

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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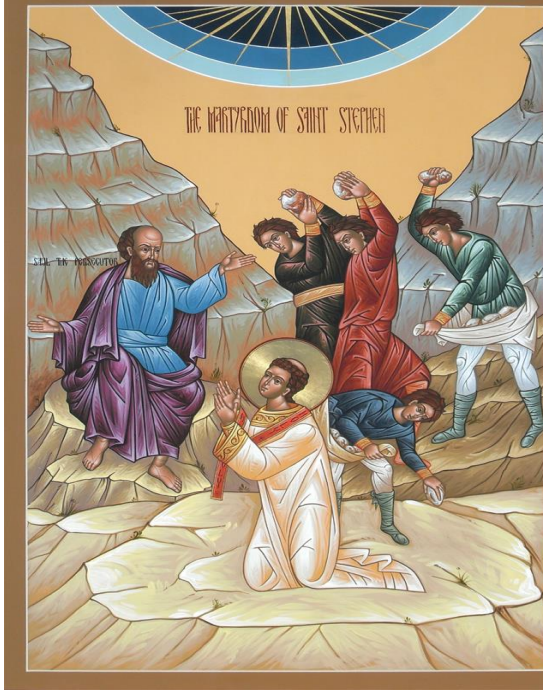
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

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Monday thru 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 7, 2016 – 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 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 7, 2016
9:00am	Gloria Vendetti r/b Her Husband, Anthony
10:30am	Felix Gills r/b Karen Albright Ruth DiDomenico r/b Bob Menta
MONDAY	February 8, 2016
9:00am Mass	Neal Norris r/b Edith Alessi <i>(Originally Feb. 11th – changed with permission)</i>
TUESDAY	February 9, 2016
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
WEDNESDAY	February 10, 2016 (Ash Wednesday)
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
7:00pm Service	Liturgical Service with Distribution of Ashes
THURSDAY	February 11, 2016
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
FRIDAY	February 12, 2016
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
SATURDAY	February 13, 2016
4:30pm	Michael Gibson r/b The Pandola Family
SUNDAY	February 14, 2016
9:00am	Florence McHugh r/b The Hagan Family
10:30am	John Kerwick r/b His Wife, Son and Family William Sauer r/b His Family Ruth DiDomenico r/b The Sooy Family



The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of John Sarich, Sr.*

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 30/31, 2016 Collection:	\$5,406
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,596

Special Collections:

- February 7th: "Catholic Schools Week" (Diocese)
 - February 10th: "Church in Eastern Europe" (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, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, 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, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Denise McHugh, Dorothy McPeak, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Donna Jean Vinciquerro, Mary Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard, Keith Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for February 13/14

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: Sr. Eleanor, B. Taylor, J. Heininger, L. Heininger, *V. Thibault

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, M. Conway

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

Lectors: D. Heck, Jared Rivera

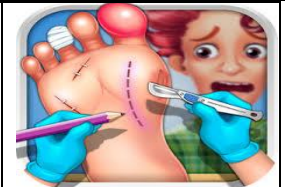
Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: C. Aleszczyk

EM's: P. Cioe, T. Scavuzzo, M. Meloni, T. Mattera, *T. Angstman

Lector: J. Messina

Father Rocco's Foot Surgery



Fr. Rocco will be having surgery on his foot on **Tuesday, February 9th**. The surgery is an Out-Patient procedure and Father should be back to celebrate Masses by the weekend. He will be "hobbling" for about 4 weeks and then he will be able to wear sneakers. For this reason, we will be celebrating Communion Services on Tuesday, Feb. 9, Thursday Feb. 11, and Friday Feb. 12, all at 9am. There will be Masses on Monday Feb. 8th & Ash Wednesday Feb. 10th at 9am.

