

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

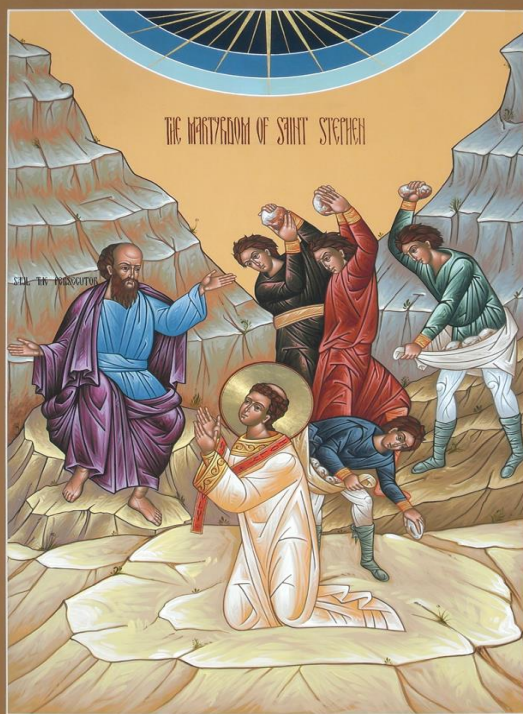
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe**  
Permanent Deacon

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

**Parish Trustees**  
Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

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



## *Contact Info*

**Rectory Phone**  
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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.*

***March 1, 2015 – The Second Sunday of Lent***

### **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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".**

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 2, 2015</b> A Special Intention r/b Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 3, 2015</b> John J. Fitzpatrick, Sr. (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) r/b People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 4, 2015</b> Ben Dabrowski r/b Dorothy Coyle & Diane
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>March 5, 2015</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 6, 2015 (First Friday Adoration)</b> Vincent L. Buondonno r/b His Sister
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>March 7, 2015</b> Mary Ann Palmieri r/b Lisa & Robert Giannone
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>March 8, 2015</b> Marguerite Boyle r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Charles L. Franchine r/b St. Stephen's Choir Beth Sutcliffe r/b Her Husband, Jim

## 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.

February 21/22, 2015 Collection (snow/ice): **\$3,614**  
 2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target: **\$5,000**  
 Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average: **\$4,928**

Special Collections:

**March 1, 2015: "Black & Indian Missions" (Diocese)**

**March 15, 2015: "Catholic Relief Services" (Diocese)**

(posted as a courtesy for our 20+ E-givers)

## 2015 House of Charity Appeal

**2015 House of Charity y-t-d \$ 8,070 (15%)**

**2015 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 **45 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.



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, 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, Denise McHugh, Dorothy McPeak, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, 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.**

### Ministry Schedule for March 7/8

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

\* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: B. Taylor, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, L. Heininger, \*J. Heininger

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: The Hughes Boys

EM's: R. Leone, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, N. Schmidt, \*S. Marano

Lector: D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, T. Albert

EM's: L. Solano, P. Cioe, Geo. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, \*J. Messina

Lectors: M. Turan, E. Mattera

## *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](http://www.malvernretreat.com) Register with The Holy Family Group. March 13-15. If you have any questions, contact Joe Fagan 609-471-0753 or [jfagan1982@comcast.net](mailto:jfagan1982@comcast.net).

### *Automatic E-Giving*

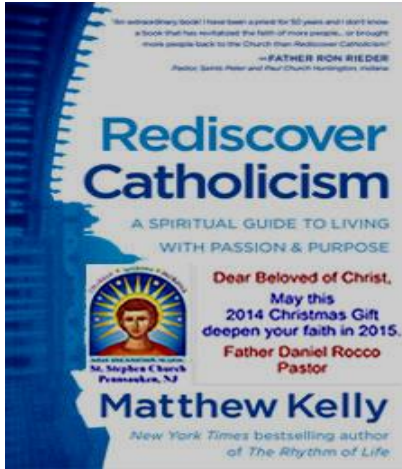
St. Stephen Parish continues to provide **Electronic Giving, or e-Giving**, as a simple, secure & convenient method for making contributions. **E-Giving** is being used by churches throughout the country and works similar to online bill paying. You may logon to [www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.



### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

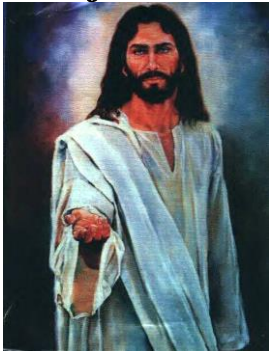
3/2-Mon-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study  
 3/3-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Lenten Reflection  
 3/4-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes  
 3/5-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club  
 3/6-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 6:45pm, 7pm Stations  
 3/7-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 3/8-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

### Thursday Night Discussion Club Continues March 5, 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, March 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 6, 2015.**

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.

### 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 March, please contact Michael @ 662-2543.

### 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.

### 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](http://Ciarrocca@juno.com).

# Why Do We...

## Celebrate the Gospel?

Gospel - The word means "The Good News." Just before the Ascension, Christ commissioned the Apostles to preach the Gospel to all whose hearts were open to hear it. The Gospel was to be a source of saving truth and moral discipline. He commanded them to proclaim and give witness to the love, mercy, justice, and healing of His Kingdom. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus showed the two disciples how the teachings of the prophets were fulfilled in Him and proclaimed by His own lips. Graced by the Holy Spirit, the Apostles have first orally, and later by writings, passed Jesus's own words to us in Sacred Scriptures called the Gospel. Sacred Scripture is the Word of God recorded by human authors through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures are contained in the Book of Gospels which sits on the altar and is venerated prior to the Gospel proclamation. It is preceded by the joyous Gospel Acclamation, sung in anticipation of the awesome event to come- hearing Jesus speak to us directly. The Gospel reading is chosen to demonstrate how Jesus fulfilled the promises of the prophets in the first reading. In the Homily, the priest or deacon helps us to see that connection, understand its message, and demonstrate the applications in our lives to help us to become our best selves.

### Become Engaged

Acknowledge the gift of Jesus speaking to us in the Gospel, by welcoming Him personally through participation in the Alleluia.

As you make the sign of the cross on your forehead, lips and heart, ask God to bless your mind that you may ponder His words; your lips, that you may speak His praise; and your heart, that you may feel his Love through the Word.

Listen attentively and actively to the Gospel and the Homily. Use the period of silence to reflect on how you can implement the message in your life.

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## 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).

# March CAP Schedule

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 of Camden 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 called No More Bullies, No More Victims and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

**CAP 3** is called Cyber-Empowerment and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere.

Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1, 2 or 3 when they renew their CAP. The following sessions will be offered in March:

### CAP Phase 1

Monday, March 2, 2015, 6:00pm, Holy Family, Sewell

Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 7:00pm, Gloucester Catholic High, Gloucester, Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 7:00pm, St. Charles Borromeo, Sicklerville

Thursday, March 12, 2015, 7:00pm, St. Mary Regional School, East Vineland, Media Center

Monday, March 16, 2015, 7:00pm, Bishop McHugh Regional School, Cape May Court House, Library

Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 7:00pm, Christ the King Reg. School, Haddonfield, Church, Lower Level

### CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention NO CAP 2

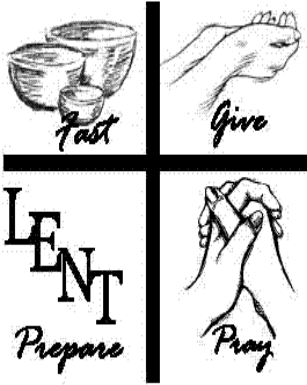
### CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment

Monday, March 16, 2015, 7:00pm, Holy Eucharist, Cherry Hill

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 [Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Diane.Diggons@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 DIRECTLY.**



# LENT 2015

## “Conversion To Christ”



3/1/2015	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
3/3/2015	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/6/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
3/8/2015	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
3/10/2015	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/13/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM – “Peace and Justice”
3/15/2015	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
3/17/2015	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/20/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM – “Mary Stations”
3/22/2015	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
3/24/2015	Tuesday	Penance Service at 7:30 PM following the Rosary at 7:00 PM
3/27/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
3/29/2015	Sunday	Passion Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
4/2/2015	Thursday	Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
4/3/2015	Friday	Good Friday
		Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM
		Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM
4/4/2015	Saturday	Holy Saturday
		Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM
		Blessing of Food - Noon
		Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
4/5/2015	Sunday	Easter Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM