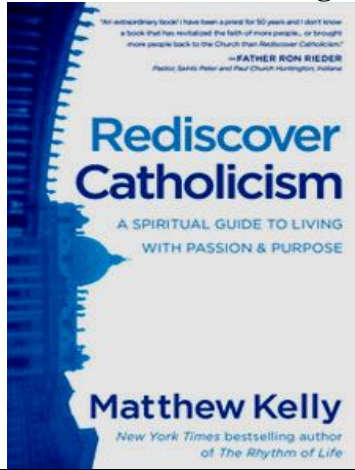
Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers: The Hughes Boys
EM's: J. Messina, D. Urgo, T. Urgo, T. Angstman, *T. Link
Lectors: C. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 10/20-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Medicare 101
- 10/21-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 10/22-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 10/23-Thurs-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
- 10/24-Friday-9am Mass
- 10/25-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 10/26-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Thursday Night Discussion Club Continues this Thursday, October 23rd.

We are now discussing:



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

In our last book by Matthew Kelly, "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic", 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.

During our discussion on **GENEROSITY**, we asked the question: “What was the genesis of the generosity of St. Stephen’s parishioners over the past years?” Our primary answer was, “Supporting the school was the genesis of generosity of St. Stephen’s.” Now we are faced with the question, “Since the school no longer exists, how may we re-direct the parish’s **GENEROSITY**?”

Pilgrimage Thank You

Our Heartfelt Thanks to Our Lady Undoer of Knots Pilgrimage Chairpersons Mary Sharon Monaco, Mary Persechino and their Committee for their hard work and dedication in organizing and overseeing the wonderful experience of the visitation to the Cathedral in Washington, DC last Saturday October 11th in representing St. Stephen Parish.



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.

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

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.

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.

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 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"

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.

Camden Catholic 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.camdenatholic.org/openhouse or call 856-663-2247 ext. 136

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.



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.**

OPERATION DIAPER DRIVE


It's a cause you can really get behind



November 8th & 9th

The Knights of Columbus have received an appeal from the Diocese and Catholic Charities to help replenish their Diaper Bank. Please help us answer this request by donating diapers and baby wipes at the Masses on the **weekend of Nov. 8th and 9th.**

As always, the Knights of Columbus appreciate the generous support we receive from the parishioners of St. Stephen for our fundraising efforts and charitable works. Men of the parish are always welcome and encouraged to join our order.

	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Please contact Glenn Johnson at cell# 609-922-4349 if you have any questions. www.kofc.org
	IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.	

The Matthew 25 Project

On Christ the King Sunday (November 22/23), the Gospel reading is the Last Judgment from Matthew 25, when Jesus welcomes the righteous to heaven because of how they cared for Christ himself by responding to the needs of those who are poor and vulnerable: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink..." In this famous passage, we hear a clear message from Christ: the work of charity and justice is at the heart of our faith.

In preparation for this special day, Diocese of Camden Life & Justice Ministries is partnering with faith communities on The Matthew 25 Project, a five-week series of activities from October 19 through November 22. Each week will focus on one of the five conditions Jesus mentions in the passage.

Two examples of events at parishes in our area include two evenings of sandwich making at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Collingswood (October 20 and 23) and an educational evening about our call to make sure affordable housing is accessible to all at the Catholic Community of Christ Our Light in Cherry Hill (November).

A complete calendar of events and other information is online at <http://camdendiocese.org/matthew25>. All are welcome!

PLEASE JOIN US AT GOOD COUNSEL'S BANQUET

October 26, 4:00pm

Lucien's Manor, 81 White Horse Pike, Berlin, NJ

YOU are invited to attend Good Counsel's Annual Fund Raising Banquet to benefit the homeless, pregnant mothers of our Riverside home. We are proud to announce our special guest speaker will be Monsignor Michael T. Mannion, Director of Community Relations, Camden Diocese. Come and hear one of the many success stories of one of Good Counsel's moms and how, through donor financial support, has changed the direction of her life. Reservations are required. Please contact JoAnn DiNoia (609-387-2928; joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org) for a personal invitation and for your dinner selection. Ask 10 friends to join you and we will reserve a table just for you! A free will offering will be taken during the dinner. Reservations must be made. Celebrate the miracles of our Riverside home with us. I am looking forward to hearing from you! - JoAnn DiNoia.

Mass of Remembrance



Sunday, November 2nd @ 10:30am
“BY NAME I HAVE CALLED YOU”

St. Stephen’s Mass to honor the families of our deceased members will take place on **Sunday, November 2nd at the 10:30am Liturgy**. Our families will present flowers for a Memory Bouquet and they will be blessed and receive token angels in memory of their loved ones. Please plan to join us on this special day, and offer your love and condolences to our families. This year we will remember:

- Mary J. Gundersen*
- Anne E. Cadge*
- Carol C. McCarroll*
- Marie C. Melchiorre*
- Olga V. Mignone*
- Alfreda B. Novak*
- Olivia G. “Dolly” Angelastro*
- Charles A. Magee, Jr.*
- John A. “Jack” Borden*
- Josephine E. Lamaina*
- Patricia M. DeLorenzo*
- Rudolph Stumpo*
- Kimberlee L. Przychowicz-Allen*
- Paula Rios-Perez*
- Thomas D. Fallon*
- David Mount, Jr.*
- Angela R. Lamaina*
- Joseph John Schmidt*
- Lucille Rippo*
- Robert W. Nutter, Jr.*
- Elizabeth “Betty” Picciano*
- Marie J. Wade*
- Maria Ida Fanelle*
- Catherine Hartson*
- Richard R. Hull*
- Anthony Louis Pingelli*
- Eugenia P. Legaspina*
- Nettie Ciccarelli*
- Erika B. Kearney*
- Loretta Stayton*
- Gregory T. Hayes*

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:

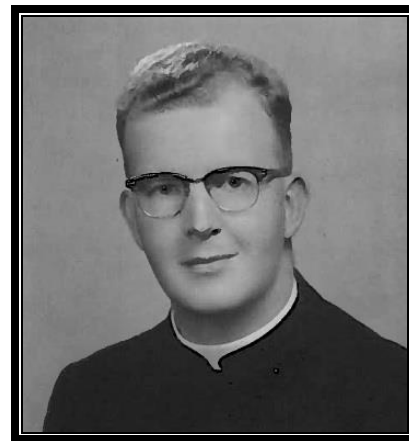
- Deacon Pablo Berrios***
- Rev. Msgr. David F. Budney***
- Rev. Msgr. William F. Collins***
- Rev. Msgr. Eugene J. Fitzsimmons***
- Reverend William H. Hart***
- Deacon E. Michael Henry***
- Reverend Wayne Patrick Lavin***
- Reverend Thomas E. Ploude***
- Rev. Msgr. Thomas H. Sharkey***
- Reverend Robert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



Rev. Msgr. Eugene J. Fitzsimmons
began his ministry here at St. Stephen’s in 1961
and also joined us for our 2002 Jubilee Celebration.