

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
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Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal

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



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March 10, 2013 – The Fourth 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

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	March 9, 2013 Grace Pandola r/b Carmella Meyers
SUNDAY 9:00am	March 10, 2013 Diane Harrison r/b John & Maria Fitzpatrick
10:30am	Angelina Zinicola r/b Her Nieces Leni & Louise Beth Sutcliffe r/b Her Husband, Jim Anthony Altadonna (2 nd Anniversary) r/b His Wife, Adele Deceased Members of the Pompeano Family r/b Family
MONDAY 9:00am	March 11, 2013 Teresa & Victor Tomaselli r/b Daughter
TUESDAY 9:00am	March 12, 2013 Rev. John Paul Selleck r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	March 13, 2013 Eugene Morris r/b John & Anne Marie Meyer
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	March 14, 2013 Peter Savard r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
FRIDAY 9:00am 7:00pm	March 15, 2013 Louis Buondonno r/b Daughter Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY 4:30pm	March 16, 2013 Jack Knellwolf, Jr. r/b Shannon & Michael Myles
SUNDAY 9:00am	March 17, 2013 Kenneth Knight r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Angelina Pennestri (4 th Anniversary) r/b Jim Pennestri Fransico Xavier Dang Viet Dang r/b Loc Dang Fred Rocco (7 th Anniversary) r/b Wife & Family William Sauer r/b The Faculty & Students of St. Stephen School

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Grace Pandola.

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.

March 2/3, 2013 Attendance/Collection	490/	\$5,732
March 4/5, 2012 Comparison	564/	\$6,675
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,533

Special Diocesan Collections:

March 10, 2013: "Catholic Relief"

March 17, 2013: "Black & Native American Missions"



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, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Deacon Ernest Picknally, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Paul Tryson, Cyrol Valentino, Gloria Vendetti, John Vindick, Mary Vivillo, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for March 16/17

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Ciarrocca, N. Ciarrocca, H. Atchison

EM's: Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, A. Cirullo, *alternate T. Scavuzzo

Lectors: L. Heininger, J. Heininger

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, O. Graff, B. McHugh

EM's: S. Marano, S. Mufalli, J. Rosario, L. Rosario

Lectors: Ry. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: E. Mattered, K. Fagan, J. Mack

EM's: T. Mattered, M. Meloni, J. Messina, L. Solano

Lector: C. Otto, L. Fagan

Questionnaire Update

The **Spiritual Life Committee** wishes to thank everyone for taking the time to review and give consideration to the survey regarding potential uses for the **Sister Bernadette Parish Center**. We received many thoughtful suggestions. Additional suggestions are always welcome as our parish is ever evolving to better meet the needs of its members. The committee is working to find ways to implement some of these ideas now, and is developing a long-term plan which will incorporate others as resources allow. Since one of our best resources is our parishioners, we are inviting all members of the parish to become involved in making our new parish center a warm and welcoming hub for both spiritual and social activities. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are needed.

We will continue to update everyone as we move forward in the development our new parish center.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

3/11-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Finance Council
 3/12-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Gospel Reflection
 3/13-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD
 3/14-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6 & 7pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion
 3/15-Friday-9am Mass, 5:45pm Lenten Soup Night,
 7pm Peace & Justice Stations of the Cross
 3/16-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 3/17-Sunday-RCIA, 9am School Mass & 10:30am Mass



God values you, and has a plan for your life!

As women, we all have unique circumstances, difficulties, hopes and dreams. But no matter where you are in your journey, God's Word can always offer inspiration, comfort, and support.

St. Stephen Ladies Monday Bible Study

Meeting times: Mondays 1:00-2:30pm

Location: Stonegate Conference Room

Questions? Contact Eileen at (856) 662-8046 or email heides@comcast.net.

Tuesday Night 7pm Rosary

Followed by 7:30pm Gospel Reflection

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 March 13th @ 6:15PM

Thursday Night Discussion Club

New Series: "What is Faith?"

7pm in the Parish Center



First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

Friday, April 5th, 9:30am-7:00pm.



"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 Parish Center Meeting Room. Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.

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)

March 11	Finance Council
March 18	Pastoral Council
March 25	Liturgy Board

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Congratulations and thank you to St. Stephen's School Staff, St. Stephen's 8th Grade, St. Stephen's Parish Council, St. Stephen's Arts and Environment Committee, Bonita and Joseph Genovese and Anthony and Rosemarie Leone on purchasing their pavers!!! We are about 25 pavers from groundbreaking and would love to have the base prepared for the May Crowning! 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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place.

Contact Maryann @ 235-1423 for March requests

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

-Philippians 4:6

St. Stephen's PTO Upcoming & Ongoing events

45th St. Pub- "All you can eat Wings"
Fundraiser 1-3pm March 23rd ---\$12.00

Spaghetti dinner- Friday April 19th
6:00pm @ the School Gym

Disney Trip- Raffle Tickets now on sale -\$1.00-
available after Mass or at School

Patronize the Penn Queen Diner & mention St.
Stephens at the register for us to receive credit



St. Stephen's PTO is selling Disney World Trip Raffle tickets for only \$1 at the Scrip Table after weekend Masses.

The drawing will be for a 5 Day/4 night trip-for-4 to Walt Disney World. Drawing will be held on April 19th @ Mickey's Spaghetti Dinner at St. Stephen School.

Please help support our Wonderful School!!!!

