

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
Permanent Deacon Ernest Picknally
Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal

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



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December 30, 2012 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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 – 7:00pm Vigil

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.

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.

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** December 31, 2012 (4:30pm Mother of God Vigil)
9:00am Daily Anne Flynn (Birthday Remembrance)
r/b Sr. Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ
4:30pm Vigil People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
- TUESDAY** January 1, 2013 (Mary, Mother of God Holy Day)
9:00am Barbara Fallon (5th Anniversary) r/b Family
- WEDNESDAY** January 2, 2013
9:00am Louise Pigliacelli (3rd Anniversary)
r/b Her Husband, Frank
- THURSDAY** January 3, 2013
9:00am+Novena Anthony Moffa r/b His Daughter, Rita
- FRIDAY** January 4, 2013 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am 26 Victims of Sandy Hook r/b People of the Parish
- SATURDAY** January 5, 2013
4:30pm Ricardo Taylor, Sr. r/b Rita Vogt
- SUNDAY** January 6, 2013
9:00am Ben Trimboli r/b Debbie & Michael Vogt
10:30am Corey Hufner r/b Michael Ciarrocca
Mary Hastings r/b Pat & Earl Nolte & Family
Edward English, Jr. r/b Michael Gorham
Fr. Gerald J. Fitzpatrick, SJ r/b Virginia Licata

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Barbara Fallon.

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.

Offertory Figures for December 22/23 & Christmas will be posted next week as this issue was submitted on 12/20/12.

Dec. 15/16, 2012 Attendance/Collection	576	\$5,107
Dec. 17/18, 2011 Comparison	738/	\$6,464
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,465

Next Special Diocesan Collection:

January 27, 2013: "Mission Membership Sunday"

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Many Thanks to the  
**Surgner, Leone & Conway Families**  
for lighting the Advent Candle last weekend.



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, Edith Bielinski, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Donato Gallicchio, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Judith Gormley, Thomas Holmes Sr., Rita Insley, Rev. David Klein, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Wanda Loperfido, Maurin Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanovage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Cyrol Valentino, Gloria Vendetti, John Vindick, Mary Vivello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.**

## Ministry Schedule for Dec. 31/Jan. 1,5,6 (Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

**Monday, 4:30pm Vigil for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
EM's: L. D'Alessandro, P. Petronis, P. Cioe, M. Bufanio  
Lectors: C. Otto, M. Corbett

**Tuesday, 9:00am Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
EM's: R. Davis, T. Modzier, R. Leone, S. Marano  
Lector: R. Taylor

**Saturday, 4:30pm**  
Altar Servers: K. Sullivan, H. Atchison, M. Hobbs  
EM's: T. Angstman, P. Antonelli, J. Heininger, \*alt. L. Heininger  
Lectors: D. Heck, J. Melfi

**Sunday, 9:00am**  
Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, C. Hearn, M. Conway  
EM's: S. Marano, L. Monaco, R. Davis, R. Leone  
Lectors: Ry. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

**Sunday, 10:30am**  
Altar Servers: J. Mack, L. Fagan, J. Bui  
EM's: J. Bowman, P. Cioe, J. Fagan, K. Fagan  
Lectors: M. Turan, C. Otto



## The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation:

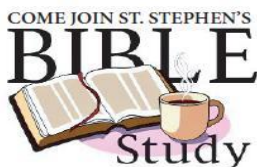
**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**4:30pm Vigil**

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**9:00am Mass**

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

12/31-Monday-9am Daily Mass, 4:30pm Vigil for Mother of God  
1 / 1-Tuesday- 9am Mother of God Holy Day Mass, 7pm Rosary  
1 / 2-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD  
1 / 3-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club, Choir  
1 / 4-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm  
1 / 5-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
1 / 6-Sunday-RCIA, 9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

### ***Monday Afternoon Bible Study***



1:00-2:30pm - Stonegate  
Any questions, please call  
Eileen at (856) 662-8046  
or email me at  
[heides@comcast.net](mailto:heides@comcast.net).  
Please feel free to join us!

### ***Tuesday Night Rosary***

Please join us every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the church in response to Our Lady of Fatima's request to pray the rosary for peace in the world.

### ***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***

Will resume January 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:15PM

### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

Will resume January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7pm in the Parish Center.



### ***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-6:45pm.**



"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 Rectory Basement Meeting Room. Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.

### ***St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You***

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place.  
**Contact Betty @ 662-6928 for January requests**

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to GOD."  
-Philippians 4:6



Sr. Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ  
c/o Saint Joseph Villa (Room 409)  
110 W. Wissahickon Ave.  
Flourtown, PA 19031-1898

Direct Phone: (215) 836-3655

### ***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 & Ministry Meetings***

(All Mondays @ 7pm in the Parish Center)

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| January 14 | Finance Council  |
| January 21 | Pastoral Council |
| January 28 | Liturgy Board    |

### ***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 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 hours, Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm (excluding Holy Days & Holidays). Scrip orders may also be submitted to the school and will then be processed via the rectory for later delivery.

## Cross Catholic Outreach

*Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope  
to the Poorest of the Poor*

December 13, 2012

Dear Father Rocco,

On behalf of our least brothers and sisters, whom we seek to serve in developing countries, we want to thank you again for inviting **Rev. Richard Kunzman** to your parish on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach.

