

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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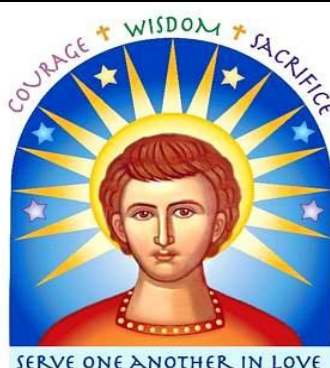
One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

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



Contact Information

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October 20, 2013 – The Twenty-Ninth 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

Children's Liturgy: 3rd 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, 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.

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 2014 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	October 21, 2013 Thomas J. Barlow (24 th Anniversary) r/b Daughters Miriam Gricco & Bette Nicgorski
TUESDAY 9:00am	October 22, 2013 Communion Service – Deacon Anthony Cioe
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	October 23, 2013 Communion Service – Deacon Anthony Cioe
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	October 24, 2013 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	October 25, 2013 Philomena & Anthony Gini r/b The Gini Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	October 26, 2013 Amy Berghaier r/b Tom & Liz McHugh
SUNDAY 9:00am	October 27, 2013 William Cosenza r/b Tom & Liz McHugh
10:30am	Joseph Bui r/b The Bui Family Rev. Fred W. Voltaggio r/b People of the Parish Stephen L. Dombrowski (Birthday Remembrance) r/b 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 12/13, 2013 Attendance/Collection	441/ \$4,475
October 13/14, 2012 Comparison	502/ \$5,503
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$4,840

Diocesan Special Collections:

- 10/20/13: "World Mission Sunday"
- 11/24/13: "Human Development"

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## 2013 House of Charity Appeal

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| <b>2013 House of Charity Y-T-D</b>  | <b>\$50,807.50 (97.2%)</b> |
| <b>2013 House of Charity Goal\$</b> | <b>\$52,250.00</b>         |

Let a gift to the House of Charity allow the fire of love to grow in you. Your donation helps ensure that vital programs continue, which not only give financial support but also teaches others how to improve their difficult situations and become more independent.

**Thank you to the 151 families that have given generously thus far.**

**If you have not pledged as yet, extra pledge cards are available in the lobby of our church outside the Sacristy.**



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, Milton Burns, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, John Maggioncalda, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, 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, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Anthony Vocale.**

### Ministry Schedule for October 26/27

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** M. Ciarrocca, M. Ciarrocca, H. Atchison  
**EM's:** B. Taylor, A. Pandola, C. Pandola, T. Angstman, \*Sr. Eleanora  
**Lector:** D. Heck

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** C. Hearn, B. McHugh, C. Aleszczyk  
**EM's:** S. Marano, T. Modzier, M. Bufanio, E. Nolte, \*S. Mufalli  
**Lectors:** D. Steinmetz, J. Scavuzzo

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** C. Hughes, N. Hughes, D. Hughes  
**EM's:** J. Bowman, L. Solano, T. Link, T. Mattered, \*C. Otto  
**Lectors:** E. Mattered, C. Aleszczyk



## St. Stephen's Annual Harvest Mass & Social

**Next Saturday, October 26, 2013**

The Festivities begin with our annual Harvest Mass at 4:30pm followed by Buffet, Beer & Wine in the School Gym.

The evening will also include honoring & recognizing several Parishioners who have contributed over and above those principles of time, talent and treasure. This is a monthly legacy to honor individuals who are so integral to our success.

**DJ & Dancing til midnight!**  
**\$25 per person / \$40 per couple**

Tickets are now on sale after all weekend Masses and in the Rectory & School on weekdays.

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

- 10/21-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Pastoral Council
- 10/22-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 10/23-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD,  
6:30pm Untold Blessings DVD, 7pm Choir
- 10/24-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 10/25-Friday-9am Mass, School Closed
- 10/26-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession,  
4:30pm Harvest Mass & Social
- 10/27-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



### ***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***

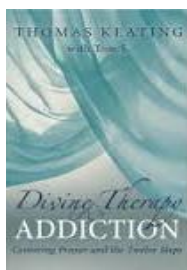
Continue this Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:15pm.

