

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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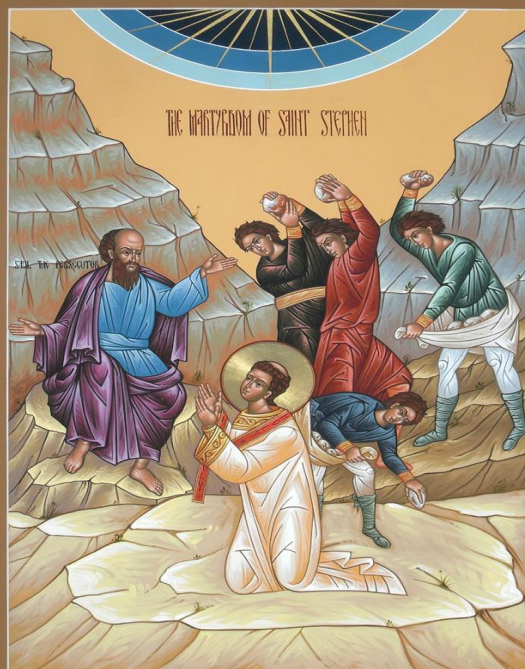
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

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Rectory Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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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 19, 2017 – The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion Service: Monday - 9:00am

Daily Mass: Tuesday 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 one 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 2018 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	February 19, 2017
9:00am	Victor Gerst, Jr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Carolyn M. Johnson r/b Louise D'Alessandro & Family Kevin Hogan r/b Herb & Nancy Schreiber William Sauer r/b Family
MONDAY	February 20, 2017 (Rectory Closed)
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	February 21, 2017
9:00am	Carolyn M. Johnson r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY	February 22, 2017
9:00am	Phyllis Mignogna (1 st Anniversary) r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	February 23, 2017
9:00am/Novena	John Sarich, Jr. r/b Dorothea Dodds
FRIDAY	February 24, 2017
9:00am	Joseph A. Gaffney, Jr. r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
SATURDAY	February 25, 2017
4:30pm	Florence Stack r/b Mary Ann Hoffacker
SUNDAY	February 26, 2017
9:00am	Betty Yoder r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Kevin Hogan r/b Herb & Nancy Schreiber



The Sanctuary Candle this week is

In Memory of Richard Gentile

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 11/12, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$4,402
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,661

Special Collections:

March 1st: "Church in Eastern Europe" (Ash Wednesday)

March 5th: "Black & Indian Missions" (Diocese)

(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)



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, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Raymond Amatrudo, Sr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Sr., Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Rosemarie Rosolia, Patricia Ruhl, Dean & Mary Russell, Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Esther Tillinghast, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Vivliello, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for February 25/26

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, *Sr. Eleanora

Lectors: Jared Rivera, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, J. Vales

EM's: R. Davis, E. Nolte, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, *M. Conway

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Nicdao, M. Daniels

EM's: M. Meloni, T. Scavuzzo, T. Mattera, G. Tutwiler, *W. Delfin

Lectors: J. Messina, M. Miller

President's Day, February 20th



On Monday, February 20th we will observe Presidents' Day, a national holiday. The Rectory and all Diocesan offices will be closed.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

2/20-Monday-9am Communion Service, 11am Ladies Bible Study,
 Rectory Office closed, 7pm Deacons Prayer Meeting
 2/21-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 2/22-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 2/23-Thurs.-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 2/24-Friday-9am Mass
 2/25-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 2/26-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

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 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.
 Phone or text: 610-805-5363 email: heides@comcast.net

*The woman who walks with God
 Always reaches her destination*

Tuesday Night Rosary

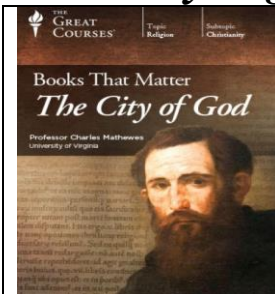
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

Come join us as we ask Our Lady to pray with us and for us. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the pinnacle of God's creation. She is the most perfect, the greatest, the holiest human being ever to live. When we repeat her name, we greatly honor God her Creator. Mary never keeps any glory for herself. Her soul magnifies the Lord. (Lk 1:46)

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue February 22nd at 6:15pm.

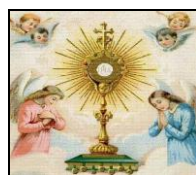
Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue
February 23rd @ 7pm in the
 Sr. Bernadette Parish Center
 with
 Prof. Charles Mathewes'
**"Books That Matter-
 The City of God"**

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
Friday, March 3, 2017
9:45am-7:00pm.



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.**

Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide Electronic Giving, or eGiving, 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.

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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.
 For Prayer Requests for the month of February contact **Maryann-856-333-6525.**

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

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.

FIRST MOTHER FAMILY OUTREACH

Women from our diocese have formed a compassionate outreach for mothers who have not raised their firstborn children. We, as ordinary women, offer you our comfort and support because we understand that time does not erase the pain of adoption loss.

