

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

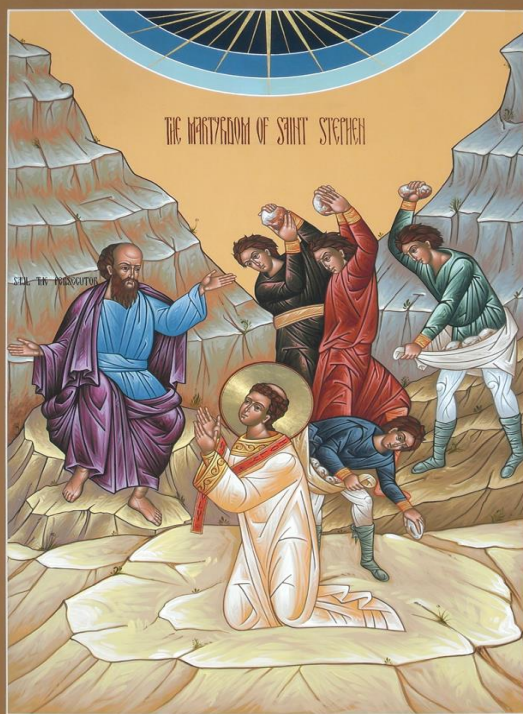
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
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Rose Marie Davis
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
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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.*

February 15, 2015 – The Sixth 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

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

MONDAY 9:00am	February 16, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	February 17, 2015 Elsie Menaquale r/b Frank Pigliacelli
WEDNESDAY 9:00am 7:00pm	February 18, 2015 (Ash Wednesday) People of the Parish – Living & Deceased People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	February 19, 2015 Charles Franchine r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY 9:00am	February 20, 2015 Kathleen Stehm r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
SATURDAY 4:30pm	February 21, 2015 Marguerite Boyle r/b Susan Midili
SUNDAY 9:00am 10:30am	February 22, 2015 Victor Gerst, Jr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst Nancy & John Sinko r/b Nick Picciano William Sauer r/b Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Gugliotta**

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.

February 7/8, 2015 Collection: \$4,975
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target: \$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average: \$4,986

Upcoming Special Collections:

February 18, 2015 "Eastern Europe" (Diocese-Ash Wednesday)
March 1, 2015: "Black & Indian Missions" (Diocese)
 (posted as a courtesy for our 20+ 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.**

Merion Mercy Academy in Merion Station, PA is thrilled to be one of the first high schools in the country to produce Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's **Mary Poppins**, starring parishioner **Elizabeth Mattera!** Performances will be the weekends of **2/27-3/1** and **3/6-3/8**. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.merion-mercy.com.



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, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivielo, Dolores VonAlex, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for February 18/21/22

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

* Designates Alternate Server

Ash Wednesday, 7:00pm

Altar Servers: M. Conway, Q. Nguyen
EM's: P. Cioe, K. Fagan, E. Nolte, R. Davis
Lectors: J. Melfi, B. Mattia

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui
EM's: C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, J. Heininger, L. Heininger, *A. Knight
Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, Q. Nguyen
EM's: N. Schmidt, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, L. D'Alessandro, *S. Marano
Lector: D. Heck

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, T. Albert
EM's: M. Meloni, J. Messina, L. Solano, Geo. Tutwiler, *T. Mattera
Lectors: C. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

Men of Malvern Retreat March 13-15

Gentlemen,

If you have ever heard of the men of Malvern, if you have ever been curious about what a Malvern Retreat is all about, if you ever thought about going to Malvern, THIS IS THE YEAR. Fr. Dennis O'Donnell will be directing our retreat this year. Fr. O'Donnell gave a Lenten retreat at St Stephen Parish a few years ago. It is safe to say he was well received. If you liked him here, you will love him at St. Joseph's in The Hills. You are invited to join us Friday evening March 13 through Sunday morning for a 42 hour retreat.

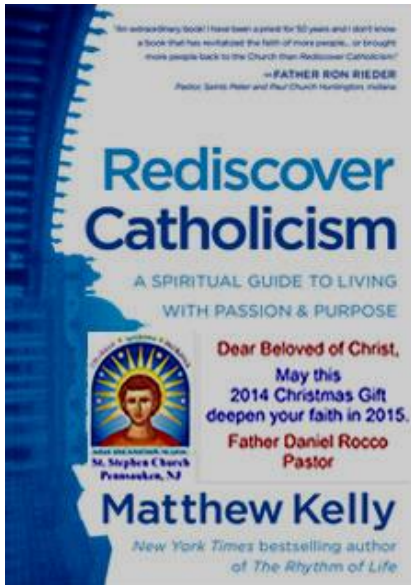
Spend time with friends, relax, refocus, be alone with God. For more information please visit www.malvernretreat.com Register with The Holy Family Group. March 13-15. **If you have any questions, contact Joe Fagan 609-471-0753 or jfagan1982@comcast.net.**

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

2/16-Mon-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study, Rectory closed Presidents' Day
2/17-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
2/18-Ash Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes, 7pm Mass
2/19-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
2/20-Friday-9am Mass, 6:30pm Stations of the Cross,
7pm Black Catholic Ministry Prayer Service & Discussion
2/21-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
2/22-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Thursday Night Discussion Club

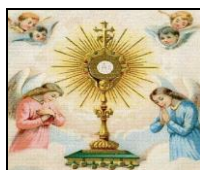
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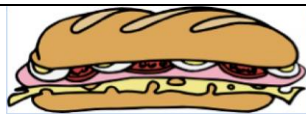
Please join us as we continue to discuss "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly, the book we were generously gifted with this Christmas. Let's start the new year learning more about God's love and the gift of our Catholic faith. A good resolution for 2015 can be "to become a better version of myself" and help others as they journey to become all God calls us to be. The discussion club needs your voice, see you Thursday, February 19th in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center. **Extra copies** of "Rediscover Catholicism" are available in the Rectory. They are free to all Parishioners and \$5 if you'd like to purchase one for a friend.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, March 6th 9:45am-6:45pm.**



**Knights of Columbus,
Council 3512
Hoagie Sale**



As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **February 21 & 22**. For info call 856-227-4980.

