

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

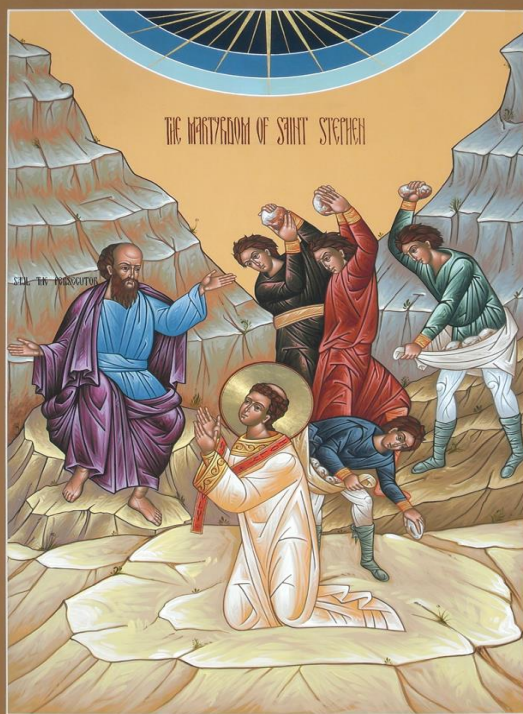
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
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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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Parish Website:
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 8, 2015 – The Fifth 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

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 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.

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 2016 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	February 9, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	February 10, 2015 Margaret DiMedio r/b Gertrude Cavallo
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	February 11, 2015 Leonard Moyta r/b Lonnie & Mary Sharon Monaco
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	February 12, 2015 Deborah Morrissey r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY 9:00am	February 13, 2015 Joseph & Elena Melfi r/b Daughters Janis & Lynne
SATURDAY 4:30pm	February 14, 2015 Marguerite C. Boyle r/b Terry, Joe and the Scavuzzo Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	February 15, 2015 Robert Walker, Jr. r/b Joe Rosario and Family
10:30am	Kathleen Stehm r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz

The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of The Buondonno Family*

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 31/ February 1, 2015 Collection:	\$5,447
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,986

Next Special Collection:
February 18, 2015 "Eastern Europe"
(Diocese - Ash Wednesday)
(posted as a courtesy for our 20+ E-givers)

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Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide **Electronic Giving, or e-Giving**, 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.**



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, Joy Bowman, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Nicole Franklin-Sonnie, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Dolores VonAlex, Barbara Weingard.**

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Ministry Schedule for February 14/15

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: B. Taylor, V. Thibault, J. Heining, L. Heining, *Sr. *Eleanora*

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, B. McHugh

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, L. McHugh, M. Miller, T. Modzier, *S. *Marano*

Lector: J. Messina

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, O. Albert

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

Lector: P. Cioe

Men of Malvern Retreat *March 13-15*

Gentlemen,

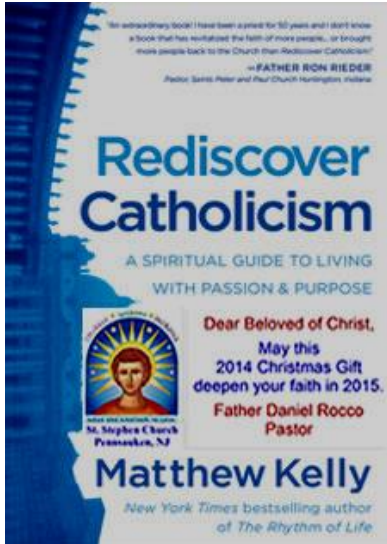
If you have ever heard of the men of Malvern, if you have ever been curious about what a Malvern Retreat is all about, if you ever thought about going to Malvern, THIS IS THE YEAR. Fr. Dennis O'Donnell will be directing our retreat this year. Fr. O'Donnell gave a Lenten retreat at St Stephen Parish a few years ago. It is safe to say he was well received. If you liked him here, you will love him at St. Joseph's in The Hills. You are invited to join us Friday evening March 13 through Sunday morning for a 42 hour retreat.

