

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

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(Accidents, Dying or Death)



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February 24, 2013 – The Second Sunday of Lent

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.

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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".

SATURDAY February 23, 2013
4:30pm Victoria Steinmetz r/b Knights of Columbus 3512

SUNDAY February 24, 2013
9:00am Victor Gerst, Jr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am Jennie Farmer r/b Richard Beyer
Anna Phan r/b The Bui Family
Adrian DesRosiers r/b His Loving Wife
Anthony Meloni r/b Children, Grandchildren,
and Great Grandchildren

MONDAY February 25, 2013
9:00am Ernest J. Basile r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone

TUESDAY February 26, 2013
9:00am Kay Sciano r/b Lucy DiBenedetto

WEDNESDAY February 27, 2013
9:00am Evelyn Capocetta r/b Lucille Buffington

THURSDAY February 28, 2013
9:00am+Novena Rev. William Francis Eckert r/b People of the Parish

FRIDAY March 1, 2013 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am Msgr. Joseph F. O'Connell (5th Anniversary)
r/b People of the Parish
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY March 2, 2013
4:30pm Jack Knellwolf, Jr. r/b Elaine

SUNDAY March 3, 2013
9:00am Michael Hagan Jr. r/b The Scavuzzo Family
10:30am Rev. William Francis Eckert r/b People of the Parish
William Brand Jr. r/b Maria & Joe Haas
Bill Sauer r/b Louise D'Alessandro & Leni Zinicola
Edward R. Radetich r/b M/M Ed Ciccarone

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Gordon Hartson.

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.

Feb. 16/17, 2013 Attendance/Collection	529/	\$4,759
Feb. 18/19, 2012 Comparison	662/	\$6,195
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,509

Next Special Diocesan Collection:

March 10, 2013: "Catholic Relief"



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, Milton Burns, 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., Thomas Holmes Sr., Rev. David Klein, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Deacon Ernest Picknally, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Cyrol Valentino, Gloria Vendetti, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for March 2/3

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Surgner, T. Mason, H. Atchison
EM's: T. Angstman, J. Heininger, L. Heininger, *alt. P. Antonelli
Lectors: D. Heck, J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, S. Caban, O. Graff
EM's: S. Marano, L. Monaco, R. Davis, R. Leone
Lectors: M. Miller, M. Corbett

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: J. Mack, L. Fagan, Kelly Coar
EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, J. Bowman, T. Link
Lectors: P. Cioe, J. Scavuzzo

TIME OUT!

Gentlemen:

Give yourself a time out to Recharge your battery, Relax with friends, perhaps Resolve a problem on issues in your life. **Join us March 8-10 for a Men's Retreat at St. Joseph's in the Hills in Malvern, PA.** Comments from recent new Retreatants: "That weekend really helped me relax", "That weekend helped me be a better husband and father", "The Malvern weekend changed my life".

For more info: Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753 or email Joe at jfagan1982@comcast.net. Register at www.malvernretreat.com



FAITH ALIVE!

Teens in Grades 8-12 are invited to the Diocesan Youth Congress on **Sunday, March 24, 2013** at St. Simon Stock Parish in Berlin. This daylong event provides teens with a chance to make new friends, explore their faith and connect more deeply with God. The schedule includes dynamic speakers, inspiring prayer and worship, and fun social opportunities. For more information visit Youth Ministries at www.camdendiocese.org. Begin Holy Week and Easter by discovering how to bring faith alive!

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

2/25-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Liturgy Board
 2/26-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Gospel Reflection
 2/27-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD
 2/28-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6 & 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion
 3/1-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 6:45pm,
 7pm Mary Stations of the Cross
 3/2-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 3/3-Sunday-RCIA, 9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

A Message for All the Ladies:



God values you, and  has a plan for your life!

As women, we all have unique circumstances, difficulties, hopes and dreams. But no matter where you are in your journey, God's Word can always offer inspiration, comfort, and support.

St. Stephen Ladies Monday Bible Study

Is a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where we meet and discuss interesting stories of the Bible and explore the messages the Bible brings to each of us in our own lives today. **Newcomers are always welcome!** Come join us, and discover how God's Word can help you become the woman God created you to be!

Meeting times: Mondays 1:00-2:30pm

Location: Stonegate Conference Room

Questions? Contact Eileen at (856) 662-8046 or email heides@comcast.net.

Tuesday Night 7pm Rosary

Followed by 7:30pm Gospel Reflection

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

Continue February 27th @ 6:15PM

Thursday Night Discussion Club

New Series: "What is Faith?"

7pm in the Parish Center



First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

Friday, March 1st, 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 **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 & Ministry Meetings

(All 7pm in the Parish Center)

February 25

Liturgy Board

March 11

Finance Council

March 18

Pastoral Council

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

The first delivery of Pavers have arrived and are now on display around the Cross in the church vestibule!

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

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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place.

Contact Linda @ 661-8045 for February requests

Contact Maryann @ 235-1423 for March requests

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

-Philippians 4:6

Paul VI presents 42nd STREET

Please join us for our stellar production of this Broadway extravaganza. Evening performances will be held at Paul VI on **March 1st and 2nd at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinee is at 3:00 p.m. on February 24th.** Tickets are \$10 each for general admission, and may be purchased at the door, or can be reserved by visiting our website at www.pvihs.org to download a ticket order form.

Paul VI Alumni Night at the Play. PVI Alumni are invited to visit their alma mater for the **Friday March 1st 7:30 p.m.** performance of 42nd STREET. General admission ticket prices of \$10 include seating in the specially reserved "Alumni Section" and a complimentary wine and cheese held before the show from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please contact Mary Anne Yeager at myeager@pvihs.org to make a reservation. Be sure to include your name, graduation year, and number of tickets needed.

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### Merion Mercy Academy News

Merion Mercy Academy is offering a practice High School Placement Exam on **Saturday, March 2.** For more information and to register, go to [www.merion-mercy.com/admissions](http://www.merion-mercy.com/admissions).

**Merion Mercy is now enrolling students in its 2013 Summer Programs.** We are pleased to announce our expanded academic and enrichment programs and sports camps for boys and girls entering grades 6-12. To download a brochure with a full listing of classes and to register online, visit our website at [www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms](http://www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms).

**Merion Mercy Academy presents Legally Blonde!** Legally Blonde is a modern day story of the age-old adage, "To Thine Own Self Be True." It is an upbeat and fun production filled with high-energy songs and dances that prove that being true to yourself is always in style. **Performances are Friday March 1 at 7:30 P.M.; Saturday March 2 at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday March 3 at 2:00 P.M.** For information and to purchase tickets, go to [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com). All seating is reserved, so purchase your tickets in advance for the best seats!

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CRS Rice Bowl Speaker

Jacques Kaboré, Director of the Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC) program for Catholic Relief Services in Burkina Faso, is visiting the United States this Lent to share his personal story and show how participation in CRS Rice Bowl is helping bring innovative programs and approaches to stop hunger in poor communities overseas.

Mr. Kaboré will be speaking at Paul VI High School (Auditorium, 901 Hopkins Road, STE B, Haddonfield) on Monday, March 4th at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

Finance Council Meeting Notes Monday, February 11, 2013

In Attendance: Fr. Daniel Rocco, Kathy Boyer, Rose Davis, and Lonnie Monaco. Fr. Rocco opened the meeting at 7:05 PM with a Scripture Reading.

Fr Rocco began the evening with an update on the condition of Deacon Ernie. He was in Lady of Lourdes Hospital where he had fluid drained from his lungs. We will keep him and his family in our prayers as his treatment continues.

Bishop Sullivan, our new bishop, will be installed on Tuesday, February 12, at St Agnes Church in Blackwood, NJ. It's expected that, at first, there will be major changes between how the old and the new bishops conduct affairs within the diocese.

School: A late oil delivery and the continuing mechanical problems of the 51-year old system nearly resulted in the loss of heat for the school. As a result, we are looking into replacing the system with an efficient gas heater that is expected to provide sufficient cost savings that will pay for itself in several years. Fr Rocco has contacted the diocese to obtain permission to proceed. We will solicit bids from 3 contractors and award a contract in late spring. Work will be completed during the summer months. The project will include asbestos removal and disposal associated with the old heating system.

Parish Finances: Members of the Finance Committee reviewed the parish financial statements, including the balance sheet as of January 31, 2013, the profit and loss statement for the months of July 2012 through January 2013, and the aging summary as of January 31, 2013. *Income:* Ordinary income for July through January 2013 was somewhat higher than projected in the budget, although the Christmas offering was less. Ordinary income represents collections taken in at weekend and holy day Masses.

Expenses: During the months of July through January 2013, the parish was \$13,172 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.

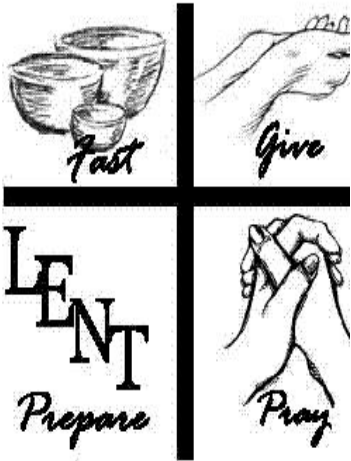
Assets and Liabilities: As of January 31, 2013, the parish had \$28,040 in the operating account, \$83,354 in the reserve account, and \$31,181 in the Msgr. O'Connell Scholarship Fund (which may not be used for ordinary parish expenses). All parish accounts payable were current at the end of January.

Ms. Rita Vogt and Mr. Rick Taylor have been nominated to fill the Finance Council positions. They will attend the next Finance Council meeting.

Fr. Rocco closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:07 PM.

The next Finance Council meeting will take place on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Lonnie Monaco
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Lent 2013

“Journey of the Heart”



2/24/2013	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
2/26/2013	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/1/2013	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Mary Stations)
3/3/2013	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
3/4/2013	Monday	<p><u>Lenten Retreat by Sr. Peggy Devlin - 7:00 PM (Church) "Road to Resurrection"</u> Sr. Peggy has ministered in the Diocese of Camden for over 30 years. She is a dynamic speaker who conducts retreats, Biblical Study groups, Parish Spirituality programs and faith sharing groups. She has presented many times at St. Stephen's. Please plan to join our Lenten Journey as a parish community.</p>
3/5/2013	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/8/2013	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Children's Stations)
3/10/2013	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
3/12/2013	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/15/2013	Friday	Soup Night - 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM (Cafeteria)
		Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Peace and Justice Stations)
3/17/2013	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
3/19/2013	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Penance Service-7:30 PM
3/22/2013	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Traditional Stations)
3/24/2013	Sunday	Passion Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
3/28/2013	Thursday	Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
3/29/2013	Friday	Good Friday
		Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM
		Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM
3/30/2013	Saturday	Holy Saturday
		Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM
		Blessing of Food - Noon
		Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
3/31/2013	Sunday	Easter Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM