

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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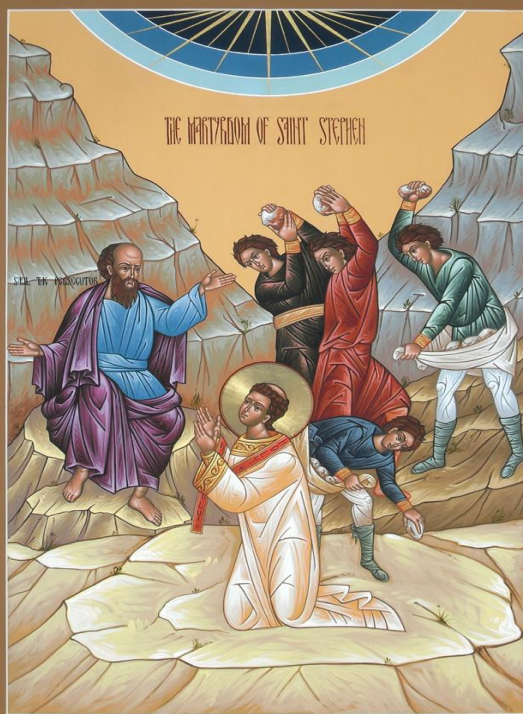
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Rectory Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone

(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

Emergencies

(856) 261-9336

(Accidents, Dying or Death)

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Parish Website:

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 23, 2014 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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 9:00am	November 24, 2014 Jean Caruso r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
TUESDAY 9:00am	November 25, 2014 All Souls r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am 7:00pm	November 26, 2014 (7pm Thanksgiving Vigil) All Souls r/b People of the Parish People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	November 27, 2014 (Thanksgiving Day) All Souls r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY 9:00am	November 28, 2014 All Souls r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY 4:30pm	November 29, 2014 Theresa Stavola r/b The Pandola Family
SUNDAY 9:00am 10:30am	November 30, 2014 Thomas Fallon r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz Marlene Matteo r/b Family Jean Caruso r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of R. Douglas Holmes, 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 15/16, 2014 Attendance/Collection	452/	\$4,361
November 16/17, 2013 Comparison	639/	\$5,349
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$4,801

Upcoming Special Collections:

11/26/14: "The Needy in our Area" (St. Stephen)

12/14/14: "Retired Religious Fund" (Diocese)

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

Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide **Electronic Giving, or e-Giving**, 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.

First Friday Adoration

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



Remember Our Sick

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, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogen, 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 Viviello, 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.
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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 26/29/30

* Designates Alternate Server

Wednesday, 7:00pm Thanksgiving Vigil

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: R. Davis, L. McHugh, M. Miller, M. Meloni

Lectors: R. Taylor, D. Heck

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: J. Bui, S. Surgner

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

Lectors: J. Heiningner, L. Heiningner

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, M. Conway, Q. Nguyen

EM's: S. Marano, T. Scavuzzo, R. Davis, L. D'Alessandro, *T. Modzier

Lector: J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, K. Fagan, O. Albert

EM's: T. Link, T. Mattera, M. Miller, T. Angstman, *K. Fagan

Lectors: J. Messina, L. Fagan

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

11/24-Mon-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study

11/25-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary

11/26-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Thanksgiving Vigil

11/27-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, Rectory closed Thanksgiving

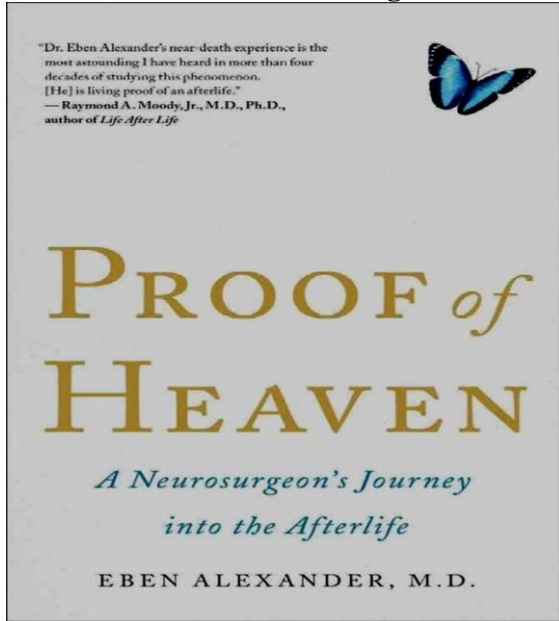
11/28-Friday-9am Mass, Rectory closed Black Friday

11/29-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass

11/30-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Thursday Night Discussion Club Will continue Thursday, December 4th.

We are 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).



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.

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 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"

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.

"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.**

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.



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.**

Emotions Anonymous

Emotions Anonymous (EA) Thursday night meetings will be moving. Beginning Thursday, December 4, 2014, EA will meet from 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM in the chapel of St. Vincent Pallotti Church at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Hopkins Avenue, Haddon Township, NJ. For more information call Dave at 856-701-7805.

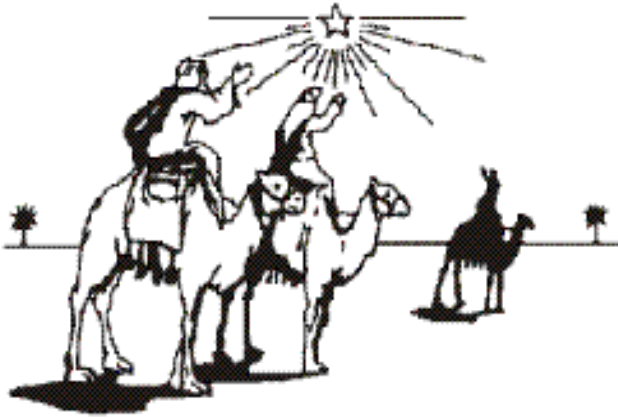
Camden Catholic News

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@camden catholic.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.

Advent / Christmas Schedule



**Advent begins next Sunday,
November 30, 2014**

**Immaculate Conception Holy Day
Monday, December 8, 2014, 9am & 7pm Mass**

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 7:30pm
(After the Rosary)**

**CONFESSION
Saturdays: December 6, 13, 20, 3:45-4:15pm**

**CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES
Wednesday, December 24, 2014
4:00 PM Children's Mass, 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
Thursday, December 25, 2014
10:30 AM**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS
Wednesday, December 31, 2014
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
Wednesday, January 1, 2015, 9:00 AM Mass**

Oh Come All Ye Faithful!

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



Our Angel Tree will have blank Angel tags on it by next weekend, November 29/30. This year YOU will choose the gender, size 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 Dec. 14th.

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On Tuesday, December 2, 2014 charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give.



It's a simple idea. Just find a way for you, your family, your community, your company to come together to give something more.

Whether you choose from one of the Diocese of Camden's many initiatives or some other charity, join us and be part of a global celebration of a new tradition of generosity!

If you are inspired to give, and wish to visit the diocesan donation page on

#GivingTuesday, please go to:

<http://bit.ly/CamdenGivingTuesday>