

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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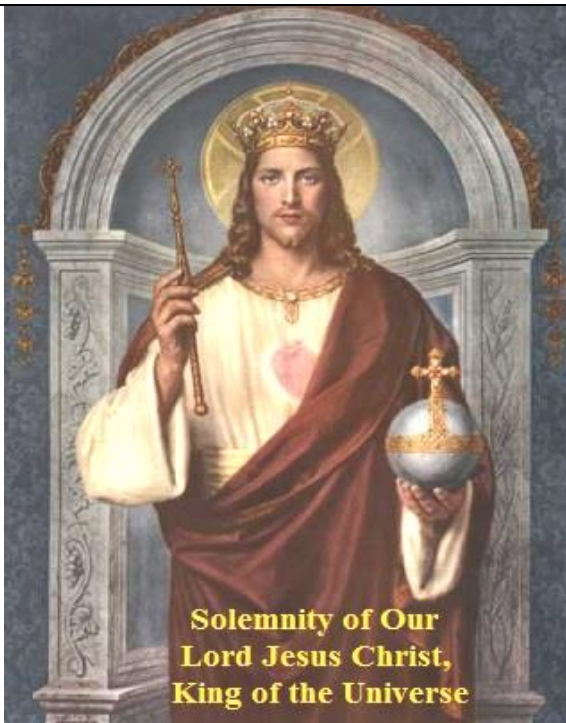
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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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 20, 2016 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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, 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 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 2017 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	November 20, 2016
9:00am	Phyllis Mignogna r/b Rose Davis
10:30am	Fred Weidenmiller r/b Anna Mirriane Connie O'Neill r/b St. Stephen's Choir Antonietta Tortolano r/b Sr. Eleanora Faiola For the Healing of Shelley Stevens r/b Friends
MONDAY	November 21, 2016
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY	November 22, 2016
9:00am	Mary Keating DiSabato r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY	November 23, 2016 (7pm Thanksgiving Vigil)
9:00am	Anthony DiCarlo, Sr. r/b Lonnie & Mary Sharon Monaco
7:00pm	For Our Faithful Departed Loved Ones listed on our All Souls envelopes on the Altar
THURSDAY	November 24, 2016 (Thanksgiving Day)
9:00am/Novena	All Souls r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY	November 25, 2016 (Black Friday)
9:00am	Al Segrest r/b James & Christopher Gaffney
SATURDAY	November 26, 2016
4:30pm	Jim Towson r/b His Wife, Doris
SUNDAY	November 27, 2016
9:00am	Deceased Members of the Terlizzi Family r/b Roseann & Bob DiGiovanni
10:30am	Julian Terzini (Nov. 28 th Birthday Remembrance) r/b His Sister, Donna Marlene Matteo r/b Her Family Vincent Pecora r/b People of the Parish



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

November 12/13, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$4,575
2016-2017 Weekly Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,546

Special Collections/Envelopes:

November 20th: "Human Development" (Diocese)

December 11th: "Retired Religious" (Diocese)

December 4-25: Christmas Flower Memorials (St. Stephen)



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, Arthur Alessandrone, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Sr., Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Darlene Marcinczyk, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Mary Russell, Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Esther Tillinghast, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Vivliello, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for Nov. 23,26,27

* Designates Alternate Server

Wednesday, 7:00pm Thanksgiving Vigil

Altar Server: TBD
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, M. Miller, V. Thibault, E. Nolte
Lectors: Religious Education Instructors

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner
EM's: Sr. Eleanora, A. Rende, A. Knight, C. Pandola, *V. Thibault
Lectors: D. Heck, B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, B. McHugh
EM's: E. Nolte, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, R. Leone, *L. McHugh
Lectors: Joan Rivera, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, C. Nicdao, M. Daniels
EM's: J. Messina, T. Mattera, M. Meloni, T. Urgo, *D. Urgo
Lector: M. Miller

Thanksgiving Liturgy Nov. 23rd

On Wednesday, November 23rd @ 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.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

11/21-Monday-9am Communion Service, 11am Ladies Bible Study
 11/22-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 11/23-Wed.-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Thanksgiving Vigil
 11/24-Thanksgiving-9am Mass/Novena, Rectory Closed
 11/25-Black Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed
 11/26-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
 11/27-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



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

When: Mondays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions. Phone or text: 610-805-5363 email: heides@comcast.net

*The woman who walks with God
 Always reaches her destination*

Tuesday Night Rosary

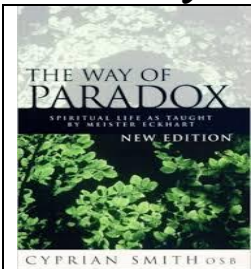
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the pinnacle of God's creation. She is the most perfect, the greatest, the holiest human being ever to live. When we repeat her name, we greatly honor God her Creator. Mary never keeps any glory for herself. Her soul magnifies the Lord. (Lk 1:46)

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue November 23rd at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue
December 1st @ 7pm in the
 Sr. Bernadette Parish Center
 with Cyprian Smith's
The Way of Paradox,
 spiritual life as taught
 by Meister Eckhart.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
Friday, December 2, 2016,
9:45am-7:00pm.



