

# 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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## *November 10, 2013 – The Thirty-Second 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** November 11, 2013 (Veteran's Day)  
9:00am Jim Towson r/b His Wife, Doris

**TUESDAY** November 12, 2013  
9:00am All Souls r/b People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY** November 13, 2013  
9:00am Barbara Sulimay r/b Florence, Maureen & Paul Blom

**THURSDAY** November 14, 2013  
9:00am+Novena All Souls r/b People of the Parish

**FRIDAY** November 15, 2013  
9:00am Louise Cirullo r/b Anna Cirullo

**SATURDAY** November 16, 2013  
4:30pm Donna DiSipio r/b Marlene Sgro-Frayne

**SUNDAY** November 17, 2013  
9:00am Agnes Nolte r/b Deacon Anthony & Phyl Cioe  
10:30am Rev. Richard J. Lodge r/b People of the Parish  
Lillian Tomarchio r/b Elaine Peard  
Angeline Capella r/b Father Rocco & Family

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of R. Douglas Holmes.

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 26/27, 2013 Attendance/Collection	551	\$5,202
October 27/28, 2012 Comparison	509/	\$4,693
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$4,868

Next Special Collection:  
11/24/13: "Human Development"

## 2013 House of Charity Appeal

2013 House of Charity Y-T-D	\$51,057.50 (97.7%)
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 153 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, 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, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Anthony Vocale.

## Ministry Schedule for November 16/17

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, M. Conway, S. Caban  
EM's: B. Taylor, T. Angstman, J. Heininger, L. Heininger, \*P. Petronis  
Lector: J. Melfi

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, J. Mack, C. Hearn  
EM's: S. Marano, L. D'Alessandro, R. Davis, L. McHugh, \*M. Miller  
Lectors: P. Nolte, D. Steinmetz

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: O. Graff, J. Bui, V. Bui  
EM's: T. Link, M. Meloni, L. Solano, T. Urgo, \*D. Urgo  
Lectors: E. Mattered, C. Otto



Our heartfelt thanks to Mike Ciarrocca and all the members of the Knights of Columbus Counsel 3512 and their "designated hitter" Earl Nolte for their valiant effort in the installation of the Pavers to Our Lady last weekend. This massive undertaking was truly an act of service to the community, both living and deceased, of St. Stephen Parish. Their ministry has now been embedded into the very "heart and soil" of the beautiful grounds of St. Stephen Parish.

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

- 11/11-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Finance Council
- 11/12-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA
- 11/13-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Deacons' Meeting
- 11/14-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 5:45pm Wedding Rehearsal, 6&7pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
- 11/15-Friday-9am Mass
- 11/16-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 1pm Wedding, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 11/17-Sunday-9am School Mass / Memorial Dedications, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptisms



### ***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***

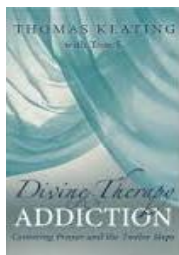
Continue this Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.

### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

Continues November 14<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, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:45am-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, November 11 Finance Council**

**Monday, November 25 Liturgy Board**

**Monday, December 16 Pastoral Council**

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

### **Paver Update:**

All pavers are now installed!

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 November, please contact **Bernice @ 856-662-4641.**



# You Are Invited!

St. Stephen School's Student Council would like to invite everyone to attend the dedication of new **Veteran Memorials** on **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:00am School Mass. The monuments were donated to the parish by the Highland Volunteer Fire Company. After the dedication, everyone is invited to the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center for light refreshments.

## Knights of Columbus Diaper Drive

November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2013



As part of the NJ State KofC's Culture of Life Programs, local Pennsauken council #3512 will be holding a Diaper Drive at St. Stephens on the weekend of **November 16-17**. We ask that parishioners help support our effort by bringing diapers and baby wipes for donation. Representatives from the council will be in the vestibule after the Masses to collect the donated items.

All diapers and wipes collected will be donated to Guadalupe Family Services, a social service agency in Camden, NJ, headed by Sister Helen Cole, SSJ.

Visit their website

[www.guadalupefamilyservices.org](http://www.guadalupefamilyservices.org)

for more information about the program.

Please contact Glenn Johnson, KofC council 3512 at 609-922-4349 with any questions. Thank you for your support.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### How to Pray is on Tap at Theology on Tap!

