

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

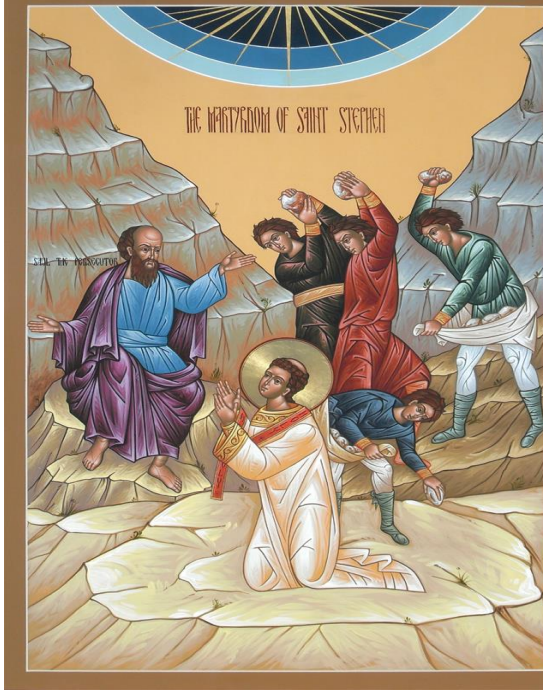
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe**  
Permanent Deacon

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
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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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## **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.*

***November 15, 2015 – The 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**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, 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 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".**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>November 15, 2015</b>
9:00am	Stanley & Anna Bernoskie r/b Nick Picciano
10:30am	Josephine Paolini (40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b The Paolini Family In Thanksgiving for Sr. Eleanora Faiola's 65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary r/b St. Stephen's Choir Carmen J. Rotondo r/b People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>November 16, 2015</b>
9:00am	Communion Service
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>November 17, 2015</b>
9:00am	Louise Cirullo r/b Her Daughter, Anna
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>November 18, 2015</b>
9:00am	All Souls r/b People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>November 19, 2015</b>
9:00am+Novena	Roswell D. Holmes, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Priscilla Handy
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>November 20, 2015</b>
9:00am	Mary Gundersen (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) r/b Family
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>November 21, 2015</b>
4:30pm	Barbara McFadden r/b Linda McGrath & Cindy Pandola
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>November 22, 2015</b>
9:00am	Thomas W. Ash r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Sam D'Auria r/b Rosina Midili & Family John Kerwick r/b His Wife, Son & Family Stanley Booth r/b Joe & Maria Haas



The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of

## Roswell D. Holmes, Sr.

Retired Chief of Police, Camden, NJ

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.

<b>November 7/8, 2015 Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,695</b>
<b>2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$4,576</b>

Next Special Collection:

**November 22, 2015: "Human Development" (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, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Chuck Hillwig, Thomas Holmes Sr., John Howard, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Arlene LaFreda, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, 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 Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.**

### Ministry Schedule for November 21/22

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

\* Designates Alternate Server

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, \*A. Knight

Lector: B. Mattia

**Sunday, 9:00am**

Altar Server: Q. Nguyen

EM's: R. Leone, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, M. Conway, \*L. McHugh

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, J. Scavuzzo

**Sunday, 10:30am**

Altar Server: K. Fagan

EM's: M. Meloni, J. Messina, M. Miller, T. Link, \*T. Mattera

Lectors: C. Aleszczyk, R. Aleszczyk

## Thanksgiving Liturgy Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>

On Wednesday, November 25<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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## Christmas Wreath Sale

**Boy Scout Troop 118** will be selling Christmas Wreaths after all Masses this weekend, **November 14th and 15th**. All proceeds help the boys offset their camp fees throughout the year. The wreaths are the perfect door decoration, they are 24" wide fresh pine with a big bright red bow and 3 pine cones. Each wreath is \$20.00 and will be available the first week in December. **If you wish to purchase a wreath and are unable to attend Mass, please contact Mike Ciarrocca at 856-425-4799 or [ciarrocca@juno.com](mailto:ciarrocca@juno.com).**

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

- 11/16-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study, 6:30pm Deacons Deanery Meeting
- 11/17-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Meeting
- 11/18-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD
- 11/19-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
- 11/20-Friday-9am Mass
- 11/21-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 11/22-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 November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

### *Thursday Night Discussion Club*

Continues this Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 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, December 4, 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 November, please contact  
**Diane @ 856-308-8224.**

## *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).



## **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.

### *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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).

# “Loss of a Loved One”

This is the 16<sup>th</sup> in an 18-week series dedicated to you who have felt the grief and loss of a Loved One:\*

## Time Grows Short \*

*Time grows short  
As the hour draws near,  
Transition shall take place,  
Gently, ever so gently.*

*It is time to let go and  
Escape the earthly bounds.  
Angels waiting to guide you  
To the next step.*

*May the White Light  
Surround you with Peace.  
May the Lord  
Guide your Spirit.*

*Your work here  
Is now complete.  
Face the future  
With certainty.*

*It is time to rejoice  
You are Heaven’s gain.  
And surly we shall  
Meet once more.*

### Next Week – a poem: “Timeless of Life”

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## “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 our last South Jersey Medicare Information Session:

**Tuesday, December 1st at 7pm  
in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center.**

For further information, feel free to call Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753.

## Parish Grounds Cleanup Day

Next Saturday Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30am

Service Hours for Students!

All Parishioners are Invited.

Contact: Maria Haas cell: 856-816-7781

MUST leave a message with name and contact number.  
Tools: Students should bring a **rake and garden gloves**.  
Parishioners: **All Power Tools** are welcome to the Party!