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.

Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide Electronic Giving, or eGiving, as a simple, secure & convenient method for making contributions. E-Giving 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.

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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

For Prayer Requests for the month of November contact
Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.

Parish Library

Our Cup Runneth Over!

Until further notice, we can't accept any more books!

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Summer 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 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).

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.

WILL YOU TAKE A BABY BOTTLE.....AGAIN???



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

The weekend of December 3rd and 4th, Good Counsel Homes will be sharing the story of what your ongoing support financial support has allowed us to do in our Good Counsel Home. The Riverside home, opened for over 5 years now, has witnessed the birth to 59 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. Thank you for your prayers and support.

FIRST MOTHER FAMILY OUTREACH

Women from our diocese have formed a compassionate outreach for mothers who have not raised their firstborn children. In this Year of Mercy we, as ordinary women, offer you our comfort and support because we understand that time does not erase the pain of adoption loss.

Contact us at:
FirstMotherFamily@gmail.com

"This is my commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you." -John 15:12
<http://catholicstarherald.org/birth-mothers-find-support-in-shared-experience/>

Christmas Trip to NYC Dec. 6th

Father Ed Lyons' Christmas Trip to NYC will be Tuesday, December 6th to Radio City Music Hall. \$160pp includes breakfast, round-trip motor coach, show ticket, St. Patrick's, shopping opportunity, elegant dinner, and a free gift. For tickets and more info call (609) 927-1669.

Christmas Wreath Sale!



Boy Scout Troop 118 will be having a Christmas Wreath Sale after all weekend Masses on **November 26th & 27th**. All proceeds directly support the Scouts and Troop with their activities. All wreaths are fresh **22-inch Noble Fir** with pine cones and bright red bow which makes the perfect Christmas decoration. Each wreath is **\$20.00 (Cash or Check)** and will be immediately available to take with you. If you wish to purchase a wreath and are unable to attend Mass, please contact Elaine Connor for information at emc08109@yahoo.com.



Join **Our Lady of Hope Parish** for a fun evening of **DESIGNER BAG BINGO** on Saturday, **November 26th** at 7pm in the OLOH Parish Center Hall. **\$30 per person includes:** 15 Games (4 cards per game), Coffee, Tea, Soda & Water. This is a BYO event so feel free to bring snacks and drinks. For tickets, please call the Parish Office at 856-228-4331.

13 Saint Quotes that Reveal the Mystical Nature of the Mass

- 1) "When Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless angels who adore the Divine Victim immolated on the altar." – St. John Chrysostom
- 2) "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy." – St. Jean Vianney
- 3) "The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating Mass." – St. Augustine
- 4) "It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass." – St. Padre Pio
- 5) "The Holy Mass would be of greater profit if people had it offered in their lifetime, rather than having it celebrated for the relief of their souls after death." – Pope Benedict XV
- 6) "Put all the good works in the world against one Holy Mass; they will be as a grain of sand beside a mountain." – St. John Vianney
- 7) "Let the entire man be seized with fear; let the whole world tremble; let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest. O admirable height and stupendous condescension! O humble sublimity! O sublime humility! that the Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under a morsel of bread." – St. Francis of Assisi
- 8) "No human tongue can enumerate the favors that trace back to the Sacrifice of the Mass. The sinner is reconciled with God; the just man becomes more upright; sins are wiped away; vices are uprooted; virtue and merit increases; and the devil's schemes are frustrated." – St. Lawrence Justinian
- 9) "Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act of religion. You cannot do anything to glorify God more, nor profit your soul more, than by devoutly assisting at it, and assisting as often as possible." – St. Peter Julian Eymard
- 10) "The heavens open and multitudes of angels come to assist in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass." – St. Gregory the Great

11) "How happy is that guardian angel who accompanies a soul to Holy Mass!" – St. John Vianney

12) "When we receive Holy Communion, we experience something extraordinary – a joy, a fragrance, a well being that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt." – St. John Vianney

13) "I believe that were it not for the Holy Mass, as of this moment the world would be in the abyss." – St. Leonard of Port Maurice

Thank God for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist!

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A Closer Walk with God

Asking for the Infusion of the Holy Spirit in the Presence of Jesus Christ



Sunday December 11, 2016
2:00pm - 3:30 pm

St. Rose of Lima Church
300 Kings Highway
Haddon Heights, NJ
08035

Meditation One: And the Word was made flesh

Meditation Two: The Holy Spirit's gift of Joy

The purpose of A Closer Walk with God is to gather in Eucharistic Adoration to ask for the infusion of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts are more accessible to a heart that has been willingly opened to God. Fr. Joseph Byerley will present two brief talks for reflection.

A pamphlet is provided as an optional guide for your time of prayer. Using guided meditations on Sacred Scripture, quotes of the saints, and other prayers will allow one to focus on how the Lord has given Himself to us and inspire us to want to give ourselves back to Him.

Ultimately, God wants you to be yourself with Him as you listen and speak with Him. You are warmly invited to join us as you pursue a closer walk with the God who thirsts for you.



If you would like a text reminder, text "CWG" to 1-(609) 922-2128

Future Dates: March 19th, 2017
June 4th, 2017 September 17th, 2017