Spend time with friends, relax, refocus, be alone with God. For more information please visit www.malvernretreat.com Register with The Holy Family Group. March 13-15. **If you have any questions, contact Joe Fagan 609-471-0753 or ifagan1982@comcast.net.**

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

2/9-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study, 7pm FOCCUS
2/10-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
2/11-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
2/12-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
2/13-Friday-9am Mass
2/14-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
2/15-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Thursday Night Discussion Club
Continues February 12, 2015 @ 7pm.



Please join us as we continue to discuss "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly, the book we were generously gifted with this Christmas. Let's start the new year learning more about God's love and the gift of our Catholic faith. A good resolution for 2015 can be "to become a better version of myself" and help others as they journey to become all God calls us to be. The discussion club needs your voice, see you Thursday, February 12th in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center. **Extra copies** of "Rediscover Catholicism" are available in the Rectory. They are free to all Parishioners and \$5 if you'd like to purchase one **for a friend**.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, March 6th 9:45am-7:00pm.**



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/15 through 12/31/15) you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary, 25, 50 or 60 years of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **April 19th at 3:30pm** Mass in Northfield, at **St. Bernadette Church, St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish**. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Registration forms are available at all parish offices. **Registration deadline is March 27, 2015.** For more information please contact our office: **Mary Lou Hughes at 856-583-6132.**

Art & Environment

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.**



Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, lively discussions, and fun!

When: Mondays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Where: Stonegate Main Conference Room

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

"The woman who walks with God always reaches her destination"

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

Prayer requests for the month of **February**, please contact **Bernadette @ 854-2928.**

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

Your devotion to the Blessed Mother was expressed by the response to the Knights' "Prayer Pavers to Our Lady". ***Continue your devotion. Come pray with us!***

"To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Jesus."

Blessed John Paul II, Apostolic Letter on the Rosary



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.

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**

If you would like to donate spiritual and religious books to the collection, please drop them off at the Parish center in the Library. 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).

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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.

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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) 662-9339 or Loretta Steinmetz, RCIA Team Leader at (856) 227-4980 for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

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FaithFULL Food Drive March 1st

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us that whenever we feed the least of our brothers and sisters, we feed Jesus himself. 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 second annual faithFULL Food Drive. **On Sunday, March 1, 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.** The Diocesan goal is 100,000 pounds of food, more info at www.camdendiocese.org/faithfull.

Prayer Service & Discussion "Walking With The Saints"

*The Cause for the Canonization of
Father Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)*



Guest Speaker:

Brother A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem.

**Special Assistant to the Bishop for the Cause
Seminarian and Priesthood Candidate**

In January of 2010, His Eminence Cardinal Francis George, OMI announced the Archdiocese's pursuit of the cause for canonization of Father Augustus Tolton, 1854-1897. The requisite historical and theological commissions are done compiling the Acta (dossier) of his life and arguing his virtues as well as taking testimonials in ecclesiastical court regarding spiritual favors and possible miracles to aid the Cause. In his capacity as Diocesan Postulator for the Cause, Most Reverend, Bishop Joseph N. Perry appointed Brother A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem. as his Special Assistant to help with popularizing the Cause through public speaking events, fundraisers and educational programs. Join us to get a first-hand update of the progress the Cause has made and the movement that is taking place in the Church.

Friday, February 20, 2015
7:00 p.m.

St. Stephen Catholic Church
6306 Browning Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08109
Light refreshments immediately following in the Pastoral Center



For more information, contact:
James E. Andrews, Director
Back Catholic Ministries
856-583-6184

All community organizations
parishes and persons are welcome

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Desiring a closer walk with God?

Join us as we ask for the infusion of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

On Sunday March 15, 2015 2pm. St. Rose of Lima Church 300 Kings Highway Haddon Heights, NJ 08034 Fr. Joseph Byerley will give two brief talks prior to our silent meditation time to help us open ourselves more to the graces God wants to give to us. The Holy Spirit's Gift of Understanding will be one of the Meditation Topics. Text "CWG" to 1-609-922-2128 if you would like a text reminder.

