

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
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Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

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Contact Information

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February 16, 2014 – 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

Children's Liturgy: 3rd 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, 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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

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| MONDAY 9:00am | February 17, 2014 (President's Day) Olga Mignone r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone |
| TUESDAY 9:00am | February 18, 2014 John Sarich, Sr. r/b Dorothea Dodds |
| WEDNESDAY 9:00am | February 19, 2014 Rosemary Crumlish r/b Joe & Maria Haas |
| THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena | February 20, 2014 Victoria D'Italia r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone |
| FRIDAY 9:00am | February 21, 2014 Olga Mignone r/b Rose Davis |
| SATURDAY 4:30pm | February 22, 2014 Henry C. Smith r/b Keith & Anne Knight & Family |
| SUNDAY 9:00am | February 23, 2014 Victor Gerst, Jr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst |
| 10:30am | Thomas J. Sharpe r/b Pat Higgins and the Staff & Students of St. Stephen School William Sauer r/b His Wife, Theresa |

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Josephine Lamaina.

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.

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| Feb. 8/9, 2014 Attendance/Collection | 446/ | \$4,583 |
| Feb. 9/10, 2013 Comparison | 509/ | \$5,589 |
| 2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection: | | \$5,588 |
| Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average: | | \$5,092 |

Next Diocesan Special Collection:
3/5/14 - "Church in Europe"

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## "Stewards Not Elevated"

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that good *Stewards* have in their heart that will get them to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.



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:

Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joe DiLorenzo, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, 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, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, John Maggioncalda, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivillo, Anthony Vocale, Ed Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for February 22/23

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Conway, T. Mason, S. Caban  
EM's: C. Pandola, A. Pandola, A. Knight, A. Cirullo, \*T. Angstman  
Lectors: J. Heininger, L. Heininger

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, B. McHugh, J. Mack  
EM's: S. Marano, E. Nolte, M. Bufanio, T. Modzier, \*R. Leone  
Lector: D. Steinmetz

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: O. Albert, J. Bui, K. Fagan  
EM's: Geo. Tutwiler, T. Mattera, T. Link, J. Messina, \*M. Miller  
Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, C. Aleszczyk

## President's Day, February 17<sup>th</sup>



On Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> we will observe Presidents' Day, a national holiday. **Our school, rectory and all Diocesan offices will be closed.**

## St. Joseph's In the Hills Men's Retreat

March 7-9, 2014

- Some men come to relax, Some visit with friends
- Some are in crisis and need answers -All are welcome
- 18 men joined us last year from South Jersey
- You are invited March 7-9

More information at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)  
or call Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753.

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

2/17-Monday-9am Mass, School/Rectory closed President's Day, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Pastoral Council  
 2/18-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA  
 2/19-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD  
 2/20-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Book Club, 7pm FOCCUS  
 2/21-Friday-9am Mass  
 2/22-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 2/23-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



### ***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 Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.

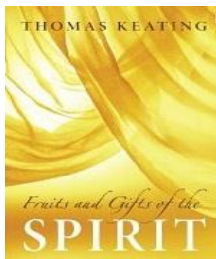
### ***Thursday Night***

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

Continues February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Center.

We are discussing

**"Fruits & Gifts of the Spirit"**  
by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO



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

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

**Friday, March 7<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.

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| Monday, February 17 | Pastoral Council |
| Monday, February 24 | Liturgy Board    |
| Monday, March 10    | Finance Council  |

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

### ***AN ONGOING MEMORIAL!***

All pavers are now installed and many spaces still available!

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 February, please contact Diane @ 308-8224.



## Congratulations Norman!

Norman Figueroa, a second grader at St. Stephen School, was one of just ten runner-up winners in Scholastic Reading Club's "Diary of a ..." contest. The contest, open to students attending U.S. schools in grades one through three, asked students to pick an animal of their choice and then create a one-page diary for that animal in the style of Scholastic's "Diary of a ..." books.

Figueroa chose to create a "Diary of an Ant", complete with a colorful illustrated cover. "I like ants because they make hills out of sand."

Norman's ant was pretty busy. "The ant was doing a lot of stuff: stealing food out of a kitchen, and the queen sits on a throne of sand that he made."

