

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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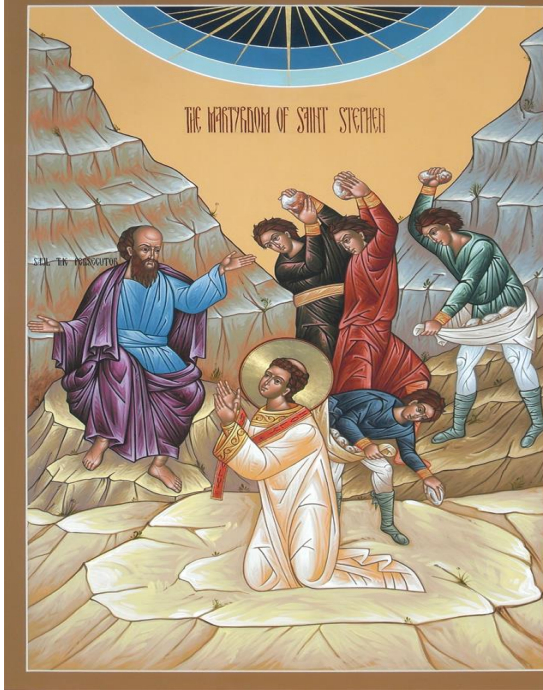
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Permanent Deacon

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Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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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 4, 2015 - The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Respect Life Sunday

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 4, 2015
9:00am	Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Marlene Matteo r/b Her Family Mark Anthony Meloni r/b Edith Alessi & Family Dan & Fran Conway r/b The Conway Family Daniel Strang, Sr. r/b Nancy & Herbert Schreiber
MONDAY	October 5, 2015
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	October 6, 2015
9:00am	Betty R. Wheeler r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY	October 7, 2015
9:00am	Dorothea King r/b James & Christopher Gaffney
THURSDAY	October 8, 2015
9:00am+Novena	Louis & Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter
FRIDAY	October 9, 2015
9:00am	Pearl Ryba r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
SATURDAY	October 10, 2015
4:30pm	Eileen Tallman r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt
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



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.

September 19/20, 2015 Collection:	\$4,468
September 26/27, 2015 Collection:	\$4,157
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,511

Special Collections:

October 4, 2015: "Pro Life" (Diocese)
October 18, 2015: "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 Vivliello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for October 10/11

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, V. Thibault, L. Heiningen, **J. Heiningen*

Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, Q. Nguyen

EM's: M. Miller, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, N. Schmidt, **T. Modzier*

Lectors: D. Heck, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: J. Bui, O. Albert

EM's: J. Messina, Geo. Tutwiler, T. Scavuzzo, T. Angstman, **M. Meloni*

Lector: P. Cioe

In Joyful Appreciation

Many thanks to Joe & Maria Haas, Earl Nolte and all those who assisted in making the viewing of the Papal Mass in the Parish Center a joyous occasion.

The gathering of our faithful was inspiring as we enjoyed the ability to be somewhat present to this blessed event. This was followed by a shared meal of great abundance. All those who brought food and drink shared a common table of joy and thanksgiving. The surroundings were intimate and prayerful.

Hopefully we will use our parish center many times in the future for these special celebrations.

-Father Daniel Rocco

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 10/5-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
- 10/6-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 10/7-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 10/8-Thurs.-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion
- 10/9-Friday-9am Mass
- 10/10-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 10/11-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

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 7th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

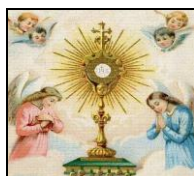
Continues this Thursday, October 8th @ 7pm
in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center



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).



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 10th in an 18-week series dedicated to you who have felt the grief and loss of a Loved One.*

Broken Circle*

*Birth is not the beginning
And death is not the end
Of the circle.*

*Work done here
Now must be carried
On by others.*

*Exhorting angels:
“Grieve not for what we have lost.
Rejoice for what we have gained.”*

*I would not be here
Were it not for my loved one’s tangent
Intersecting my circle.*

*Life is almost complete
The compass point pauses here
Waiting for the arc to carry on.*

*But this circle continues
As a dotted line
To be continued on the other side.*

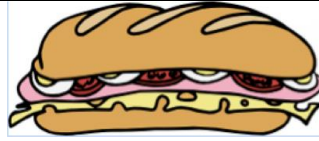
Next week, a poem: “**May Your Grief Be Brief**”

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

St. Joseph’s Prep School News

St. Joseph’s Prep invites students and parents from the Delaware Valley to an Open House on **Sunday, October 18th** from 10am to 2pm. Before the Open House you are also invited to join the Prep Community for Mass at 8:30am in the Church of the Gesu (here on our campus). Interested 8th grade boys should apply in order to sit for the Scholarship/Entrance Exam on **Saturday November 14th or Sunday November 15th** at 8:30am. Students must be applicants. Students are registered automatically upon completing an application. Academic scholarships and financial aid grants will be awarded for eligible students.



