

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

Emergencies: (856) 261-9336
(Accidents, Dying or Death)



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February 3, 2013 – The Fourth 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 – 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 4:30pm	February 2, 2013 Leo Thivierge r/b Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	February 3, 2013 Victoria Steinmetz r/b The Knight Family
10:30am	Jennie Farmer r/b Richard Beyer Joan R. Snyder r/b The Haas Family John Bui r/b The Bui Family Richard Schreiber r/b The Faculty & Students of St. Stephen School
MONDAY 9:00am	February 4, 2013 Rev. Gerald J. Fitzpatrick r/b Virginia Licata
TUESDAY 9:00am	February 5, 2013 Evelyn Capocetta r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	February 6, 2013 Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	February 7, 2013 Anna Digman r/b Dorothea Dodds
FRIDAY 9:00am	February 8, 2013 Jennie & Marie Zinicola r/b Gerry Kozempel
SATURDAY 4:30pm	February 9, 2013 John Heining, Jr. r/b Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ
SUNDAY 9:00am	February 10, 2013 Michael G. Hagan, Jr. r/b Ed & Nancy Schmidt
10:30am	Sandra Lepo r/b Leni & Louise Zinicola Evelyn Capocetta r/b Kevin Seybold & Taylor Judith Ann Gormley r/b Dc. Anthony & Phyl Cioe Jeanne Burke r/b Pat Pickering & Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of The Unborn Children.

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.

Jan. 26/27, 2013 Attendance/Collection	580/	\$4,934
Jan. 28/29, 2012 Comparison	644/	\$5,715
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,495

Special Collections:

- February 3, 2013: "Winter Fuel" (St. Stephen's Buildings)
- February 13, 2013: "Church in Europe" (Ash Wednesday)
- February 17, 2013: "Operation Rice Bowl" (Diocese)



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, Maura Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, William Sauer, 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 February 9/10

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: Z. Marlin, K. Sullivan, T. Albert
EM's: P. Petronis, A. Pandola, C. Pandola, *alternate T. Veneziani
Lectors: L. Heining, J. Heining

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, I. Rosario, M. Conway
EM's: S. Marano, N. Schmidt, L. Rosario, J. Rosario
Lectors: Ry. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, Katie Coar, J. Bui
EM's: Geo. Tutwiler, G. Tutwiler, J. Messina, M. Meloni
Lectors: C. Otto, L. Fagan

St. Stephen's Mardi Gras Night PTO Beef & Beer

Next Saturday, February 9th from 7-11pm



\$20 per person includes dinner, wine, beer, soda, BYOB, raffles & dancing. For tickets & info call Kim Cianciotti Hiller @ 856-938-7075.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

2/4-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study
 2/5-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 2/6-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD
 2/7-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion Club
 2/8-Friday-9am Mass
 2/9-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 11am First Penance,
 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 2/10-Sunday-RCIA, 9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

Monday Afternoon Bible Study



1:00-2:30pm - Stonegate
 Any questions, please call
 Eileen at (856) 662-8046
 or email me at
heides@comcast.net.
 Please feel free to join us!

Tuesday Night Rosary

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 6th @ 6:15PM

Thursday Night Discussion Club

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 Rectory Basement Meeting Room. Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.

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

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

-Philippians 4:6

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 11	Finance Council
February 18	Pastoral Council
February 25	Liturgy Board

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

All Paver Orders placed through December 31, 2012 are being completed by our engraver. Look for a display sometime next month!!

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.

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

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## Natural Family Planning

(NFP) is a healthy, effective, economical, ecological, and communication enhancing way to plan your family in accord with Catholic teaching.

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE:

**Thursdays: February 21, March 21, and April 18, 2013**

7 – 9:30 PM St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Center, Gibbsboro.

Register online at: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) (click on search/register for class) and enter zip code.

**Deadline for registration: February 17th**

Virtual Online NFP courses and a Home Study Course in NFP are also available at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

For more information contact Cecilia at 856-753-1906 or [sj.nfp@comcast.net](mailto:sj.nfp@comcast.net), [www.live-the-love.org](http://www.live-the-love.org).

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Theology on Tap

"Lent for Dummies: Why We Do What We Do"

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from 7 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Welcoming young adults, single or married in their 20s and 30s! Dubh Linn Square, 482 East Evesham Road, Cherry Hill
Guest Presenter: Fr. Rob Sinatra from the Rowan University Newman House & Diocese of Camden Tribunal.

Cost: No cost to attend.

