

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



*Different Histories...*

*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 6, 2013 – The Twenty-Seventh 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**            **October 7, 2013**  
9:00am                In Honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>)  
                              of Albert & Dolores Garofalo r/b Dolores LaNoce
  
- TUESDAY**         **October 8, 2013**  
9:00am                Louis & Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter
  
- WEDNESDAY**    **October 9, 2013**  
9:00am                Mary Iacovelli  
                              r/b Olga Mignone and Her Sons Donald & Billy
  
- THURSDAY**       **October 10, 2013**  
9:00am+Novena    Maria Colon Rodriguez  
                              r/b Maryann & Walter Hajduk
  
- FRIDAY**            **October 11, 2013**  
9:00am                People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
  
- SATURDAY**       **October 12, 2013**  
4:30pm                Chris Picciano (Birthday Remembrance)  
                              r/b Mom & Dad
  
- SUNDAY**           **October 13, 2013**  
9:00am                William Sauer r/b Corinne & Laura Schmidt  
  
10:30am                Vince Krinsavage r/b Maryann Bufanio  
                              Marie DiFrank r/b The Finnegan Family  
                              Rev. Abbott J. Hope r/b People of the Parish  
                              Mass of Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother  
                              and Blessed John Paul II r/b Marisa Derasaro

### *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.

Sept. 28/29, 2013 Attendance/Collection	465/	\$4,694
Sept. 29/30, 2012 Comparison	466/	\$4,934
<b>2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$5,588</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$4,866</b>

Diocesan Special Collection: 10/6/13: "Pro-Life"

### 2013 House of Charity Appeal

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

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.**

(See Employee Giving Campaign information on Page 5)



*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 Vivielo, Anthony Vocale.**

### Ministry Schedule for October 12/13

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

#### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** M. Hobbs, Z. Marlin, T. Albert

**EM's:** A. Pandola, C. Pandola, Sr. Eleanora, P. Petronis, \*T. Angstman

**Lectors:** J. Heininger, L. Heininger

#### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** B. McHugh, C. Hearn, M. Conway

**EM's:** S. Marano, R. Davis, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro, \*E. Nolte

**Lector:** P. Nolte

#### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** M. Ciarrocca, M. Ciarrocca, J. Bui

**EM's:** T. Mattered, M. Meloni, J. Messina, C. Otto, \*L. Solano

**Lectors:** P. Cioe, J. Bowman



## *St. Stephen's Annual Harvest Mass & Social 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 Wil Delfin & Dancing til midnight!  
\$25 per person / \$40 per couple**

Tickets will go on sale October 12<sup>th</sup> after all weekend Masses and in the Rectory & School on weekdays.

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

10/7-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study  
 10/8-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 10/9-Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 6:30pm Untold Blessings DVD  
 10/10-Thur-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club  
 10/11-Friday-9am Mass  
 10/12-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 10/13-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptismal Training

*A Message for All the Ladies:*



God values you, and \_\_\_\_\_ has a plan for your life!

### ***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 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.

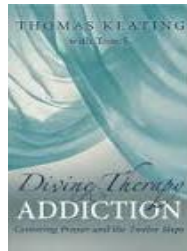
Registration forms are still available in the rectory and on our website.

### ***Thursday Night***

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

CONTINUES OCTOBER 10<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.

<b>Monday, October 14</b>	<b>Finance Council</b>
<b>Monday, October 21</b>	<b>Pastoral Council</b>
<b>Monday, October 28</b>	<b>Liturgy Board</b>

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

**Paver Update:** All proofs have been corrected and processed. Fabrication commenced August 26th and took approximately 2 weeks. All pavers will be available for viewing when received. As more information is received we will keep you updated. **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

## **“Theology on Tap” October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Theology on Tap is a speaker and discussion series for women and men in their 20s and 30s, married and single.

**Topic: “How I Met Your Mother”: Mary’s Role in the Faith**  
**Guest Presenter: Rev. Kevin Mohan, Parochial Vicar from Our Lady of Peace Parish, Williamstown**

**When: Tuesday, October 8, 2013 from 7-9pm**

**Where: Lazy Lanigans, 139 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, NJ**

It’s a great chance to hear a dynamic speaker and engage in meaningful conversation in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. No cost to attend. Participants are welcome to purchase food and beverages.

For more info: (856) 583-6122,

gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org, or join

“Theology on Tap – South Jersey” on Facebook or follow

“Theology on Tap SJ” on Twitter.