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.**



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"

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

Prayer requests for the month of February, please contact **Bernadette @ 854-2928.**

***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



**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.

Why Do We...

Open the Mass as we do?

The Introductory Rites of the Eucharistic Celebration consists of four parts.

Initially, the priest will offer a shared Sign of the Cross, followed by the greeting "The Lord be with you." This is a statement reflecting our belief we are a people united in the presence of God. The response "And with your spirit" affirms our faith in the presence of Christ in the priest. This brief, but very important greeting, also initiates the interaction between celebrant and congregation as active partners in the celebration.

The Penitential Rite follows, and may will be done with one of a couple of prayer options. Whether the Confiteor (I confess...) the Penitential Verses, or the Serial Invocation (Lord have mercy...) is recited, the purpose is the same. This prayer allows us to acknowledge our faults and put aside our differences in a spirit of family unity. In bringing our sins to mind, we are reinforcing our belief in the great mercy of God, and reminding ourselves that His forgiveness is ours but for the asking. This is a forgiveness of Venial Sin, whereas Mortal Sins are forgiven only through the Sacrament of Penance.

The Penitential Rite is followed by the Exultant Gloria. This prayer dates back to the sixth century and initially was only included in masses offered by a bishop. The beauty of this prayer, whether sung or recited, captivated the faithful, eventually resulting in its inclusion in Sunday Mass, except during Advent and Lent. This is always a prayer of praise and should be offered with a spirit of awed reverence.

The final portion of the Introductory Rite is "the Collect". The Collect always follows the same pattern, while gathering the congregation in the particular common intention of that day's Mass. The pattern will always be - You, Who, Do and Through. This is expressed by YOU- naming God the Father, to WHOM- the prayer is offered, DO- the naming of our petition, and THROUGH - through Christ your Son in union with the Holy Spirit. This prayer is offered by the priest, but belongs to us all, and is reflected by the phrase, "Let us pray".

Become Engaged

Participation by the congregation is integral to the Mass. This participation should be done with internal devout attention and external reverence, and demonstrated by singing, responding heartfully or with prayerful silences as appropriate. Simply observing the Mass robs us of the many blessings received through active and devout interaction with God through the priest.

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## **Parish Library**

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

# Prayer Service & Discussion "Walking With The Saints"

The Cause for the Canonization of  
Father Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)



Guest Speaker:

Brother A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem.

Special Assistant to the Bishop for the Cause  
Seminararian and Priesthood Candidate

*In January of 2010, His Eminence Cardinal Francis George, OMI announced the Archdiocese's pursuit of the cause for canonization of Father Augustus Tolton, 1854-1897. The requisite historical and theological commissions are done compiling the Acta (dossier) of his life and arguing his virtues as well as taking testimonials in ecclesiastical court regarding spiritual favors and possible miracles to aid the Cause. In his capacity as Diocesan Postulator for the Cause, Most Reverend, Bishop Joseph N. Perry appointed Brother A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem. as his Special Assistant to help with popularizing the Cause through public speaking events, fundraisers and educational programs. Join us to get a first-hand update of the progress the Cause has made and the movement that is taking place in the Church.*

Friday, February 20, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

St. Stephen Catholic Church  
6306 Browning Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08109  
Light refreshments immediately following in the Pastoral Center



For more information, contact:  
James E. Andrews, Director  
Back Catholic Ministries  
856-583-6184

All community organizations  
parishes and persons are welcome

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FaithFULL Food Drive March 1st

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us that whenever we feed the least of our brothers and sisters, we feed Jesus himself. At this time of the year, many food pantries find themselves with empty shelves while the requests for food are still great.

In response, the Diocese of Camden is organizing its second annual faithFULL Food Drive. **On Sunday, March 1, every parish and school in the diocese will be asked to bring food donations to area food banks. We are in need of canned tuna, chicken, soup, beans, chili, beef stew, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned fruits, veggies, applesauce, canned fruit juices and vegetable juices.** The Diocesan goal is 100,000 pounds of food, more info at www.camdendiocese.org/faithfull.

LENT 2015

Conversion To Christ

2/14-15, 2015	Saturday/ Sunday	Distribute "Conversion to Christ" Booklet
2/18/2015	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday - Mass and Ashes : 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
2/20/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM (Black Ministry Prayer Service @ 7pm)
2/22/2015	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent
2/24/2015	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
2/27/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
3/1/2015	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
3/3/2015	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/6/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
3/8/2015	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
3/10/2015	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/13/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
3/15/2015	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
3/17/2015	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/20/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
3/22/2015	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
3/24/2015	Tuesday	Penance Service at 7:30 PM following the Rosary at 7:00 PM
3/27/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
3/29/2015	Sunday	Passion Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
4/2/2015	Thursday	Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
4/3/2015	Friday	Good Friday
		Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM
		Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM
4/4/2015	Saturday	Holy Saturday
		Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM
		Blessing of Food - Noon
		Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
4/5/2015	Sunday	Easter Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM