

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

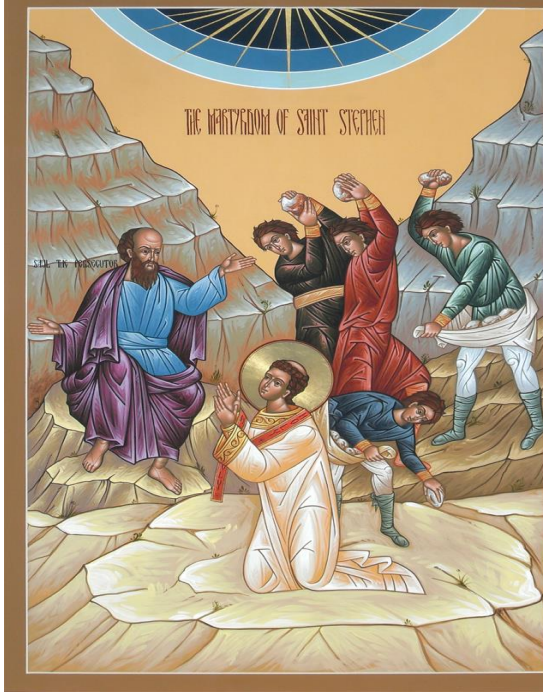
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Rose Marie Davis
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339
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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336
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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 28, 2016 – The Third Sunday of Lent

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 2017 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

In the event of a WINTER STORM, MASSES ARE STILL CELEBRATED, BUT DISCRETION SHOULD BE USED DEPENDING UPON YOUR PERSONAL SITUATION.

SUNDAY	February 28, 2016
9:00am	Christina M. Scappa r/b The Batavick / DiLorenzo Family
10:30am	Elizabeth Sutcliffe r/b Her Husband, Jim Msgr. Joseph O'Connell (8 th Anniversary Feb. 29 th) r/b People of the Parish
MONDAY	February 29, 2016
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY	March 1, 2016
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
WEDNESDAY	March 2, 2016
9:00am	Dorothy Corbett r/b St. Stephen's Nursing Home Ministry
THURSDAY	March 3, 2016
9:00am	Vincent L. Buondonno r/b His Sister
FRIDAY	March 4, 2016 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am	Rev. Vincent G. Carpinelli r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY	March 5, 2016
4:30pm	John Kerwick r/b His Wife, Son and Family
SUNDAY	March 6, 2016
9:00am	Florence McHugh r/b The Petronis Family
10:30am	Dorothy Corbett r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt Albert Capaldi r/b Susan Midili



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of
Rose & 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 20/21, 2016 Collection:	\$5,107
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,660

Special Collections:

- February 28th: "Rice Bowl and Black & Indian Missions"
- March 6th: "Catholic Relief Services" (Diocese)
- March 6-20: "Easter Flower Memorials" (St. Stephen)

(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, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarrone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joseph Fagan, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Joseph Gerst, Nancy Gogel, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Chuck Hillwig, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., John Howard, Helen Huhn, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Jr., Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Esther Tillinghast, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Vivillo, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard, Keith Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for March 5/6

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, L. Heininger, *J. Heininger

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, M. Conway

EM's: M. Monaco, L. Monaco, N. Schmidt, M. Conway, *L. McHugh

Lectors: M. Miller, D. Steinmetz

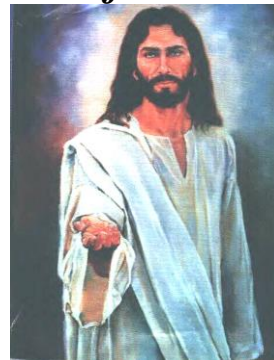
Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: K. Fagan

EM's: T. Mattered, T. Urgo, D. Urgo, J. Fagan, *K. Fagan

Lector: J. Messina

A SPECIAL INVITATION Just for You!



You are cordially invited to come into the silence and spend one hour with Our Lord during our **First Friday Adoration March 4, 2016.**

Jesus said to His Apostles, "Could you not watch one hour with me?"

He is asking us the same question today.

Won't you say "YES" to His invitation?

RSVP to Rosemarie Leone @ 856-662-0035.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

2/29-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Confirmation Rehearsal
 3/1-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Reflections
 3/2-Wednesday-9am Mass, 5pm Confirmation, NO CCD
 3/3-Thursday-9am Mass, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 3/4-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm Stations
 3/5-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 3/6-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 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.
Phone: 662-8046 email: heides@comcast.net

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

Tuesday Night Rosary

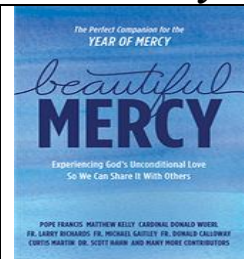
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. 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

No CCD on March 2nd. Will Resume on March 9th.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue this **Thursday March 3rd @ 7pm** in the Sister Bernadette Parish Center and we'll be discussing Matthew Kelly's "Beautiful Mercy".

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Paver News!! We have received 2 orders for the summer update. Many people have expressed an interest in purchasing a paver for many reasons. The cut off for orders will be Thursday, March 31st, 2016. 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.

2016 House of Charity Appeal

2016 House of Charity y-t-d	\$7,215 (14%)
2016 House of Charity Goal	\$53,295

Let a gift to the House of Charity allow the fire of love to grow in you. Your donation helps ensure that vital programs continue, which not only give financial support but also teaches others how to improve their difficult situations and become more independent.

Thank you to the 34 families that have given generously thus far. If you have not pledged as yet, extra pledge cards are available in the lobby of our church outside the Sacristy.

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 March, please contact **Lois @ 856-665-1221.**

Parish Library

Our Cup Runneth Over!

Until further notice, we can't accept any more books!

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 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).

Malvern Men's Retreat March 11-13



Gentlemen,

Please join us for a retreat to St. Joseph's in the hills in Malvern Pa. **March 11-13**. Why should **you** make a retreat?

- ❖ 42 hours of peace and quiet away from the "real world"
- ❖ spend time with friends or make new ones
- ❖ work out some personal issues
- ❖ spend time with other men whose faith is central in their lives
- ❖ connect with God in a personal way

The retreat begins on Friday evening and finishes by 12:30 on Sunday. For information or registration www.malvernretreat.com or contact Joe Fagan 609-471-0753 jfagan1982@comcast.net

YOU WILL BE A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR GROUP!

FaithFULL Food Drive March 6th

As part of the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis has called upon all of us to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The first corporal work of mercy is to Feed the Hungry. 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 third annual faithFULL Food Drive. On Sunday, March 6, 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.**

Please bring your donations to Mass next week.
Thank you for your generosity!

Lenten Parish Mission at St. Thomas More, Cherry Hill Sunday, Monday and Tuesday March 6--8 at 7:00PM.

The Mission Directors are the Oblate Team of Fathers Greenfield and Strong. The theme of the Mission is cultivating Lenten practices through scripture, spirituality and story. Call the Parish Office for more information 856-424-3212.

Diocese of Camden Office of the Vicar for Clergy

February 2016

Dear Parishioners,

I write to thank those of you who participated in the online evaluation of Father Daniel Rocco. We received 111 responses to the evaluation.

The purpose of the survey was to give the members of the Priest Personnel Board information on the strengths and limitations of the pastor. Based on this information, the Personnel Board will make a recommendation to Bishop Sullivan for a renewal of Father Daniel Rocco's term.

It is the current practice in the Diocese of Camden for all priests to receive their assignments in June each year. Please do not expect a report on the evaluation or ask your pastor whether he has been renewed or not.

There will be no action taken until June 2016.

Blessings and Peace to you!

Reverend Terry M. Odien, Vicar for Clergy

LOURDES | CANCER PROGRAM

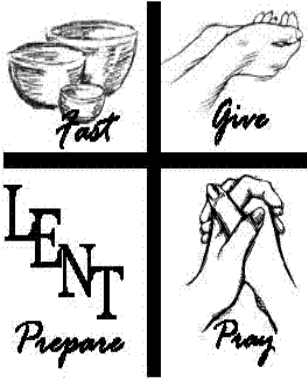


With David Berg, MD, FACS, FASCRS
Specializes in colorectal & general surgery

Wednesday, March 2, 6 to 7 p.m.
Location: LourdesCare at Cherry Hill
1 Brace Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.
Get the facts about colorectal cancer risk factors, prevention tips, and treatment options.

Registration is Required.
Call 1-888-LOURDES (568-7337)



LENT 2016

“Renew Our Hearts”



3/1/2016	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflections on the Works of Mercy
3/4/2016	Friday	Stations of the Cross (Mary theme) 7:00 PM
3/6/2016	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
3/8/2016	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflections on the Works of Mercy
3/11/2016	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
3/13/2016	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
3/15/2016	Tuesday	Penance Service at 7:30 PM following the Rosary at 7:00 PM
3/18/2016	Friday	<p><u>The Franciscan Mystery Players present “Jesus the Healer” at 7:30PM</u> This is an UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE OF HEALING presented by the FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our Parish’s spiritual journey. Because of the intensity of the subject matter of suffering and death, it may not be recommended for children. We strongly encourage all our ADULTS and TEENS to attend this unique and prayerful presentation on <u>Friday, March 18, 2016 at 7:30 PM.</u> DON’T MISS THIS!!!!</p>
3/20/2016	Sunday	Passion Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM, 3pm Filipino Apostolate Mass
3/24/2016	Thursday	Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM, Repose of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Center until 11:00pm
3/25/2016	Friday	Good Friday
		Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM
		Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM
3/26/2016	Saturday	Holy Saturday
		Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM
		Blessing of Food - Noon
		Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
3/27/2016	Sunday	Easter Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM