

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

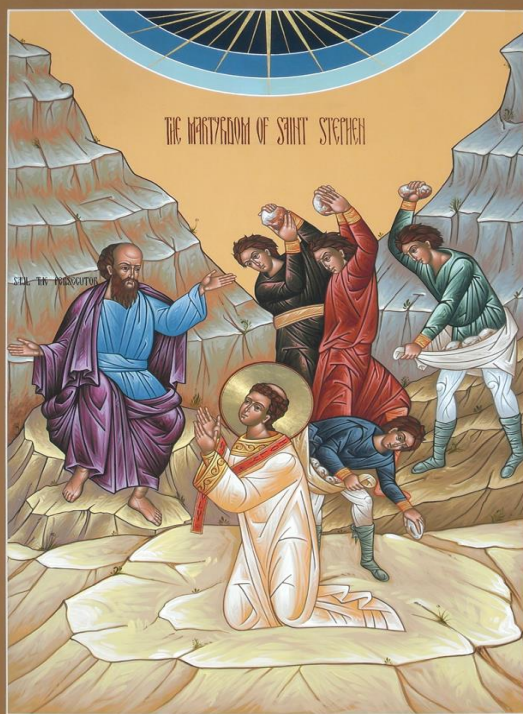
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

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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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336
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www.StStephensPennsauken.com

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 16, 2014 – The Thirty-Third 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

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 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.

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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

- MONDAY November 17, 2014**
9:00am Louise Cirullo r/b Her Daughter, Anna
- TUESDAY November 18, 2014**
9:00am All Souls r/b People of the Parish
- WEDNESDAY November 19, 2014**
9:00am All Souls r/b People of the Parish
- THURSDAY November 20, 2014**
9:00am+Novena Mary Gundersen (1st Anniversary)
r/b Sr. Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ
- FRIDAY November 21, 2014**
9:00am For the Healing of Glenn Nazarok
r/b Suzanne Underwood
- SATURDAY November 22, 2014**
4:30pm Elizabeth Picciano r/b Jean Iannelli
- SUNDAY November 23, 2014**
9:00am Cecilia James r/b The Schmidt Family
10:30am Amy Halsted r/b Chuck McKee
Richard Hull r/b St. Stephen's Choir
Jack Alessandro r/b The Haas Family
Frank & Susie Furlano r/b The Midili Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Catherine E. Mason.

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.

November 8/9, 2014 Attendance/Collection	458/	\$5,918
November 9/10, 2013 Comparison	465/	\$6,190
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$4,825

Next Special Collection:

11/23/14: "Human Development" (Diocese)

(posted as a courtesy for our 20+ "envelope-less" E-givers)

Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide **Electronic Giving, or eGiving**, as a simple, secure and convenient method for making contributions. The eGiving option is being used by churches throughout the country and works similar to online bill paying. **You may logon to www.StStephensPennsauken.com to set up your account.**

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, December 5th 9:45am-7:00pm.**



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, Joy Bowman, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Nicole Franklin-Sonnie, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivieello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex, Barbara Weingard.**

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

Prayer requests for the month of **November**, please contact Linda @ (856) 661-8045.

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.**

Ministry Schedule for November 22/23

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Surgner, J. Bui

EM's: L. Heininger, V. Thibault, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, *J. Heininger

