

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



*Different Histories...*

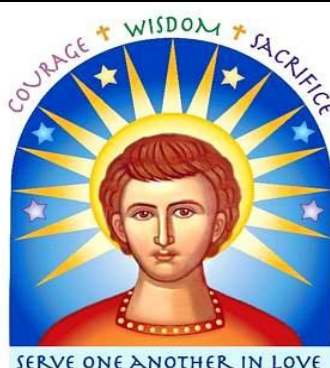
*One Faith...*

*Different Ages...*

## *Pastoral Staff*

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor  
Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe  
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal  
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

**Emergencies: (856) 261-9336**  
*(Accidents, Dying or Death)*



## *Contact Information*

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## *November 3, 2013 – The Thirty-First 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>November 4, 2013</b> Jean F. Meloni r/b Frank Rizzo
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>November 5, 2013</b> Lillian Tomarchio r/b Grandson, Philip Tomarchio
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>November 6, 2013</b> Stephen L. Dombrowski r/b Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>November 7, 2013</b> All Souls r/b People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>November 8, 2013</b> Walt Nicgorski (26 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary November 9 <sup>th</sup> ) r/b His Wife Bette & Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>November 9, 2013</b> Joseph F. & Sandra T. Lepo r/b Gerry Kozempel
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>November 10, 2013</b> Dominic Caruso (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary November 13 <sup>th</sup> ) r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Marie Zinicola r/b Charlene Panzone & Joanne Gee William Sauer r/b His Wife, Theresa Rev. Fred W. Voltaggio r/b People of the Parish All Souls r/b People of the Parish

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of John O'Connor.

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.

<b>October 26/27, 2013 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>449/ \$4,408</b>
<b>October 27/28, 2012 Comparison</b>	<b>509/ \$4,693</b>
<b>2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,588</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$4,849</b>

Next Special Collection: 11/24/13: "Human Development"

## 2013 House of Charity Appeal

<b>2013 House of Charity Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$51,057.50 (97.7%)</b>
<b>2013 House of Charity Goal\$</b>	<b>\$52,250.00</b>

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 9/10

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** V. Bui, M. Conway, J. Bui  
**EM's:** C. Pandola, A. Pandola, P. Petronis, Sr. Eleanora, \*A. Knight  
**Lectors:** B. Mattia, L. Peischl

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** Z. Marlin, T. Albert, O. Albert  
**EM's:** S. Marano, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, E. Nolte, \*T. Modzier  
**Lector:** W. McHugh

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** C. Aleszczyk, K. Fagan, M. Hobbs  
**EM's:** C. Otto, T. Mattered, Geo. Tutwiler, Gail Tutwiler, \*J. Messina  
**Lectors:** P. Cioe, J. Bowman

## Harvest Mass & Social Thank You

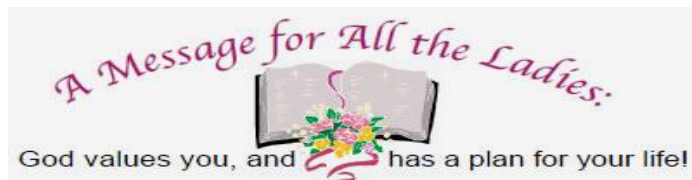
Thank you to all who attended the Harvest Social last Saturday night. While the crowd was small, the energy was plentiful, and the fellowship was joyous. A special thank you to all those who made the Mass and Social possible this year: **Members of Parish Council, our Arts & Environment Committee led by Maria Haas, and St. Stephen's Adult Choir.** If it were not for the leadership of Parish Council president **Joe Haas** and the service rendered by all Parish Council members, this year's Harvest Mass/Appreciation Night would not have been possible.

## 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.

### ***This Week @ St. Stephen Parish***

- 11/4-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study
- 11/5-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm James Mullaney Presentation: "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"
- 11/6-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD
- 11/7-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 11/8-Friday-9am Mass
- 11/9-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 11/10-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptismal Training



### ***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***

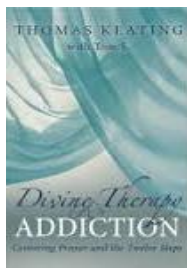
Continue this Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.