Father, your openness to our ministry has helped us reach many of our Catholic brothers and sisters with our message. Please continue to pray for our ministry and know that we will be praying for you and your parishioners daily. Thank you again for your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

**Maryann T. Dugan**

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Diocesan Workshop

Disciples Called to Witnesses

Do you want to share your journey of faith? A diocesan evangelization workshop called "Disciples Called to Witness" will be held **Thursday, January 10, 2013** at Holy Family Parish in Sewell. John and Therese Boucher from the Diocese of Trenton will be the guest speakers. This training will focus on the USCCB document for the New Evangelization, including the following topics: practical skills for sharing faith in Jesus with others in everyday life and parish ministry; how to seek the power of the Holy Spirit to be Christ's witnesses; how to proclaim the Good News and invite inactive Catholics back to the Lord's Table. Contact Andres Arango at Andres.arango@camdendiocese.org or call (856) 583-6170 to register. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

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## ***Paul VI Slam Dunk Tours***

Paul VI High School is pleased to offer special pre-game tours of the school for the following basketball games during the 2012-13 basketball season. No reservations are needed. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Please come to the gym entrance at tour time; middle school students and an accompanying adult will receive a complimentary game pass. Eligible games are as follows: Paul VI Boys v. Cherokee, Thursday, January 24, 2013, Tours at 4:30 PM, Game at 5:30 PM; Paul VI Girls v. Eastern, Saturday, January 26, 2013, Tours at 1:30 PM, Game at 2:30 PM; Paul VI Girls v. Camden Catholic, Sat. February 2, 2013, Tours at noon, Game at 1 PM.

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

## ***Catholic Young Adults Today:***

**Seeking, Searching, Serving  
and Striving to be Disciples**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 7 – 9:15 PM**

Welcoming Young Adults,  
single or married, in their 20s and 30s!

**Dubh Linn Square,  
482 East Evesham Road,  
Cherry Hill, NJ**

Guest Presenter: Fr. Rocco Danzi SJ, from St. Peter's University, Jersey City, NJ

**Cost: No cost to attend.**

Participants are welcome to purchase food and beverages.

**For more info: (856) 583-6122,**

[gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org](mailto:gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org), or join

"Theology on Tap – South Jersey" on Facebook

or follow "Theology on Tap SJ" on Twitter.

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Mass of Remembrance & Healing for those who have lost a child.

January 16, 2013

The holidays can be especially difficult for those who have suffered the loss of a child, no matter the age of the child or the circumstance of the child's death. If you have experienced this type of loss, would you like to remember that child in a special way and experience some hope and healing?

A Mass of Remembrance and Healing for those who have suffered the loss of a child due to any circumstance will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, January 16th at 7:00 P.M. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish/St. Luke Church (55 Warwick Road, Stratford, NJ 08084). Those attending are asked to bring a photo or remembrance of their child.

For more information about the Mass please call Mary Ann Chezik at 609-707-1725. The Mass is sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

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## ***Trip to Ireland May 6-17, 2013***

You are invited to come on a jaunt through Ireland from May 6-17, 2013 with folks from **St. Mary Parish in Cherry Hill**. Land price is \$2,398 per person. For info call Barbara Dollarton at 856-424-2739 ASAP. Limited to 40 travelers.

## ***Finance Council Meeting Notes Monday, December 10, 2012***

In Attendance: Fr. Daniel Rocco, Kathy Boyer, Rose Davis, Keith Knight, and Lonnie Monaco.

Fr. Rocco opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with a Gospel reading. Fr Rocco opened the discussion on the refurbishment expenses of the parish center (formerly the convent). Expenses of \$18,811 are being paid from the House of Charity reimbursement and the stipend account.

The parish center will be renamed in honor of Sister Bernadette. The dedication, as well as a party in sister's honor, will be scheduled when she is feeling better and able to attend. Deacon Anthony Cioe will head a spiritual committee to come up with ideas for using the center.

School: SMART tuition is not coming in to St Stephen's on a timely basis, which sometimes result in a funding shortfall that the parish must make up. Next year, health insurance is expected to increase 10% and DSIP by 3%. Pension and tuition are also expected to increase. The tuition increase may result in a 3% drop in enrollment, while tuition assistance will probably increase.

Solar: The parish is considering having solar panels installed in order to reduce electricity costs. Start-up and installation costs were estimated at \$18,000.00, although other parishes have had solar panels designed and installed at no cost. The finance council will continue to investigate options to make this a viable program.

Parish Finances: Members of the Finance Committee reviewed the parish financial statements, including the balance sheet as of November 30, 2012, the profit and loss statement for the months of July through November 2012, and the aging summary as of November 30, 2012. *Income:* Ordinary income for July through November 2012 was somewhat higher than projected in the budget. Ordinary income represents collections taken in at weekend and holy day Masses. *Expenses:* During the months of July through November 2012, the parish was \$12,784 over budget, mostly due to 2 capital expenditures. These were for the replacement of one of the A/C units at the rectory (\$6,125) and an asphalt-paving project behind the school (\$5,350). Utility costs were nearly on budget. *Assets and Liabilities:* As of November 30, 2012, the parish had \$14,391 in the operating account, \$83,143 in the reserve account, and \$31,102 in the Msgr. O'Connell Scholarship Fund (which may not be used for ordinary parish expenses). All parish accounts payable were current at the end of November.

Candidates are still needed for Finance Council positions.

Fr. Rocco closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:36 PM.

The next Finance Council meeting will take place on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lonnie Monaco  
12/11/12