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, M. Conway, Q. Nguyen

EM's: S. Marano, L. McHugh, M. Bufanio, R. Leone, *E. Nolte

Lector: J. Messina

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Hughes Boys

EM's: J. Messina, M. Meloni, L. Solano, D. Urgo, *T. Urgo

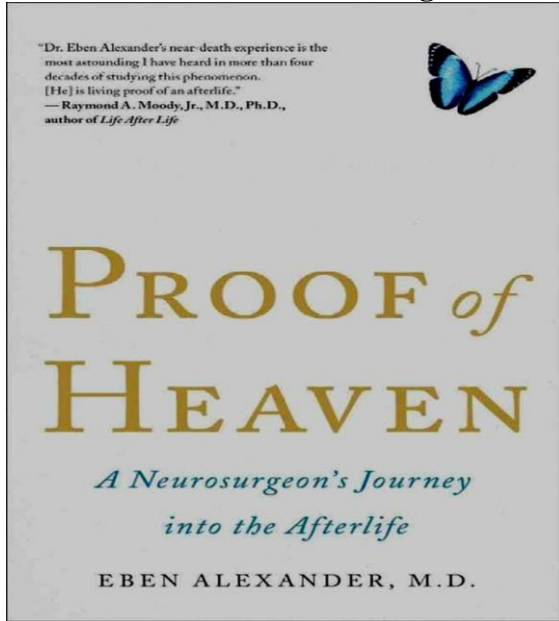
Lectors: C. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 11/17-Mon-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Honduras Presentation
- 11/18-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Parish Council
- 11/19-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 11/20-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
- 11/21-Friday-9am Mass
- 11/22-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 11/23-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Thursday Night Discussion Club Continues this Thursday, November 20th.

We are now discussing:



**ALL ARE WELCOME TO CONTINUE
OUR PARISH DISCUSSION
IN PLANNING THE FUTURE
OF ST. STEPHEN PARISH.**

St. Stephen's New Mission Statement

*We, the Parishioners of St. Stephen,
are a Catholic Community of Faith
strengthened by
the Word and the Eucharist
who endeavor to develop
a deeper sense of prayer
and a commitment to the study
of our Faith Tradition,
leading to acts of generosity
in response to our gratitude for
God Our Father's many gifts and blessings.
We recognize our call to give witness
to our faith by sharing,
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
our hope and love with
our families and neighbors.*

Art & Environment Ministry

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.

Parish Lending Library

The Parish is organizing a lending library of spiritual and religious books in the Parish Center. Lois Picknally has donated Deacon Ernie's books to start the library, which will be named in his memory. **Now we need your help!** If you would like to donate books to the collection, please drop off at the Parish Center following any Mass. We especially need books for children and teens, and reference books (e.g. Catholic encyclopedia). We would also like suggestions for the types of books you that would like to be included 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.

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

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) 662-9339 or Loretta Steinmetz, RCIA Team Leader at (856) 227-4980 for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Thanksgiving Liturgy Nov. 26th

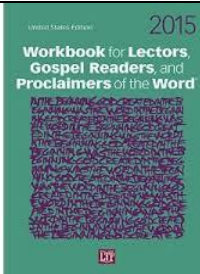


On Wednesday, November 26th @ 7:00pm, we will celebrate our annual **Thanksgiving Liturgy**. This regular event in our parish over many years is a wonderful experience of prayer, singing and celebrating all for which we have to thank Almighty God. Loaves of bread will be blessed as a way of extending the blessing of the Eucharist to your Thanksgiving tables.

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## Attention Lectors!

Your 2015 Lector Workbooks are now available for pickup in the Sacristy. Thank you for all you do in proclaiming God's Word throughout the Liturgical Year!



## "The Story of Joseph"



**Sr. Bernadette Parish Center**  
**Friday Dec. 12 & 19 @ 7pm**

The Spiritual Life Committee will be presenting 2 video presentations of the Biblical story of "JOSEPH", filmed before a live audience at the Sight & Sound Theatre.

These showings will take place in the St. Stephen's Parish Center, on **Fri. evening, Dec.12th**, and again on **Fri. evening, Dec. 19th**. All screenings begin at **7:00 P.M.** and the video runs for approximately 2 hours.

Our hope is that this will generate an interest among our parishioners, to attend one of these live performances by the Sight & Sound Theatrical Company. in Lancaster, Pa., as a Parish function, sometime in the near future.

**For information regarding the showings in the Parish Center, and so we can get a head count of those who will be coming, please call Dennis Rooney at 856- 745- 3162.**

## Welcome New Parishioners!

New parishioners may find registration forms at the rectory, outside the Sacristy, and online on our parish website. **Registration** is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish and is **essential for arranging baptisms, weddings, offertory envelopes and receiving Certificates of Eligibility regarding sponsorship for the Sacraments.**

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Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, lively discussions, and fun!