Parish-Wide Flyer Distribution Thank You

On the cold but clear and calm morning of 1/17/15, the following parishioners met at the parish center to distribute St. Stephen Parish fliers to all homes in the parish:

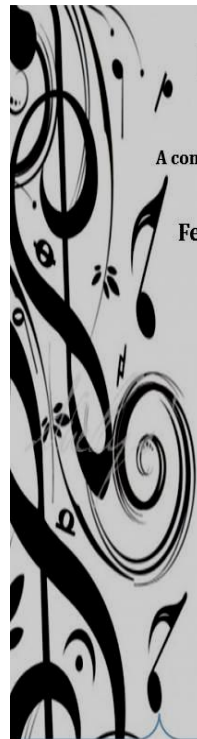
Joe Fagan, Melanie Lopez, Bill Mattia, Mary McCarthy, Will McHugh, Dennis Rooney, Dan Steinmetz, and Linda Yeager.

They had 2,800 flyers to deliver. The parish map was divided into 13 sections, and they completed 10 sections, putting out approximately 2,200 flyers, 79% of the goal.

It took one and a half to two and a half hours to do a section. Two volunteers did two sections. We are hoping to get three more volunteers to do the 3 remaining sections.

Our sincerest thanks to the aforesaid good people who cheerfully came out on a cold January morning for this project. A special thank you to **Dan Steinmetz** who spear-headed this mammoth effort for our Parish of St. Stephen. Hopefully, it will bear some good fruit, seen or unseen.

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**Bridging Hands: a Benefit Concert for Caregivers**  
A concert to benefit CarePackage for CareGivers and the family caregivers at Twin Oaks Community Services

Featuring Damaris Thillet and Diego Correa, Vocalist Lee Mo and other notable musicians

February 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 , 5pm  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
642 Market St.  
Camden NJ, 08102

Tickets are 10 dollars for individuals or 30 dollars for a family of 4.

Contact Latona Randall at [609-458-5096](tel:609-458-5096) or Frances Nuñez (para español) 609-560-1886 for more information or visit <https://carepackage-for-caregivers.ticketleap.com> for online ticket purchases.

*"When you're weary, feeling small. When tears are in your eyes I will dry them all...Like a bridge over troubled water, I will lay me down"*

Bridge Over Troubled Water- Simon and Garfunkel

CarePackage for Caregivers is dedicated to creating care packages that provide resources and gifts to help cater to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of family caregivers. Honoring the silent heroes who sacrifice their lives for the people in their care.

## Why Do We...

### Begin the Mass with a procession?

The entrance of the priest at the beginning of Mass is done by procession from outside of the church to the altar. This procession may be as simple as the priest alone or quite elaborate depending on the celebration. At Sunday Mass he is typically preceded by various parishioners who will assist in the celebration. The procession is led by the Cross Bearer, the Candle Bearers, and the Book Bearer with the Book of the Gospels; each with a different significance.

The Crucifix, carried high and reverently, serves to remind us of the very essence of the Mass namely Christ's sacrifice for us.

Candles are a sign of both reverence and festivity. The flame gives light, reminding us that Jesus is our light and that we are called by him to be a light for others. The rising smoke symbolizes our prayers rising up to God.

The Book of the Gospels is held prominently above the head and carried by a deacon or lector. It is carried directly to the altar where it is venerated and remains until the time for the reading of the Gospel.

Each of these symbols serves to prepare us to welcome Jesus into our midst. The priest configures to Jesus and acts in the person of Christ, through his Holy Orders. He is a Sacramental sign of the presence of Jesus. Thus it is a procession proclaiming the presence of Jesus Christ walking down our aisle and He is welcomed with a song of praise.

### Become engaged

When the procession begins, we rise expectantly. Music starts and the choir or cantor begins to sing. The music and singing are a very important part of the ceremony, not merely "traveling music" for the procession. As Saint Augustine said "Singing is praying twice". It is a wonderful way of giving welcome and praise to our Lord. So open your hearts and join in fully in song as you watch the procession, seeing not the priest, but rather, Jesus Himself coming to minister to you.

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Catholic Daughter News

Victorian Tea Party to be hosted by Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Giese #439 on **Sunday, February 22, 2015** from 1:00PM – 3:00PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 605 Monmouth St., Gloucester City NJ 08030. Catholic Women 18 years and older are cordially invited to be our guest, RSVP required. Enjoy Hot Tea, Scones, Tea Sandwiches and Desserts while we share our story. RSVP by Thursday, February 12, 2015 to Dawn at 609-828-8232, dawntoal@comcast.net or to Alice at 856-456-4576.