

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

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Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal
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November 17, 2013 – 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

Children's Liturgy: 3rd 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, 2nd Sunday @ Noon.

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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 9:00am	November 18, 2013 All Souls r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY 9:00am	November 19, 2013 All Souls r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	November 20, 2013 Stephen L. Dombrowski r/b Family
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	November 21, 2013 All Souls r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY 9:00am	November 22, 2013 All Souls r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY 4:30pm	November 23, 2013 William Sauer r/b The Baylor & Pandola Families
SUNDAY 9:00am	November 24, 2013 Jennie Farmer r/b Irv & Fran Lamb
10:30am	Lillian Tomarchio r/b Leni Zinicola & Louise D'Alessandro Rev. Richard J. Lodge r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Gordon Hartson.

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.

Nov. 9/10, 2013 Attendance/Collection	465/ \$6,190
Nov. 10/11, 2012 Comparison	480/ \$5,248
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$4,942

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 23/24

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: H. Atchison, S. Caban, J. Mack
EM's: A. Cirullo, A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Pandola, *Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: L. Heininger, J. Heininger

Sunday, 9:00am

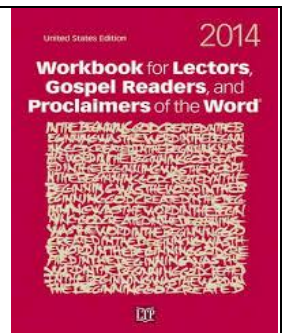
Altar Servers: I. Rosario, Z. Marlin, O. Graff
EM's: S. Marano, T. Modzier, N. Schmidt, R. Leone, *R. Davis
Lector: M. Miller

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: L. Fagan, E. Mattera, C. Aleszczyk
EM's: J. Bowman, K. Fagan, J. Fagan, T. Mattera, *Geo. Tutwiler
Lectors: Rh. Aleszczyk, C. Aleszczyk

Attention Lectors!

Your 2014 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!



Elderly Assistance Available

Parishioner Seeking PT employment assisting the elderly. Drive to appointments, shopping, light housekeeping or any other needs. Contact Maryann Costner at (856) 665-8627. Reasonable hourly rate.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

11/18-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study
 11/19-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA
 11/20-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6pm Choirs, 6:15pm CCD,
 7pm Medicare Information Session
 11/21-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
 11/22-Friday-9am Mass
 11/23-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 11/24-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

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, November 20th @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night

Discussion Club

Continues November 21st
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. 6th, 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 25 Liturgy Board
 Monday, December 9 Finance Council
 Monday, December 16 Pastoral Council

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

AN ONGOING MEMORIAL!

All pavers are now installed and many spaces still available!
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
 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.

Thank You

Thank you to Deacon Anthony Cioe and the Spiritual Life Committee for bringing Astronomer James Mullaney to our parish on November 5th for the truly engaging presentation, "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God". The evening was enhanced by our wonderful Choir and their inspiring hymns of praise. The evening concluded with our Hospitality Committee's gracious selection of delicious desserts, coffee and beverages.

Knights of Columbus Diaper Drive November 16th & 17th 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 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.

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Human Development Collection Nov. 24th

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

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 (www.nacelopendoor.org).

Christmas Bazaar November 22nd

Saint Casimir Church, 304 Clay Street, Woodbine (Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish) will be holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on November 22, 9 am to 5 pm, November 23 8 am to 5pm and November 24, 2013 8 am to 12 Noon. Homemade crafts and baked goods will be on sale, along with a raffle. Raffle includes five prizes: Basket of Cheer, Basket of Gift Certificates to restaurants, Basket of Toys, Basket of Beauty Supplies and a Surprise Basket. Cost of the Raffle is \$1 per ticket and drawing is on November 24 at 12 Noon. Lunch/Dinner will be available. For more information call Joan 609-261-2953, Rosemary 609-861-2697, or Debbie 609-827-6582 for more information.

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.

Charitable Auto Resources for Services (CARS)

With the 2013 tax year almost over, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden, is reminding you about its Used Vehicle Donation Program called CARS. All proceeds benefit clients in 6 counties of South Jersey. Any type of used motor vehicle accepted, running or non-running: cars, trucks, motorcycles, golf carts, boats, mobile homes, etc. Free towing and IRS tax deduction forms provided. Questions or to donate your vehicle, please call toll free number of 1-877-586-9227, or donate your used vehicle online at: www.catholiccharitiescamden.org.

Pavers to Our Lady: An ONGOING Memorial

Installation pictures from November 2, 2013:



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. 30th

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

Thanksgiving Liturgy Nov. 27th

On Wednesday, November 27th @ 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.

St. Stephen's Class of '74 Reunion!

There will be a reunion of St. Stephen's 8th Grade Class of 1974 on Friday, November 29th 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.

LifeTouch Portrait Make-up Date!

Saturday, December 7, 2013 - 11:30am-6:30pm
St. Stephen School – 1st Floor



For those who missed appointments in October and also for those who are now interested in being a part of our Parish Directory! To make an appointment (you must have one), please call Kelly at 856-397-7578.

PICTURES READY FOR PICKUP!

The following family portraits, as per LifeTouch, are ready for pickup in the rectory:

Carter, Colon, Costa, Dinoto, Melfi, Pickering, Poulson, Powell, Saul, Shea, Siperage & Struglia.