When: Mondays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Where: Stonegate Main Conference Room

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.
Phone: 662-8046 email: heides@comcast.net

"The woman who walks with God always reaches her destination"

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## Camden Catholic News

**Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th 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: [jindelicato@camdenccatholic.org](mailto:jindelicato@camdenccatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

## The Arts Academy at CCHS Presents A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley

Join us for a joyous presentation of this holiday classic, featuring Christmas carolers and an old-time sing-along, refreshments in our Christmas Village, and a visit from Old Saint Nick. Performances are **December 4th and 5th at 7:30 p.m. and December 6th and 7th at 2 p.m.** Tickets available online beginning November 1 at [www.cchsperformingarts.com](http://www.cchsperformingarts.com).

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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.

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**The Knights of Columbus are looking for vendors for our Christmas theme Craft Fair on Friday and Saturday, November 28th and 29th, at St. Cecilia's school auditorium.** Home-made crafts, baked goods, Christmas decorations and ornaments, sports memorabilia, and whatever else your specialty might be are welcome. **For more information, please call Lonnie Monaco at 609-238-9512.**

## What I Learned from a Year in Honduras



In August I came back to the U.S. after living and working for a year at an orphanage in Honduras. For twelve months I ate more corn tortillas and beans than I care to remember, cohabited with scorpions, attempted to keep four of the world's cutest special-needs second graders from taking the last of my sanity, and learned to like hugs that were dusty, sweaty, and long at waist height. The experience was life-changing, and this parish made it possible.

About a year and a half ago I spoke at Masses about the volunteer year I was beginning at Amigos de Jesus orphanage. I was inspired and humbled by the outpouring of generosity and support I received. Throughout the year I heard about so many of you who continued to support me in prayer.

Now that I'm home, I would like to share some of my experiences with you: of the children's heart-wrenching stories and incredible resilience; of daily life in the third-world country I called home for twelve months; and of the work being done by this home, started by a Philadelphia priest, to get at the heart of the problems that forced hundreds of Honduran children to flee their country for the U.S. this summer.

**Join me on Monday, November 17th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center** for stories and conversation about my year at Amigos. Thank you once again for your incredible support. I'm really looking forward to sharing some of the things I learned with you.

**-Joanna Gardner**



Office of the Bishop  
Diocese of Camden

October 28, 2014

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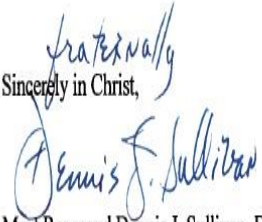
Dear Father Rocco:

I write to express my gratitude to you for arranging at your parish the collection to benefit the Hospitaller Brothers of Saint John of God. The Saint John of God Brothers has ministered in our diocese since December 1965. Their labors on behalf of special needs children and their families are well known by our people. Aware of their reputation among the priests and the esteem in which they are held by the faithful of the diocese, I did not hesitate to suggest to you the collection after I was briefed by the superior of the Community, Brother Thomas Osorio, O.H., concerning the suffering and devastation caused by the Ebola virus to their personnel and to their medical facilities in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

In the name of the good and generous people of Camden on October 9<sup>th</sup> I presented to the provincial, Brother Killian Keaney, O.H., a check for \$102,424.80. Since October 9<sup>th</sup> we have received an additional \$29,548.20, which increases our total contribution to \$131,973.00. This money will be used to assist the continued presence of the Saint John of God Community in West Africa despite the life threatening situation they continue to face.

I would ask that you relay my gratitude and that of the Brothers of Saint John of God to your people. Our diocesan contribution encourages these missionaries in their apostolate and will assist them to purchase much needed supplies. May the good Lord bless each of your parishioners who contributed to this collection. Their generosity will be repaid by the Lord many times over.

Please know of my personal gratitude to you Father for arranging this collection. I am once again proud to be your bishop.

fraternally  
Sincerely in Christ,  
  
Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.  
Bishop of Camden