

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

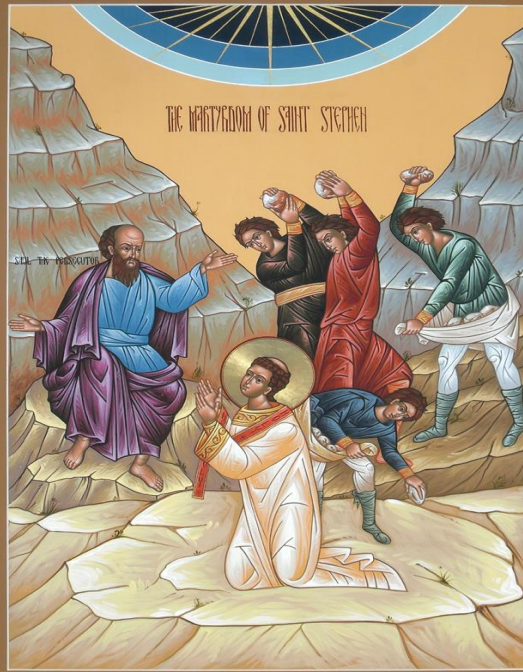
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339
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(856) 261-9336
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Deacon Anthony R. Cioe
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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 5, 2017 – The Fifth 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 9:00am	February 5, 2017 Gloria Vendetti r/b Her Husband, Anthony Vendetti
10:30am	Edward & Ruth DiDomenico r/b Gabriella, Phil & Philip Brown Emma Pica r/b The Messina Family
MONDAY 9:00am	February 6, 2017 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	February 7, 2017 Rev. Joseph M. Hayden r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	February 8, 2017 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	February 9, 2017 James Finnegan r/b Nick Picciano
FRIDAY 9:00am	February 10, 2017 Helen Irwin r/b John & Colleen Messina
SATURDAY 4:30pm	February 11, 2017 Joseph & Elena Melfi r/b Daughters Janis & Lynne
SUNDAY 9:00am	February 12, 2017 Raymond McCue r/b Mike Ciarrocca, Sr. & Jr.
10:30am	Richard Cliver r/b Andy & Mary Jane Salmonsens William Halloran r/b The Messina Family



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of
Miss Jennie Fister

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.

January 28/29, 2017 Offertory Collection: \$4,209
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,677

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 Ciccarrone, 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 11/12

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

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

Lectors: J. Gerst, J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: J. Vales

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

Lectors: D. Heck, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, R. Gardner, C. Nicdao

EM's: M. Miller, G. Tutwiler, T. Scavuzzo, J. Messina, *T. Mattera

Lectors: P. Cioe, M. Turan

Complete At Last, Complete at Last!

This past Monday we received the Certificate of Occupancy for our Beloved Shed that was constructed in order that we might empty out the School's garage before it is sold. This would not have been possible without the assistance of the Knights of Columbus, under the leadership of Grand Knight Alan Mancao, as well as the many hours of hard work from our parishioners:

Earl Nolte, Mike Ciarrocca, Joe Scavuzzo, Chris Hearn, Mark McHugh, Bill Mattia, Lonnie Monaco, Dan Steinmetz, Juan Lopez, Bob Menta, Bill Rosen, Dennis Rooney, and a special thanks for the expertise and help of Jim Nolte, Sean Nolte, and Daniel Nolte.

While we considered naming the shed after Scout, the Board of Directors chose that henceforth, said shed will be known as "Earl's Shed", established 2016.

Many thanks to all who sacrificed their weekends and participated in this parish project.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

2/6-Monday-9am Communion Service, 11am Ladies Bible Study, 6:30pm Wedding Prep
 2/7-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 2/8-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 2/9-Thurs.-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 2/10-Friday-9am Mass
 2/11-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass, Vows/Refreshments
 2/12-Sunday - 9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, 11:45am Baptism Prep

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*

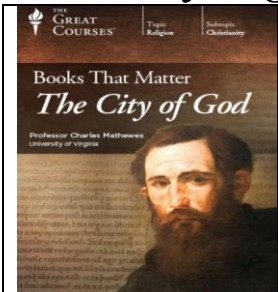
Tuesday Night Rosary

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 8th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue
February 9th @ 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/>

Diocesan Black History Month Mass

Join Bishop Sullivan, homilist Rev. Maurice J. Nutt, and the Diocesan Gospel Choir on Sun., **Feb. 19, 2017**, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, NJ 08081. A light reception will follow.



Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry.

A special toll-free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.

THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588

Denuncie el Abuso Sexual

Un número telefónico gratuito e independiente ha sido establecido por la Diócesis de Camden para ayudar a las personas a denunciar casos de abusos sexuales por sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos, empleados y/o voluntarios. Las llamadas son manejadas por un trabajador social clínico licenciado. De acuerdo a la ley del estado, los abusos de menores son reportados a la División de Protección de la Infancia y la Permanencia y a la policía.

Para más información o para obtener servicios de consejería y apoyo, llame al: 1-800-964-6588

TỔ CÁO LẠM DỤNG TÌNH DỤC

Địa Phận Camden có đặt để biệt lập một điện thoại miễn phí để cho những ai bị các linh mục, thầy phó tế, sơ, nhân viên hay tình nguyện trong giáo xứ lạm dụng tình dục trẻ em. Sẽ có nhân viên có bằng cấp làm việc xã hội và đáng tin cậy để nhận phôn và lắng nghe. Luật tiểu bang buộc phải báo cáo những trường hợp dưới vị thành niên bị lạm dụng tình dục tới cơ quan bảo vệ trẻ em. Muốn biết thêm chi tiết về hướng dẫn hay giúp đỡ xin gọi số điện thoại: 1 (800) 964-6588

성폭행 신고 접수

사제, 부제, 수도자, 종업원, 혹은 자원 봉사자들에 의한 성폭행 사례 신고자들을 지원하기 위하여 무료 상담 전화가 캄든 교구에 설치되었습니다. 통화내용은 전문 상담 치료사에 의해서 신중히 처리됩니다. 뉴저지 법률에 의거, 어린이 성폭행 사례들은 뉴저지 아동 보호 및 관리부, 그리고 법률 집행부서로 보고 됩니다.

상담과 지원 서비스에 대한 기타 자세한 정보나 문의 전화는,

1-800-964-6588

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 Joannedb@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.

Merion Mercy Academy News

We welcome all seventh grade students, both girls and boys, to take the practice High School Placement Test at Merion Mercy on **Saturday, February 25, 2017** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Parents are offered a school tour at 9:15 a.m. on the test day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch for students. For more information and to register, please visit our website at www.merion-mercy.com and click on the link for the practice test, listed on the homepage.

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. Visit www.camden Catholic.org/admissions.

Irish Experience Guest Days

Only a few dates remain this year for 8th grade students to shadow a current student at Camden Catholic High School. Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy. Select your day at www.camden Catholic.org/admissionsevents or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: janet.indelicato@camden Catholic.org or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.



"I promise to remember that neither one of us is perfect. But strive to remind myself of the ways we are perfect for each other."

St. Stephen's Wedding Vow Renewal Mass
Saturday, February 11, 2017, 4:30pm
Followed by Refreshments in the Parish Center

All Are Welcome to Join Us for the Mass and Refreshments as we honor our Married Couples!

Join Heart-to-Heart for:
DANCE for LOVE!
Couples AND Singles
come out to spread LOVE
this Valentine season!

Heart Sponsors:



Tickets may be purchased online:
www.heart2heartinc.org (events page)

For more information contact Bobbi Daniels
 at 856-406-6153 or bd.heart2heart@gmail.com

Friday, February 10, 2017
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Tickets: \$50

Pennsauken Country Club
3800 Haddonfield Road, Pennsauken, NJ

Dance to DJ Double W's music,
tune up your line dancing skills
with instructors Bob & Lorraine,
and enjoy "dine and dance" finger food.

Cash Bar