Knights of Columbus, Council 3512 Hoagie Sale

As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 & \$6.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **October 10 & 11**. For info call 856-227-4980.

“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:

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.

Merion Mercy Academy News

You are welcomed to join us at Merion Mercy Academy’s **Open House** to be held on Sunday, October 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The **Scholarship and Entrance Exam** will be given on Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The make-up date is October 31st. The Application/Test Registration should be completed by October 21st and can be completed online at www.merion-mercy.com.

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.

NYC Christmas Trip Dec. 10th

Father Ed Lyons’ Christmas Trip to NYC, Tuesday, December 10th to Radio City Music Hall includes breakfast, round-trip motor coach, show ticket, shopping opportunity, St. Patrick’s, elegant dinner, and a free gift! **\$160 p/p, call (609) 927-1669.**

Mass of Anointing & Healing

Saturday, October 10, 2015, 10:30 A.M.
St. Cecilia's Church

(Mary Queen of All Saints Parish)

4824 Camden Avenue, Pennsauken, N.J. 08108

Complimentary Lunch to Follow, RSVP:

mtmannion@comcast.net

Sponsored by:

Order of Malta, American Association
St. Luke Health Services Diocese of Camden
Community Relations, Diocese of Camden
Mary, Queen of All Saints Parish
All Are Welcome!

Women's Discernment Group

Are you seeking to know what God has in mind for your life? If you are a single, Catholic woman, 17-35 years of age, who wonders if God is calling you to vowed life in our Church, consider meeting monthly with other like-minded women exploring this possibility. We will meet monthly to pray, share questions, and to learn more about the elements of religious life. Join us and you will hear from sisters of various communities share about their love for religious life.

Come join us at the Franciscan Sisters' Mother Mary Joseph Micarelli Center of Hospitality, 1215 Kresson Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ. The discernment group meets from 7-9PM on the following dates (first Monday of each month).

- October 5, 2015 Consecration & Baptism**
- November 2, 2015 Interpersonal Relationships**
- December 7, 2015 Our Relationship with God**
- January 4, 2016 the Dignity of Women**
- February 8, 2016 Commitment**
- March 7, 2016 Charism and Spirituality**
- April 4, 2016 Vows and Religious Life**
- May 2, 2016 Service and Ministry**

For further information or to RSVP, please e-mail sisterdiannafmij@yahoo.com or call 856-848-6049.

"Give your servant... an understanding heart..."

New Texas Instruments

TI-83 & TI-84 Calculators

Available in the rectory

at the incredibly reduced price of :

\$62.50 for TI-83 w/ book & cable

\$75.00 for TI-84 w/ book & cable

Limited Quantities, first come, first served!!!

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, October 10, 2015

For The 2nd Annual Celebration

Sponsored by Our Very Own Pennsauken Township and Pennsauken Fire Department

11 a.m. 4 p.m.

A Celebration Of Heritage, Arts & Community

Food
Music
Games
Prizes
Performances
Farmers' Market
Kids Activities
...More!

Rain Date: October 11, 2015

Reflections on Today's Readings

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 Reflection: Genesis 2:18-24

Here is the second poetic story of creation from the Book of Genesis. In earlier verses which are not part of today's reading, the story describes how God made the first man from clay. God then fashioned all kinds of birds and animals. But none of them were suitable partners for the man. So God made the first woman from the man's own body. Together the man and the woman became one body. They were equal and suitable partners for one another. In marriage, husband and wife enter a union blessed by God. The primary message of the story is that man and woman both come from God. We are God's unique creation in a world of wonderful creatures he has entrusted to our care.

Reading 2 Reflection: Hebrews 2:9-11

The humble person does not look down on others or try to raise himself to a prominent position. Jesus, the Son of God, is a perfect example of humility. He made himself lower than the angels by taking on our human nature. He then made himself subject to suffering and death in order to gain our salvation. Jesus tasted death for all of us so that we can share in his glory with God the Father. He is pleased to call us his brothers and sisters. In return, at every Eucharist, we thank him for lifting us up with him.

Gospel Reflection: Mark 10:2-16

Some people are more interested in the letter of the law than the spirit of the law. The Pharisees tried to test Jesus by asking him if he agreed with the law of Moses regarding divorce. Jesus draws their attention to the true meaning of marriage. He reminds the Pharisees of the teaching from Genesis about the man and the woman becoming one flesh. Jesus is focusing on God's loving plan for marriage partners. In the second story, Jesus scolds his disciples for trying to keep the little children away from him. He hugs, holds, and blesses the children. Once again he teaches that all who follow him must trust in God and openly accept the Good News.