## **The 25th annual Camden Diocese Charismatic Conference**

Wildwood Convention Center in Wildwood, NJ

**October 11, 12 & 13.**

Adult, Senior High Youth and Junior High Youth Tracks will be offered. Come join us as we celebrate our Silver Anniversary. This year’s theme is “Your every act should be done with love.” -1 Cor 16:14. For a registration form or more information, go to <http://www.camdencharismatic.org> or call (609) 522-5010

## **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:

- Sunday, November 3, 2013
- Sunday, November 24, 2013
- Sunday, January 5, 2014
- Sunday, February 9, 2014

- Sunday, March 2, 2014
- Sunday, March 30, 2014
- Sunday, May 18, 2014

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

## **Merion Mercy Academy**

All are welcome to join us for an **Open House on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** from 1-4pm. 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).

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## **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).

## **CCHS Class of 1963 50-Year Reunion**

The first class to graduate from Camden Catholic’s Cherry Hill location is celebrating their 50th reunion on **Saturday, October 19, from 6-11 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel in Mount Laurel.** For tickets or to provide your updated contact information, visit [www.cchsclassof1963.com](http://www.cchsclassof1963.com), call Jim Bigley 856-816-6907, Janet Sereno Lewis 856-840-5959, Vicki Sclafani Orzechowski 609-220-9604 or email [cchs63reunion@gmail.com](mailto:cchs63reunion@gmail.com).

## **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 Social October 11<sup>th</sup>**

Gloucester Catholic Junior-Senior High School will host a **Junior High Social for students in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30 PM.** GC Faculty and students will be on hand to introduce our guests to the Gloucester Catholic experience and Ram Pride! Join us for music, dancing, games, and refreshments. No admission cost... Bring a Friend! For more information, contact Admissions Director George Bakey at [gbakey@gchsrams.org](mailto:gbakey@gchsrams.org) and visit [www.gchsrams.org](http://www.gchsrams.org). 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 9, 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.

**Catholic Business Network**

Are you Catholic? In Business?

**Join the Catholic Business Networking Breakfast**

Build your business, build community,  
and support Catholic Schools

Breakfast meetings the second Friday of every month.

**Next Breakfast: Friday, October 11, 2013 @ 7:30 a.m.**  
**Woodcrest Country Club, Cherry Hill**

**Guest Speaker: Chuck Polin, President  
Training Resource Group**

**Topic: "How do I bring in more business?"**  
\$20 for breakfast - Contact: [SJCBN@Comcast.net](mailto:SJCBN@Comcast.net)

**Dear Friend of Holy Name:**

Holy Name of Camden Ministries is hosting a celebration featuring Dr. John Giannini, Men's Basketball Coach at La Salle University as guest of honor on Wednesday, **October 30** at Tavistock Country Club, Haddonfield, NJ. The annual "Reaching Out To Those In Need" award will be presented to Susan Mackey, Coordinator of the Outreach Program at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden and to Kevin Walsh, Esq. Associate Director of the Fair Share Housing Program.

The proceeds of this event support the ministries that serve the families and children in North Camden and surrounding communities; Holy Name School, Holy Name Scholars, St. Luke's Catholic Medical Services, Camden Center for Law and Social Justice, and Guadalupe Family Services

Tickets are \$100 per person. For information and reservations, call 856 365-1001 or go to [www.holynameofcamden.org](http://www.holynameofcamden.org)

**Congratulations to Longtime Parishioners  
Albert & Dolores Garofalo**  
as they celebrate their  
**25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 8<sup>th</sup>!**



**"Love is patient, love is kind.  
So faith, hope, love remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love."**  
*I Corinthians 13: 4a, 13*

**2013/2014**

**House of Charity Campaign**

Many businesses began their **Employee Giving Campaigns** this month and continue to solicit donations through the fall months. Whether through the United Way or another corporate giving campaign, employees welcome the opportunity to participate when they can direct their donations toward charities that reflect their beliefs and social concerns. Please remember...if you do participate, the **House of Charity** is a qualified non-member Donor Option Agency. Kindly ask your agency representative for a pledge form and complete the form using your Home Address. These may also be available online. In addition, designate House of Charity in the Donor Choice section along with any other information they may require. **Some agencies use a specific code that can be found on the Employee Giving Poster located in our church lobby.** Please feel free to take an informational card which will assist you in completing your form. Donors to last year's campaign will receive a letter from Mariann Gilbride, Director of the House of Charity - Bishop's Annual Appeal, which will provide specific information to aid Employee Giving Donors in completing their forms. Donor-designated gifts to the House of Charity through an Employee Giving Campaign will be gratefully acknowledged if the donor authorizes it, and will be credited to the parish for the 2014 House of Charity Appeal. The vital human needs of people in the Diocese of Camden throughout Southern New Jersey will be served to the fullest extent of our capability through your generosity to the House of Charity. Thank You.