His teacher, Mr. Muscelli, expressed how impressed he was, particularly since Norman entered the contest on his own initiative. "I was really proud of him. He is really intelligent and always does a great job with everything."

As a runner-up, Norman won a three-book "Diary of a ..." collection for every student in his class, valued at \$600. He's also started preparing his entry for Scholastic's "Bad Kitty Drawn to Trouble" contest. "It's me and my mom this time. We're drawing that Bad Kitty goes to a fire station. He hangs on the fire truck and squirts the Chief with the hose and falls down the fire pole."

We have it on good authority the illustration of the fire chief will bear no resemblance to Chief Palumbo.

## Paul VI High School Events

**Paul VI High School presents WEST SIDE STORY.** Please join us for a stellar production of this Broadway classic in our newly renovated theater. Evening performances will be held at Paul VI on **February 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**; **Matinee is at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Tickets are \$12 each for general admission, and may be purchased at the door, or can be reserved by emailing [nestrella@pvihs.org](mailto:nestrella@pvihs.org).

**WEST SIDE STORY Dinner Theater at Paul VI.** Meet the talented cast and crew of **West Side Story** at a special dinner theater production held on **Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Your admission includes a **buffet dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** featuring appetizers, dinner, dessert and a **reserved seat for the Saturday evening performance at 7:30.** Tickets are **\$25 for adults and \$13 for children 10 & under.** To reserve at ticket, please email [Kristin.king25@gmail.com](mailto:Kristin.king25@gmail.com).

**Paul VI Alumni Night at the Play.** PVI Alumni are invited to visit their alma mater for the **Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m. performance of WEST SIDE STORY.** General admission ticket prices of \$12 include seating in the newly renovated theater and a complimentary wine and cheese held before the show from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. Please contact Mary Anne Yeager at [myeager@pvihs.org](mailto:myeager@pvihs.org) to make a reservation. Be sure to include your name, graduation year, and number of tickets needed.



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**DIocese OF CAMDEN**  
February 23, 2014

**WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING**

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| <b>FRUIT &amp; VEGETABLES:</b> | <b>PROTEINS:</b> |
| Canned Vegetables              | Canned Tuna Fish |
| Canned Vegetable Juice         | Canned Chicken   |
| Canned Tomato Products         | Canned Soup      |
| Canned Spaghetti Sauce         | Canned Beans     |
| Canned Fruit                   | Canned Chili     |
| Applesauce                     | Canned Beef Stew |
| Canned Fruit Juice             | Peanut Butter    |

**OUR GOAL:**  
**559,900**  
lbs. of food

**FOOD DONATIONS:**  
CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IN THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN  
OR PARTICIPATE IN OUR VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE

**FOOD BANK OF SOUTH JERSEY**    **Catholic Charities USA**    **Community FoodBank OF NEW JERSEY**



### PTO BEEF & BEER

*Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soda*  
**BYOB**

### Raffles      Dancing

**COME OUT FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND TO HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!  
THOSE THAT ATTENDED LAST YEAR HAD A BLAST!**

WHEN:      SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014  
TIME:      7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.  
WHERE:     ST. STEPHEN'S GYM  
COST:      \$20 PER PERSON

**Pre-register - CASH ONLY**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

For questions call Kim Cianciotti Hiller @ 856-938-7075

# An Invitation for Saint Stephen Ministries Members Come and Prepare Your Heart For Lent



About Our Retreat Director **Ginny Licata** is a long-time resident of New Jersey and the Camden Diocese. She taught in high schools for twenty years and at Camden County College for twenty-five years. After retirement she was invited to become a member of the staff of the Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland where she offers weekend retreats. She is also a spiritual director and is presently a member of Holy Family Parish in Sewell .

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit"*

**1 Corinthians 4-6**

**Ministries Retreat**  
**Saturday March 1**  
**Saint Stephen Parish Center**  
**9:00 AM to Noon**  
**Followed by Lunch**

We will take time during this morning of prayer to allow Christ to question our understanding of who He is, and we will open our minds and hearts as He challenges us to make Him the center and foundation of our lives and our ministries.

Please let your Ministry Leader Know If You Will, or  
Will Not Be Able To Attend

***Come And Join Us***  
***As We Prepare Our Hearts For Lent***