### ***Thursday Night***

#### ***Discussion Club***

Continues November 7<sup>th</sup>  
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. 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 11 Finance Council

Monday, November 25 Liturgy Board

Monday, December 16 Pastoral Council

### ***Prayer Pavers to Our Lady***

#### **Paver Update:**

All proofs have been corrected and processed.

All pavers are now available for viewing in the church vestibule.

**Thank you for your orders and patience!!!**

**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](http://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.**



# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Could God be Calling You to the Priesthood?

Father Michael Romano, Director of Vocations, is hosting a "Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group" at Our Lady of Peace Parish Offices, 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ. If you are currently a junior or senior in high school, college student or in the professional world (up to 39 years old), and feel the possible call to the priesthood, this group can help you discern and pray with others who are also considering the priesthood. All meetings are on Sundays from 2:00-3:30 P.M. The schedule is as follows:

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, November 3, 2013</b>  | <b>Sunday, March 2, 2014</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, November 24, 2013</b> | <b>Sunday, March 30, 2014</b> |
| <b>Sunday, January 5, 2014</b>   | <b>Sunday, May 18, 2014</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, February 9, 2014</b>  |                               |

For more information, please call the Office of Vocations at 856-583-2858 or email: [michael.romano@camdendiocese.org](mailto:michael.romano@camdendiocese.org)

## Holy Eucharist Parish Craft Fair

Sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society

**Saturday, November 9, 2013**

Holy Eucharist Parish Center  
344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, NJ  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

### Featuring:

Fun, Fabulous and Unusual Crafts for all ages  
Gifts for men, women, children and pets  
Refreshments/Lunch, Homemade Baked Goods

### Raffles:

- 1st Prize: Handmade Doll House – Valued at \$600
- 2nd Prize: Visa Gift Card – Valued at \$200
- 3rd Prize: Visa Gift Card – Valued at \$100
- 4th Prize: Visa Gift Card – Valued at \$100

**Drawing held at 3:00 pm!**  
**Winner need not be present to win!**

## A Closer Walk with God

Silent Spiritual Meditation, Reflection & Adoration  
*Using the works of our great saints*

**Praying for the Infusion of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Presence of Jesus Christ**

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

**Sunday November 3, 2013, 2pm – 3:30pm**

**Presenter: Fr. Byerley**  
*Meditation "God's Loving Touch"*

**Future Dates:**  
March 16, 2014, June 8, 2014 (Pentecost)

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Bishop Eustace Monte Carlo Night

Saturday, November 16

Riverton Country Club, Cinnaminson, New Jersey

Gaming tables open at 7:00 pm, \$75.00 per person includes: Open Bar, Fabulous Food and Prizes!!! (Price includes \$50.00 in gaming chips if purchased by October 31st. Tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis until tickets are sold out.

**For additional information and to purchase tickets e-mail: Sheree Lantz [lantz4all@verizon.net](mailto:lantz4all@verizon.net)**

## Gloucester Catholic News

Gloucester Catholic Junior-Senior High will host an OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS on Thursday, **November 7, 7:00-9:00pm**. Interested sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and their families are invited to attend. The evening will showcase academic, athletic and extra-curricular offerings for both the junior and senior high. Faculty, staff and students will be on hand to discuss scholarships, financial aid, transportation and related concerns. For more information, visit the website, [www.gchsrams.org](http://www.gchsrams.org), or contact Admissions Director, George Bakey, at [gbakey@gchsrams.org](mailto:gbakey@gchsrams.org) or (856)-456-4400, ex 227. The Gloucester Catholic Admissions Office announces their "Ram for a Day" program! Take the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Gloucester Catholic student and feel part of the GC family. Contact Admissions Director, George Bakey, at [gbakey@gchsrams.org](mailto:gbakey@gchsrams.org) or (856)-456-4400, ex 227.

## Holy Cross High School

5035 Route 130 South, Delran, NJ 08075

**Scholarship Entrance Exam Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
9am-12pm (exam required for admission to Holy Cross)  
More info at [www.holycrosshighschool.org](http://www.holycrosshighschool.org)

## Paul VI High School News

**Paul VI Placement & Scholarship Test** will be conducted at Paul VI, on **Saturday November 9 & Saturday November 23**. Paul VI High School annually awards 6 scholarships to incoming freshmen; awards range from 25 to 75 percent of tuition. To enter the scholarship process, 8th grade students must take the HSPT at Paul VI on one of the dates listed. Please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org) to register. The \$20 testing fee may be paid on the day of the test. Check-in is at 8:30 AM; testing lasts from 9 AM to approximately noon.

**Paul VI High School Open House** will be held at 6:30 PM, Thursday, **November 21, 2013**. Middle school students and their families are invited to visit our Academic Expo, meet our faculty, coaches and students, and enjoy special performances by our vocal ensembles and the cast of our spring musical. Reservations are not required; please join us for this informative evening in our sparkling school facility.

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Director of Admissions at [kstewart@pvihs.org](mailto:kstewart@pvihs.org)

## *Mass of Remembrance*

**For our Deceased Bishops, Priests & Deacons  
Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:05pm  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
642 Market Street – Camden, NJ  
Followed by lunch in Cathedral Hall**

*We will remember in a special way  
those who have died this past year, namely:*

- Deacon Carmen Bischer**
- Reverend Stephen Carey**
- Reverend Monsignor James A. Carr**
- Deacon Joseph Costello**
- Reverend William F. Eckert**
- Deacon Raymond V. Ellis**
- Reverend Michael P. Hegarty**
- Reverend Abbott J. Hope**
- Reverend Richard J. Lodge**
- Reverend Monsignor Paul M. O'Connor**
- Deacon Paul Parchinski**
- Deacon Frank Pepe**
- Deacon Ernest F. Picknally**
- Reverend Joseph A. Salerno**
- Reverend John P. Selleck**
- Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Spreccace**
- Deacon Timothy Sullivan**
- Reverend Thomas S. Tracey**
- Reverend Fred W. Voltaggio**

Please RSVP by October 30<sup>th</sup> by calling (856) 583-2855  
or by Emailing [spatullo@camdendiocese.org](mailto:spatullo@camdendiocese.org).

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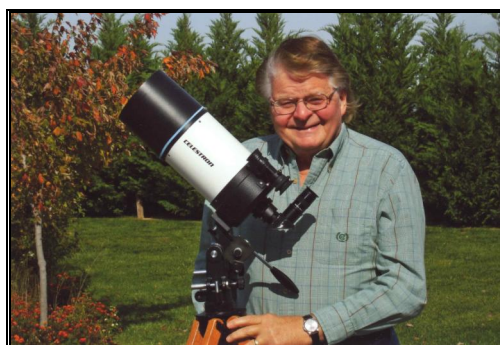
## *“A Holy Hour to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life”*

The Office of Vocations has scheduled Holy Hours for Vocations called First Thursdays throughout our diocese. Every month, a different deanery will host a Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our deanery’s Holy Hour will be on **Thursday, November 7, 2013 at Holy Eucharist, Cherry Hill, beginning at 7:00 PM.** “Pray...pray...pray to the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Please come – your presence and your prayers are most important to this cause as we all work together in the work of vocations.

## *“The Heavens Declare The Glory of God”*

**Presented by James Mullaney  
Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 PM  
St. Stephen Church**

Join us for an inspiring, illustrated tour of the universe that vividly portrays the awesome power, beauty and order of the cosmos presented by noted author and speaker James Mullaney.



The overwhelming evidence of the handiwork of God is presented along with topics including scriptural references to the stars, Genesis and the Big Bang, the NASA astronauts' spiritual experiences in space, and the Vatican's Advanced Technology Telescope. The presentation features stunning images from the Hubble Space Telescope.



Also joining us will be the incomparable  
Choir of St. Stephen Parish  
Directed by Nancy Werner-Kaiser!

*Free-Will Offering Accepted*