Contact us at: FirstMotherFamily@gmail.com

"This is my commandment:

Love one another as I have loved you." -John 15:12

<http://catholicstarherald.org/birth-mothers-find-support-in-shared-experience/>

Malvern Men's Retreat March 10-12



Gentlemen,

Our annual Men of Malvern retreat will be March 10-12. Please put the date in your calendar.

Each man has his own reasons for making a retreat. Some enjoy the solitude, some enjoy seeing old friends and some have some very heavy burdens that they need to bring to the Lord. Malvern allows each man to make a retreat on his own terms. I am enclosing a letter written by Joe Conway. Joe has been with our group for several years and has captured the essence of Malvern in this letter. Please take a moment to read the letter enclosed in the attached link:

<http://catholicstarherald.org/the-unexpected-benefits-of-being-on-retreat/>.

Please visit www.malvernretreat.com for additional information. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 609-471-0753. I hope each of you make time for this retreat.

Prosit, Joe

Nursing Home Ministry News

The residents of **Cooper River West Nursing Home** continue to be blessed by your prayers of support and donations of religious articles. Just a friendly reminder that we are requesting **only rosary beads & holy cards**, etc. and not random items like calculators, dictionaries & perfume.

For further information about the Nursing Home Ministry, contact Lonnie & Mary Sharon Monaco at 856-662-6049 or Monacofamily4@comcast.net.

Health and Wellness Team News

The Health and Wellness Team will be conducting a CPR class on Saturday 3/25/17 from 9:00 am to 12 noon in the Parish Center. First Aid for choking, basic CPR, and Basic AED use will be covered. There is still time to sign up! Contact Joanne at Joanniedb@comcast.net if you have any questions or would like to sign up.

Our next meeting will be Monday, 2/27/17 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Paul VI High School presents "THE SECRET GARDEN"

Paul VI High School is grateful to **Kelly Coar and Meghan Conway** of **St. Stephen Parish**, for helping to bring this year's stellar production to the stage! Evening performances will be held at Paul VI on **February 24th and 25th, March 3rd and 4th**, at 7:30 p.m.; Matinee is at 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, February 26th**. Tickets are \$12 each for general admission, and can be reserved by emailing nestrella@pvihs.org. More information is available at www.pvihs.org.

Camden Catholic High School News

The Arts at CCHS Presents

Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*

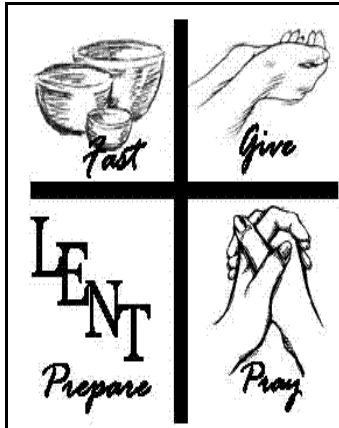
Tickets Now Available! www.cchsp Performingarts.com
Performances: **March 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 7:30 p.m. and March 5 & 12 at 2 p.m.** The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm and elegance. Join us to be entertained by the talented performing arts and music students of Camden Catholic High School.

8th Graders: Freshman Registration is **Saturday, February 25** from 8-11 a.m. Admissions Applications for the Class of 2021 may be submitted on a rolling basis only as space permits. Please submit your application for admission as soon as possible in order to be considered for a spot in the CCHS Class of 2021. www.camden Catholic.org/admissions.

Merion Mercy Music Theater proudly presents *Once Upon a Mattress*, a musical comedy for the whole family to enjoy. This show adds a few twists to the fairy tale, *The Princess and the Pea*, and includes an entertaining cast, vibrant costumes, and catchy song and dance numbers. Please visit Merion Mercy's website for info and tickets at merion-mercy.com, or you can purchase at the door.

Performances are as follows:

Friday, February 24, 8 p.m., Saturday, February 25, 8 p.m., Sunday February 26, 2 p.m., Friday, March 3, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 8 p.m., Sunday March 5, 2 p.m.



LENT 2017

“Open My Eyes, Lord”



2/25/17	Sat/Sun.	Distribute “Open My Eyes, Lord” Booklet
3/1/17	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday – Mass and Ashes 9:00am and 7:00pm
3/3/17	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
3/5/17	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent
3/7/17	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection “What is the New Evangelization?”
3/10/17	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
3/12/17	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
3/14/17	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection “Who is Called to Evangelize?”
3/17/17	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
3/19/17	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
3/21/17	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection “Why the Call to Evangelize is So Urgent”
3/24/17	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
3/26/17	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
3/28/17	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection
3/31/17	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
4/2/17	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
4/4/17	Tuesday	Penance Service at 7:30pm following the Rosary at 7:00pm
4/7/17	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
		Holy Week Services:
4/9/17	Sunday	Passion Sunday – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am
4/13/17	Thursday	Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm -Blessed Sacrament Reposed in the Parish Center until 11:00pm
4/14/17	Friday	Good Friday -Reading of the Psalms from Noon to 2:45pm -Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 3:00pm
4/15/17	Saturday	Holy Saturday -Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am -Blessing of Food at Noon -Easter Vigil 8:00pm
4/16/17	Sunday	Easter Sunday – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am