## Camden Catholic High School News

**Irish Experience Guest Days** for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are being scheduled throughout the fall at Camden Catholic High School. Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy. Contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: [janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

### The Arts at CCHS Presents *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder

Join us for a heart-warming presentation of this American classic as performed by the talented students at Camden Catholic. Performances are **November 19, 20 and 21** at 7:30 p.m. and November 22 at 2 p.m. in the Grandi Auditorium at Camden Catholic. Purchase tickets online at [www.cchsp Performingarts.com](http://www.cchsp Performingarts.com) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.

### Class of 2020 Freshman Admissions

#### Deadline and Registration

To qualify for Merit Scholarships or Performing Arts Scholarships, the Camden Catholic High School Application must be received by **December 8, 2015**. Students who are eligible for a Merit Scholarship will be contacted by the Admissions Department regarding an interview held at Camden Catholic in December. All other applicants may submit an application after December 8 and acceptances will be based on rolling admissions.

### Class of 2020 Freshman Registration: Save the date!

**Saturday, February 20 at 8am,**  
Pisa Dining Hall at Camden Catholic.

## Paul VI High School News

**Paul VI High School Open House** will be held at 6:30 PM, Thursday, **November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Middle school students and their families are invited to meet our faculty, coaches and students, and enjoy special performances by our performing arts groups. Reservations are appreciated, but not required. For more information, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions).

**Paul VI Eagle-for-a-Day** visits are available for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout the fall admissions season. To see the schedule of available dates, and to make a reservation, please visit the Paul VI website at [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions). Experience a day in the life of a Paul VI Eagle!

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

# WILL YOU TAKE A BABY BOTTLE...



Homes helping Single Mothers and Babies Since 1985.

And help the homeless,  
pregnant mothers of  
Good Counsel Homes?

The weekend of November 28/29, Good Counsel Homes will be sharing their mission story at our parish and will be asking for your support for the mothers that have chosen to give their baby life despite what life dictates. The Riverside home, for homeless, pregnant mothers, is the first home to open in the Southern New Jersey area and has given birth to 49 babies!! You will simply be asked to take a baby bottle home with you, fill it with spare change, dollars, checks, or whatever your means allow, and return it within the next two weeks.

If you would like to volunteer at our home,  
please call JoAnn DiNoia-(609-387-2928)  
or email [joann\\_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org](mailto:joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org).  
Thank you for your prayers and support.

## POPCORN, FRANKS AND A MOVIE

Come join us at St. Joan of Arc Church in Marlton, NJ on Thursday, November 19th @ 7:30pm in the school Cafeteria as we present "Alone Yet Not Alone." Seeking religious freedom in America, a devout Christian family from Germany settles in the peaceful Pennsylvania colony – only to find themselves caught in the crossfire of the French & Indian War. Following a merciless raid on their settlement, daughters Barbara and Regina are abducted, separated, then raised by their Delaware captors in the harsh Ohio wilderness. Now, only their devotion to each other and faith in the Lord can lead them through their darkest hours and back to freedom in this inspirational, true story. Come Hungry! Lite refreshments will be served. *Plan to be fed not just with food!* Hope to see you there! Coming in December.....Son of God.

## Trip to Italy!

Join Father Robert Gregorio next Sept. 11-23 in Rome, Tuscany and Umbria with a Papal Audience. This would be a splendid Christmas Gift! Call 800-852-5655 x2 and ask about trip #709105. Fly direct via Philadelphia.

## Priesthood Discernment Group

The Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group is an opportunity to meet with other young men (16-39 years old) considering the priesthood. We meet about once a month to discuss topics of discernment and to support one another in the discernment process. Join us on December 16th, January 10th, February 7th, March 13th & April 10th! The meetings are held at Our Lady of Peace Parish Offices from 2:00pm-3:30pm. The office is located at 32 Carrol Avenue in Williamstown. For topics please visit [www.camdenpriest.org](http://www.camdenpriest.org).

## A Closer Walk With God

A Closer Walk with God is a guided, yet personal, meditation event that helps one to powerfully know God's peace. You are warmly invited to join us as we ask for the infusion of the Holy Spirit in the Presence of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Joseph Byerley will give 2 meditation talks:  
First Meditation: Spiritual Warfare  
Second Meditation: Holy Spirit's Gift of Hope

A Closer Walk with God  
Sunday December 6, 2015 from 2pm-3:30 pm.  
St. Rose of Lima Parish  
300 Kings Highway in Haddon Heights N.J., 08035

This will be a beautiful afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration, guided meditation, prayer for the infusion of the gifts of The Holy Spirit, and Benediction.

Text "CWG" to 1(609) 922-2128 if you would like a text reminder.  
This is a free Event ~ Future dates are 2/21/16 and 5/15/16.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Just as we celebrate Thanksgiving by gathering together with family. Why not celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. Make your reservation now!

The next weekend date is Dec 11-13, 2015.

Call 609-742-4035 for information  
or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org).  
Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

## Gloucester Catholic Drama Club

presents "Alice" Adventures in Wonderland,  
a presentation for all ages with  
a special message for the little ones!

Friday evening, November 20th at 7pm, Saturday morning, November 21st at 11:30am, and Saturday afternoon, November 21st at 2:30pm in the GCHS gym. Tickets: Adults \$10, Children and Senior Citizens \$8.00. Group discounts available! For tickets or details, email [mstafford@gchsrams.org](mailto:mstafford@gchsrams.org) or call 856-456-4400, x282.