

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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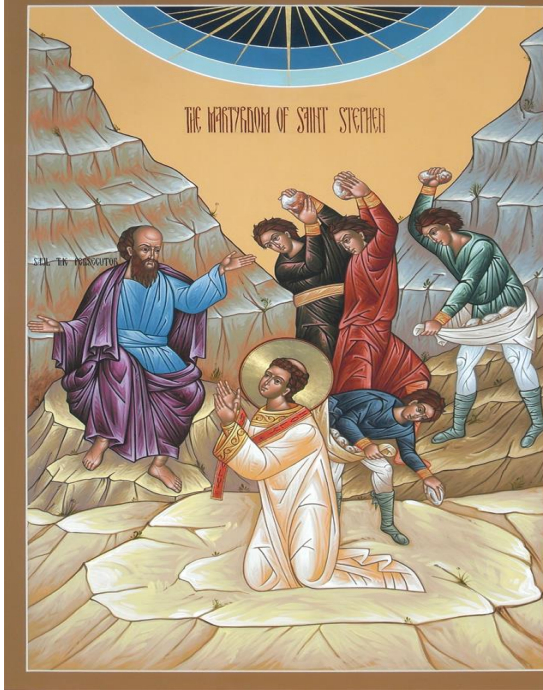
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9:00am-4:30pm



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 22, 2015 – 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 2016 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	November 22, 2015
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
MONDAY	November 23, 2015
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	November 24, 2015
9:00am	Carmen J. Rotondo r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY	November 25, 2015 (7pm Thanksgiving Vigil)
9:00am	All Souls r/b People of the Parish
7:00pm	All Souls r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	November 26, 2015 (Thanksgiving Day)
9:00am+Novena	All Souls r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY	November 27, 2015
9:00am	Rev. Conrad H. Stoegbauer r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY	November 28, 2015
4:30pm	Mass of Thanksgiving In Honor of Bernice & Rick Taylor r/b The Heart-To-Heart Organization
SUNDAY	November 29, 2015
9:00am	Elaine Truran r/b Joseph & Lisa Rosario
10:30am	Marlene Matteo r/b Her Family Vera Colangelo r/b Josephine Marzilli Stanley Booth r/b Diane DesRosiers & Family



The Sanctuary Candle this week is for *The Healing of Linda Chalmers*

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 14/15, 2015 Collection:	\$4,860
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,591

Special Collections:

November 22, 2015: "Human Development" (Diocese)
December 13, 2015: "Retired Religious Fund" (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 Vivliello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for November 25/28/29

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

** Designates Alternate Server*

Wednesday, 7:00pm Thanksgiving Vigil

Altar Server: TBD

EM's: M. Meloni, E. Nolte, T. Scavuzzo, L. D'Alessandro

Lectors: J. Melfi, B. Mattia

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: V. Thibault, A. Knight, C. Pandola, L. Heininger, **J. Heininger*

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: Q. Nguyen

EM's: R. Davis, M. Miller, E. Nolte, L. Rosario, **J. Rosario*

Lectors: W. McHugh, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: Geo. Tutwiler, T. Scavuzzo, D. Urgo, T. Urgo, **J. Messina*

Lector: M. Turan

Thanksgiving Liturgy Nov. 25th

On Wednesday, November 25th @ 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.

Knights' Christmas Festival Dec. 5th

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Christmas Festival on **Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm at St Cecilia's school auditorium**. Vendors will have crafts, Christmas items, jewelry, and many other fine gifts for your shopping selection. Food and drinks will also be available, and maybe a surprise visit by Santa. Please come out with your family, friends, and neighbors to support the knights while picking up a few items on your Christmas list.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

11/23-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
 11/24-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 11/25-Wed.-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Thanksgiving Liturgy
 11/26-Thanksgiving-9am Mass/Novena, Rectory Closed
 11/27-Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed, 6pm Wedding Rehearsal
 11/28-Saturday-2pm Wedding, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 11/29-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 25th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will resume on Thursday, **December 3rd** @ 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.

“Loss of a Loved One”

This is the 17th in an 18-week series dedicated to you who have felt the grief and loss of a Loved One:*

Timeless of Life *

You make your plans not knowing strife.
You can't know all the mysteries of Life.
You think you know what is to be,
As your life become altered unexpectedly.

You must change your life,
as the situation demands.
As something comes before
your carefully laid plans,

The passing of one whom you cherish and Love,
May come without warning from God above.

You ask to understand the wherefores and the whys,
From your viewpoint, you really want to recognize.

To gain some comfort for your grief,
Yet, you are in a state of disbelief.