For additional Raffle Tickets or any questions, please contact Denise Mc Hugh 609-315-1929

denise.mchugh15@verizon.net or any PTO Board Member

The Passion @ St. Peter's March 21st

Actor Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions brings his unique one-man performance of The Passion According to Saint Luke to St. Peter Catholic Church in Merchantville on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to experience this professional production, a perfect meditation for the Lenten and Easter seasons during this Year of Faith.

The Passion is perhaps Leonardo Defilippis' most inspiring performance, and this new updated production is a perfect meditation for Lent. Imagine what it would be like if Christ's entry into Jerusalem, His Agony in the Garden, and His Passion, Death and Resurrection were brought to life right before you. And not only that, what if Jesus spoke directly to you, looked into your eyes, and the entire experience came verbatim from the scriptures, so that, in fact, the Word of God was literally present in the room?

The Gospel comes alive, and these events and words of 2,000 years ago become present and relevant to your world, your problems, your prayers, and the deepest longing of your heart. The Passion According to Saint Luke runs one hour and is suitable for all ages. Admission will be a free-will offering. For more information, contact the St. Peter Parish Office at (856) 663-1373. Please don't miss the opportunity to experience this perfect meditation for Lent and let your family and friends know about The Passion!

"Once on This Island" Spring Musical at CCHS

Performance times: **March 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m.** and on **Sundays, March 10 and 17 at 2 p.m.** at Camden Catholic High School, Charles & Marie Grandi Auditorium, 300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill. Tickets (\$10/person) can be purchased by calling 856-663-2247 ext. 25; please leave your name, the number of tickets needed, and your phone number. **In the cast & crew from St. Stephen's: Megan Jaffe and Will McHugh!**

Catholic Divorce Ministry

DIVORCE AND BEYOND is being offered at **OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH** in Williamstown, on Wednesday evenings (7-9pm), starting **March 27, 2013**. Divorce and Beyond is for people who are divorced, or who have made the decision to divorce and involved in the process. Through reflection, sharing and reading, Divorce and Beyond offers healing and growth!

"KIDS COPE"

will also start on **March 27, 2013 (Ages 6-12)**.

This is a special group to help your children heal from the pain caused by divorce. It will incorporate videos, stories, crafts and a safe place to share their feelings. We ask that a parent attend Divorce and Beyond.

If interested, please contact Debbie at 856-881-4133 or debbiewolk@hotmail.com. A registration fee of 20.00 will be collected to cover book and materials, (\$10.00 for kids).

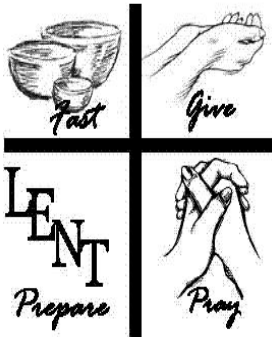
Living In Love Retreat is Returning to Our Lady of Hope Parish – April 20-21!!!

Living In Love is a parish-based peer ministry that offers insight into how differently men and women prefer to achieve intimacy with their spouse. It helps couples get in touch with resources that draw them to each other to fuel their romance.

Ladies love it and men do too!!!...It is absolutely male-friendly!!! Mark your calendars for a weekend that you will not soon forget. Registration forms can be found in the gathering space. To register online go to www.livinginlove.org and follow the prompts. For more information contact Mark and Joanne Miniconzi at 856-228-5528 or Howard and Suzanne Morelli at 856-782-7395.

iRace4Vocations

Mark your calendars! On **Sunday, April 21, 2013**, join us for our 2nd annual iRace4Vocations to raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life for the Camden Diocese. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate Mass at Noon followed by a 5k-run/1.5 mile walk. This family friendly event will take place at Washington Lake Park (626 Hurffville Crosskeys Road, Sewell), and will include a barbecue after the race as well as children's activities. Gather with Bishop Sullivan, priests, religious, our seminarians, and parishioners from throughout the diocese to pray and race so that "the word of the Lord may speed on and triumph" (2 Thessalonians 3:1). Represent your Parish on this faith-filled day, and bring a friend or your whole family to join the fun. We need you, your prayers, and support. Visit www.camdendiocese.org to register now or get more information on this special event.



Lent 2013

“Journey of the Heart”



3/10/2013	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
3/12/2013	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/15/2013	Friday	Soup Night - 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM (Cafeteria)
		Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Peace and Justice Stations)
3/17/2013	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
3/19/2013	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Penance Service-7:30 PM
3/22/2013	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Traditional Stations)
3/24/2013	Sunday	Passion Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
3/28/2013	Thursday	Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
3/29/2013	Friday	Good Friday
		Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM
		Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM
3/30/2013	Saturday	Holy Saturday
		Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM
		Blessing of Food - Noon
		Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
3/31/2013	Sunday	Easter Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Justice or Just Us?

This Lent, grow in your knowledge of Catholic social teaching, receive tools for living social justice in your life and parish, and support **Romero Center Ministries'** work in Camden. Join Romero Center Ministries for their **13th Annual Romero Lecture featuring Jack Jezreel of JustFaith Ministries.**

Friday March 22, 2013, Rutgers University-Camden

3:00-3:30pm: Introduction & Opening

3:45-5:00pm: Workshop Presentations

5:15-6:30pm: Speaker Reception

7:00pm: Keynote Presentation featuring Jack Jezreel

To purchase tickets, get directions, and for more information, visit www.romero-center.org. You can also purchase Lecture tickets at the door.

CHRISM MASS 2013

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 3:00 P.M. on **Tuesday, March 26, 2013** at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion on which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. **Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.**