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

**Topic:** Prayer of the Heart – Breathing With Both Lungs

**Guest Presenter:** Rev. Paul Makar, pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church, Cherry Hill and Administrator of Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Williamstown

**When:** Tuesday, November 12, 2013

**Where:** Dubh Linn Square, 482 E. Evesham Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

**Time:** 7 – 9 PM

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](mailto:gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org), or join  
"Theology on Tap – South Jersey" on Facebook  
or follow "Theology on Tap SJ" on Twitter.

### Are you feeling called to share your God-given gifts?

Local Host Families needed for South Korean and Chinese international students who will arrive in January to study at **Camden Catholic High School**, tuition paid. They are motivated learners with a wide variety of interests. These F-1 visa students speak English, are fully insured, & have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board & receive a generous monthly hosting stipend & a fulfilling experience.

Contact Cecelia LaPlaca with Nacel Open Door at 215-584-7751 or [cecelaplaca@gmail.com](mailto:cecelaplaca@gmail.com) ([www.nacelopendoor.org](http://www.nacelopendoor.org)).

### I Care Campaign

St. John of God Community Services and Archbishop Damiano School for children and adults with disabilities will be having a Fundraiser at ACME Supermarkets from **Friday November 22, 2013 through Wednesday, November 27, 2013**. It is a great way to get service hours for Confirmation! Volunteers are needed: children, teens, adults are needed to stand for an hour at area ACME stores to collect for our school...your time or a dollar in the canister would be greatly appreciated. For further info, please contact Spencer Fleming at (856) 202-5175.

**St. Stephen Church  
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes  
October 21, 2013**

**Council Members Present:**

Joseph Haas, Liz McHugh, Terry Modzier, Earl Nolte,  
Melanie Lopez, Dennis Rooney, Chris Hearn and Janis Melfi

- ❖ Opened with a prayer by Terry Modzier
- ❖ Meeting called to order 7PM
- ❖ **Old Business:**

**HARVEST MASS/SOCIAL:**

Discussion was had regarding the hopeful success of the upcoming Mass and social to take place on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Its success will be addressed in the future minutes.

**DEDICATIONS:**

There will be four monument dedications: war monuments, Hillside Firehouse fallen members and for the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Dedication date is tentative for either November 9 or 10. More information to follow.

**UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**November 5** at 7PM James Mullaney, astronomer, will speak at the church. His topic is entitled “ The Heavens Declare. Finding God in the Majesty of the Heavens”

**November 30 –December 4** an Advent Mission will be held at the church, Fr Michael Sullivan will lead this mission.

- ❖ Meeting Adjourned @ 8:10PM
- ❖ Closing prayer by Liz McHugh
- ❖ Next PPC meeting at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish** Center on: **December 16, 2013@7PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Janis Melfi  
Secretary of St. Stephen’s PPC

***Oh Come All Ye Faithful!***

Please join us  
this year to celebrate  
the Christmas Season  
**ANGEL TREE**



**Our St. Stephen’s School Community  
Angel’s will be tagged on the tree  
beginning Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Kindly place your gifts under the tree by Dec.15<sup>th</sup>**  
Script gift cards are available for purchases for age appropriate gifts.

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***LifeTouch Portrait Make-up Date!***

**Saturday, December 7, 2013 - 11:30am–6:30pm**

For those who missed appointments in October and also for those who are now suddenly interested in being a part of our Parish Directory!

**To make an appointment (you must have one),  
please call Kelly at 856-397-7578.**

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***Thanksgiving Liturgy Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>***

**On Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**, we will celebrate our annual **Thanksgiving Liturgy**. This regular event in our parish over many years is a wonderful experience of prayer, singing and celebrating all for which we have to thank Almighty God. Loaves of bread will be blessed as a way of extending the blessing of the Eucharist to your Thanksgiving tables.

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***Have You Lost Your  
Medicare Advantage Plan?***

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** **Wednesday, November 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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***St. Stephen’s Class of ’74 Reunion!***

There will be a reunion of St. Stephen’s 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 1974 on **Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Pub at 7pm**. \$10 pay at the door, appetizer buffet and cash bar. RSVP/questions to **Thomas Nasuti 1-562-208-0221** (cell). Many classmates have already responded “yes”, so don’t miss out! If you know anyone from the class, please let them know.