To move on is so difficult, as you know.
You must find within the strength to go.
Missing loved ones is so much pain.
How will you ever replace them again?

Change may be sudden or from a long term plan.
Disruption in your life doesn't mean you can.

You know not the what's and the when's,
As one door closes, another one opens.

Next week – The last poem, “The End?”

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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.



Good Counsel
Homes & Hope for Babies & Mothers

WILL YOU TAKE A BABY BOTTLE...

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.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Camden Catholic High School 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: janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

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.

Full-Time Maintenance Position

Christ the King Parish in Haddonfield is seeking a full-time maintenance worker. This position maintains the school and parish buildings, ensuring that all buildings and grounds are safe, clean, and appealing. We are looking for an energetic independent worker with experience in minor carpentry, electrical, and plumbing repair work, as well as, custodial work. This position requires a valid driver's license and the ability to obtain boiler inspection certification. Position reports directly to the Pastor. For your convenience there is a link to the full job description on our website: www.ctkhaddonfield.org.

Submit resume electronically to pastor@ctkhaddonfield.org or by mail to: Christ the King Parish, 200 Windsor Ave. Haddonfield, NJ 08033 ATTN: Pastor. No phone calls, please.

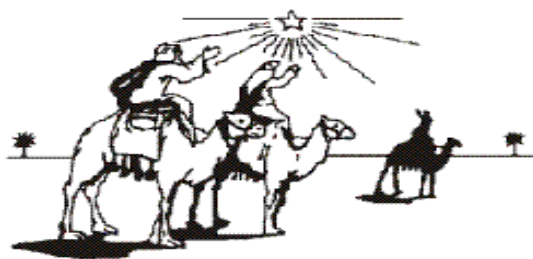
Oh Come All Ye Faithful!

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



Our Angel Tree now has Angel tags on it. This year YOU will choose the gender, size (if clothes) and age of your child recipient. Please specify these details on the back of the Angel Tag. Kindly place your gifts under the tree by **Sunday December 13th**. All **NEW TOYS** are acceptable and **GIFT CARDS** are suitable for older children. Thank You!

Advent / Christmas Schedule



St. Stephen's Choir @ St. Mary's Nursing Home
Sunday, December 6, 2015, 2:00pm

Immaculate Conception Holy Day
Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 9:00am & 7:00pm Mass

St. Stephen's Choir Christmas Concert
Friday, December 11, 2015, 7:00pm

PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 7:30pm
(After the Rosary)

CONFESSION
Saturdays: December 5, 12, 19, 3:45-4:15pm

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES
Thursday, December 24, 2015
4:00 PM Children's Mass, 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
Friday, December 25, 2015
10:30 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS
Thursday, December 31, 2015
9:00AM regular Mass
4:30PM Vigil for Mother of God Holy Day

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Holy Day
Friday, January 1, 2016, 9:00 AM Mass

Reading Reflections for November 22, 2015 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Reading 1 Reflection - Daniel 7:13-14

Once again we share the visions of the prophet Daniel. He sees "one like a son of man" coming from the heavens into the presence of God. This Messiah king receives from God the Father power and kingship over all nations. His rule is universal and it lasts forever. No one can take it away from him.

"Son of Man" later became a title of the Messiah. Jesus applied this title to himself. The Messiah was also thought of as a king. When Jesus was on trial before the high priest, he quoted the vision of Daniel to describe himself.

Reading 2 Reflection - Revelation 1:5-8

We are delighted whenever someone we love is honored. In this reading from the beginning of the Book of Revelation, the inspired author has a vision of the second coming of Jesus Christ. He comes in the clouds as the "ruler of the kings of earth." He is the "First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." He is the faithful witness to God's promises and the first to rise from the dead. Now he is honored as a crucified and risen King.

On this triumphant feast day we rejoice in Christ's kingship. And we give thanks that Jesus has made of us a royal priesthood to serve our God and Father.

Gospel Reflection - John 18:33b-37

What kind of king is Jesus? In this reading from the passion story in John's Gospel, Jesus provides us with his own answer. Pontius Pilate was the Roman official who held power in Palestine. He asks Jesus if he is the king of the Jews. Pilate really wants to know whether Jesus might be part of a Jewish revolt against Roman rule. Jesus assures Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world. He is not one who rules by force. However he is a king who came into the world to "testify to the truth." All who recognize him as "the way and the truth and the life" will hear his voice (John 14:6).

As the Church year comes to a close, we are grateful for the ways in which we have heard our King's voice in the liturgy this year. We consider how to live the words of Jesus more faithfully as the circle of the new liturgical year begins.