With that said, this year's "Fat Tuesday" will now be known as "Foot Tuesday". Pardon our puns, but legend has it that our pastor Fr. Rocco toed his doctor that the Lord will surely heel his sole just in time for this Lenten & Easter Season. ☺

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 2/8-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study
- 2/9-Tuesday-9am Communion Service, 7pm Rosary
- 2/10-Ash Wednesday-9am Mass w/ Ashes, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Liturgical Service with Distribution of Ashes
- 2/11-Thurs.-9am Communion Service, 6pm Children's Choir, 7pm Discussion Club
- 2/12-Friday-9am Communion Service
- 2/13-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 2/14-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

Continue February 10th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will continue this **Thursday February 11th @ 7pm** in the Sister Bernadette Parish Center and we'll be discussing the topic: **"Regarding same sex marriage, aren't these people just following what is 'natural law' for them?"**

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
**Friday, March 4, 2016,
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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.
For Prayer Requests for the month of February, please contact **Maryann @ 856-477-2789.**

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).



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 rejoice their parents. We hope that you will allow your children to participate in this religious education experience.

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.

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.**

For more information, contact your faith community's food drive point person, and visit www.camdendiocese.org/faithfull .

People for the Poor Chances to be Sold Here February 13/14

First and foremost, thank you to Fr. Rocco for allowing us to come to your beautiful Church to speak at all the Masses (one minute) and to sell chances the weekend of February 13-14.

People for the Poor is a 501(c) Organization that does nothing but fund raisers and EVERY PENNY goes directly to soup kitchens and homeless shelters throughout South Jersey. One of the soup kitchens we support is the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden - along with 9 other organizations.

We will be selling chances for a **2-night stay at the Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City along with a \$500 TD Visa Gift card**. The chances sell for \$5 - every penny of that \$5 will feed a person 3 meals a Day! The winner will be announced at our Annual Beef & Beer/Chinese Auction to be held on Saturday, March 12 at Our Lady of Hope Parish Center in Blackwood.

Again, THANK YOU for helping us help the "invisible society" - the homeless and hungry!

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"Hope and Healing Service"

For all those suffering from illness or loss of a loved one.

Family, friends, and caregivers are also encouraged to attend. **Thursday, February 11, 2016**, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Parish: St. Agnes Church, 701 Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood, NJ, 08012. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Fr. McGivney Guild in conjunction with Diocesan Community Relations, and Our Lady of Hope Parish. Light refreshments to follow. For more information, please contact Diane Scafidi at 856-287-5275 or smhh@verizon.net or Phil Pfaffman at 609-335-7829.

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Camden Catholic High School News

Class of 2020 Freshman Registration

Save the date! Saturday, February 20 at 8 a.m. Pisa Dining Hall at Camden Catholic.

Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students are being scheduled throughout 2016 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. Contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

The Arts at CCHS Presents PIPPIN

March 11, 12, 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. and March 13 at 2 p.m. \$12/person. Purchase tickets online at www.cchsperformingarts.com or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.

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Our Lenten SPIRITual Policy

Here within the modest confines of our pamphlet-of-a-bulletin, (some churches have 10 pages...in color!) we try to accommodate publicizing the events requested by our neighboring parishes and schools.

During the Lenten Season, however, we cannot in good conscience endorse any social events that contain keywords such as Beer, Wine, BYOB, and Whiskey Tasting. Our pastor has always felt that those 21-and-over social events can easily be scheduled during the other 36 non-Lenten weeks of the school year. **We have withheld 3 such events requested for this bulletin.** Inasmuch as we love oxymorons such as good grief, pretty ugly, U.S. Intelligence and jumbo shrimp, the Lenten BYOB is not on our favorites list. Do I hear an "Amen"?

LENT 2016

“Renew Our Hearts”

2/6-7, 2016	Saturday/ Sunday	Distribute "Renew Our Hearts" Booklet
2/10/2016	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday – 9:00AM Mass and Ashes, 7:00 PM Liturgy and Ashes
2/12/2016	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00PM
2/14/2016	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent
2/16/2016	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflections on The Works of Mercy
2/19/2016	Friday	Stations of the Cross (Peace & Justice theme) 7:00 PM
2/21/2016	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
2/23/2016	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflections on the Works of Mercy
2/26/2016	Friday	Stations of the Cross (Children’s Choir) 7:00 PM
2/28/2016	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
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	Franciscan Mystery Players present “Jesus the Healer” at 7:30PM
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
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