Participants are welcome to purchase food and beverages.

For more info: (856) 583-6122,

gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org, or join

"Theology on Tap – South Jersey" on Facebook

or follow "Theology on Tap SJ" on Twitter.

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Camden Catholic High School presents the musical

## "Once On This Island"

**March 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7:30 PM.**

**March 10 and 17 at 2:00 PM.**

Visit [www.cchsarts.com](http://www.cchsarts.com) for the student produced commercial, tickets, more show information and our exciting events schedule. **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND** is a one-act musical, with a book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty. Based on the 1985 novel "My Love, My Love", it also includes elements of "Romeo and Juliet" and the fairytale "The Little Mermaid." Enjoy the sites and sounds of this Caribbean-flavored family musical with almost non-stop song and dance.

# February CAP Schedule

*We can be sure that we love God's children when we love God and do what He has commanded. 1 John 5:2*

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment-training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the diocese is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

**CAP 1** teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

**CAP 2** is No More Bullies, No More Victims and is a workshop on bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyberbullying is also addressed. Both sessions are 90 minutes.

Adults must attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1 again if they prefer.

The following sessions will be offered in **February**:

### CAP Phase 1

Tuesday, February 5, 2013, 7:00pm, Christ the King, Haddonfield, Lower Church

Thursday, February 7, 2013, 7:00pm, Christ Our Light, Cherry Hill, School Auditorium

Monday, February 11, 2013, 7:00pm, Bishop McHugh Regional School, Cape May Ct. House, Library

Monday, February 11, 2013, 7:00pm, Guardian Angels School, Paulsboro Site, Gym

Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 7:00pm, St. Michael the Archangel School, Clayton, Gym

Monday, February 25, 2013, 7:00pm, Paul VI High School, Haddon Township, Learning Media Center

### CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention

#### NO CAP Phase 2

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (856) 583-6165 or email [ddiggons@camdendiocese.org](mailto:ddiggons@camdendiocese.org) to register.

**Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend. The CAP schedule, location phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website @ [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org)**

**In case of inclement weather please call the location of the CAP session you are attending.**

## *Parish Pastoral Council Minutes ~ January 21, 2013*

**Council Members Present:** Fr. Daniel Rocco, Deacon Anthony Cioe, Joe Haas, Chris Hearn, Joe Scavuzzo, Janis Melfi, Melanie Santanello, Dennis Rooney, Liz McHugh, Rich Cesta and Earl Nolte

- Opened with a Scripture reading by Fr. Rocco
- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
- Minutes from November 19, 2012 approved by Fr. Rocco.

- **Old Business:**

Public Relations - Ideas on how to best manage the timeliness of information disseminated in the Parish Bulletin were discussed. Earl Nolte will contact Jim Rotondo to obtain contact information of the various contributors to the bulletin, as well as time lines and deadlines for printing. Earl will reach out to these individuals to develop an oversight plan.

- **New Business:**

Spring Social – In lieu of a Spring Social, the possibility of celebrating the opening of the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center on April 21 was considered. Further details will be discussed at the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting

Parish Center - Repainting of the first floor walls is underway and will likely be completed by the following week (week of January 27<sup>th</sup>).

Father Rocco noted that the first monthly bill came in for the Parish Center since the convent was closed and the heating changed to natural gas. The bill was approximately \$153.00 for gas and electric, which is in contrast to previous bills as high as \$1,000.00.

Father Rocco discussed the possibility of ear marking future returns from the House of Charities to offset the cost of maintaining the Parish Center.

In tandem with the Spiritual Life Committee's published questionnaire on the uses for the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center, ideas were discussed for an event in May, which will be further developed at the next Council Meeting.

School News - Fr. Rocco updated Council on school news. The school is on budget at this time. Expenses are being very tightly managed.

Fundraising efforts have achieved approximately 50% of the established goal. With the planned upcoming fundraising events it is hoped and expected that the entire goal will be reached.

In light of some unfounded rumors circulating the Parish, Father Rocco reiterated that there are no plans to close Saint Stephen's School.

With the understanding that the school's heating system has long since passed its expected viability, Father Rocco has begun exploring the possibility of converting the system to natural gas when the time comes for replacement.

Parishioner Recognition – Requests for nominations will be placed in the bulletin.

- Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 pm.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Rocco
- Next PPC meeting: **Monday 7:00pm, February 18, 2013 Sr. Bernadette Parish Center.**

Respectfully submitted, Earl C. Nolte