### ***Thursday Night***

#### ***Discussion Club***

CONTINUES OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 7pm in the Parish Center.

We are discussing  
**"Divine Therapy & Addiction"**  
by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO



### ***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament will be

**Friday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30am-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.

## ***Art & Environment Ministry***

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass is asked to contact our A&E Chairperson Maria Haas at 665-8393. Anyone who would like to make a donation for a tree to honor a deceased loved one or would like to join the A & E Ministry may call Maria at the number above.

## ***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, October 21 Pastoral Council
- Monday, October 28 Liturgy Board
- Monday, November 11 Finance Council

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

### **Paver Update:**

All proofs have been corrected and processed.  
All pavers are now available for viewing in the church vestibule.

**Thank you for your orders and patience!!!**

**Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception, Council 3512**

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  
October, please contact  
**Maryann @ 856-235-1423.**



# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Could God be Calling You to the Priesthood?

Father Michael Romano, Director of Vocations, is hosting a "Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group" at Our Lady of Peace Parish Offices, 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ. If you are currently a junior or senior in high school, college student or in the professional world (up to 39 years old), and feel the possible call to the priesthood, this group can help you discern and pray with others who are also considering the priesthood. All meetings are on Sundays from 2:00-3:30 P.M. The schedule is as follows:

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| <b>Sunday, November 3, 2013</b>  | <b>Sunday, March 2, 2014</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, November 24, 2013</b> | <b>Sunday, March 30, 2014</b> |
| <b>Sunday, January 5, 2014</b>   | <b>Sunday, May 18, 2014</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, February 9, 2014</b>  |                               |

For more information, please call the Office of Vocations at 856-583-2858 or email: [michael.romano@camdendiocese.org](mailto:michael.romano@camdendiocese.org).

The Diocese of Camden is in the process of collecting feedback to determine where needs exist for future cemetery and mausoleum options. Your feedback is extremely important to us. Please visit [www.SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://www.SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org) and complete the survey on-line. We thank you for your assistance in this study.

## Merion Mercy Academy

The Scholarship and Entrance Exam will be given on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12:30pm. The Application/Test Registration is required by October 21<sup>st</sup> and can be completed online at [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com).

## Paul VI High School News

Paul VI EAGLE DAY visits are available for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout the school year. To see the schedule of available dates, please visit the Paul VI website at [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org). Experience a day in the life of a Paul VI Eagle!

Paul VI Placement & Scholarship Test will be conducted at Paul VI, on Saturday November 9 & Saturday November 23. Paul VI High School annually awards 6 scholarships to incoming freshmen; awards range from 25 to 75 percent of tuition. To enter the scholarship process, 8th grade students must take the HSPT at Paul VI on one of the dates listed. Please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org) to register. The \$20 testing fee may be paid on the day of the test. Check-in is at 8:30 AM; testing lasts from 9 AM to approximately noon.

Paul VI High School Open House will be held at 6:30 PM, Thursday, November 21, 2013. Middle school students and their families are invited to visit our Academic Expo, meet our faculty, coaches and students, and enjoy special performances by our vocal ensembles and the cast of our spring musical. Reservations are not required; please join us for this informative evening in our sparkling school facility.

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

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## Bishop Eustace Preparatory School Open House and Scholarship/Entrance Exam Information

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School invites students and parents to our Open House on Sunday, October 20, 2013 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 beautiful, 32-acre campus. We also encourage interested 8th grade students to sit for our Scholarship/Entrance Exam on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. The fee for the exam is \$25. The eight highest scorers will receive academic scholarships. Financial aid is also available. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at (856) 662-2160, ext. 240, or visit our website at [www.eustace.org](http://www.eustace.org).

## Bishop Eustace Monte Carlo Night -Saturday, November 16 Riverton Country Club, Cinnaminson, New Jersey

Gaming tables open at 7:00 pm, \$75.00 per person includes: Open Bar, Fabulous Food and Prizes!!! (Price includes \$50.00 in gaming chips if purchased by October 31st. Tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis until tickets are sold out.

For additional information and to purchase tickets e-mail: Sheree Lantz [lantz4all@verizon.net](mailto:lantz4all@verizon.net)

## Camden Catholic High School OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Discover the Irish Experience with student-led tours, performing arts presentations, coaches meetings, and faculty introductions. Register at [www.camdenccatholic.org/admissions](http://www.camdenccatholic.org/admissions) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

## Save the Date: November 2 High School Placement & Scholarship Test

## Gloucester Catholic News

Gloucester Catholic Junior-Senior High will host an OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS on Thursday, November 1, 7:00-9:00pm. Interested sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and their families are invited to attend. The evening will showcase academic, athletic and extra-curricular offerings for both the junior and senior high. Faculty, staff and students will be on hand to discuss scholarships, financial aid, transportation and related concerns. For more information, visit the website, [www.gchsrams.org](http://www.gchsrams.org), or contact Admissions Director, George Bakey, at [gbakey@gchsrams.org](mailto:gbakey@gchsrams.org) or (856)-456-4400, ex 227. The Gloucester Catholic Admissions Office announces their "Ram for a Day" program! Take the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Gloucester Catholic student and feel part of the GC family. Contact Admissions Director, George Bakey, at [gbakey@gchsrams.org](mailto:gbakey@gchsrams.org) or (856)-456-4400, ex 227.

## Holy Cross High School

5035 Route 130 South, Delran, NJ 08075  
Open House Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>-10am-1pm tours  
A college preparatory education - You Belong Here!  
Scholarship Entrance Exam Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>  
9am-12pm (exam required for admission to Holy Cross)  
More info at [www.holycrosshighschool.org](http://www.holycrosshighschool.org)

**DVD Series at St. Stephen's  
Sr. Bernadette Parish Center!**

**Untold Blessings: Three Paths to  
Holiness Adult Study Program**

Continues October 23, 2013. "Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness", is an adult study program created by Fr. Robert Barron. Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. Father Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of "the One who is, Jesus Christ." He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness: finding the center; knowing you are a sinner; and realizing your life is not about you. He also provides practical approaches to enhance the journey along these three paths. This is a 6-week DVD series held at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish Center**, on Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. **All are Welcome!** For further information or to register, please call Lily at (856) 786-0567.

**Parish Directory Portrait Sessions!**

**Monday thru Saturday, October 21-26, 2013**



**Monday & Tuesday @ Stonegate from 1-8pm**  
**Wednesday – Friday @ School from 3-9pm**  
**Saturday @ School from 10am-4pm**

**We need YOU** to make our first directory since the 2002 Jubilee Book a success! Just for participating, parishioners and school families will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the entire parish directory. You may schedule your portrait appointment after weekend Masses or on our website.

**A Closer Walk with God**

Silent Spiritual Meditation, Reflection & Adoration  
*Using the works of our great saints*

**Praying for the Infusion of the  
Gifts of the Holy Spirit  
in the Presence of Jesus Christ**

St. Rose of Lima Church (Main Church)  
300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

**Sunday November 3, 2013, 2pm – 3:30pm**

**Presenter: Fr. Byerley**

*Meditation "God's Loving Touch"*

**Future Dates:**

March 16, 2014, June 8, 2014 (Pentecost)

**Our PTO's  
Yankee Candle Fundraiser!**



**Dear Parishioners, Family  
and Friends of St. Stephen's,**

Thank you so much for the support you are giving to the PTO! I wanted to introduce our next fundraiser. With the holidays coming, Yankee Candle is the best fundraiser yet. For every item purchased, the PTO will receive 40%.

- **Yankee Candle orders will be collected until October 21, 2013.**
- Family can order online ALL year! All they need is the number # 990048363 and [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com). Each month, St. Stephen's will get a check from Yankee Candle to support the PTO.
- All website orders during the time period of October 7 to the 21<sup>st</sup> will be used toward student prizes.
- A representative will be at the Masses the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup>. If items are purchased at Masses, phone calls will be made for pick up dates.
- Any comments, questions, concerns, don't hesitate to email the address below.

Thank you and God Bless.

**Terri Crowley, [schribs@yahoo.com](mailto:schribs@yahoo.com)**