

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

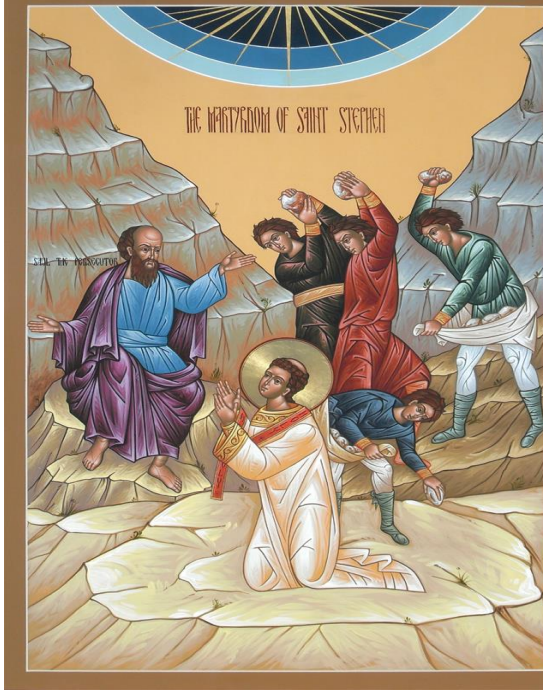
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

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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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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.*

March 13, 2016 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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".

SUNDAY	March 13, 2016
9:00am	James Shiflet r/b Rita Vogt & Family
10:30am	Joseph J. Miozzi r/b Anthony, Phyl & Family Francisco Dang Viet Dang r/b Loc Dang Dorothy Corbett r/b Bob Menta
MONDAY	March 14, 2016
9:00am	Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter
TUESDAY	March 15, 2016
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
WEDNESDAY	March 16, 2016
9:00am	Kevin Touhey r/b Joe & Maria Haas
THURSDAY	March 17, 2016
9:00am	Angelina Pennestri (7 th Anniversary) r/b Jim Pennestri
FRIDAY	March 18, 2016
9:00am	Dorothy Corbett r/b Lucille Buffington
SATURDAY	March 19, 2016
4:30pm	Joanne Szumowski r/b Ed & Barb Weingard
SUNDAY	March 20, 2016 (Palm Sunday)
9:00am	Paul Tryson (March 21 st Birthday Remembrance) r/b The Tryson Family
10:30am	John & Anne Marie Meyer r/b Family William Sauer r/b Family Susie & Frank Furlano r/b The Midili Family Deacon Ernie Picknally (3 rd Anniversary March 18 th) r/b His Wife, Lois



**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of
Alfred H. Beaver, III**

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 5/6, 2016 Collection:	\$4,989
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,655

Special Collections:

- March 13-20: "Easter Flower Memorials" (St. Stephen)
- March 25th: "Holy Land Good Friday" (Diocese)
- March 27th: "Easter Sunday" (St. Stephen)

(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 Amatrufo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, 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., Helen Huhn, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Jr., Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Esther Tillinghast, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Rita Vitacolonna, Mary Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard, Keith Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for March 19/20

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: A. Knight, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, *C. Pandola

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: Q. Nguyen

EM's: R. Davis, M. Bufanio, L. McHugh, L. Rosario, *J. Rosario


Lectors: Joan Rivera, Jared Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: K. Fagan

EM's: K. Fagan, J. Messina, T. Urgo, D. Urgo, *T. Matterna

Lector: P. Cioe



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S HOUSE OF CHARITY

CALLED TO

Mercy

2016 House of Charity Appeal

2016 House of Charity y-t-d	\$11,280 (21%)
2016 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 57 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.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

3/14-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
 3/15-Tues.-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Penance Service
 3/16-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 3/17-Thursday-9am Mass, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 3/18-Friday-9am Mass, 7:30pm Franciscan Mystery Players
 3/19-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 3/20-Palm Sunday-9am & 10:30am Mass, 3pm Filipino 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

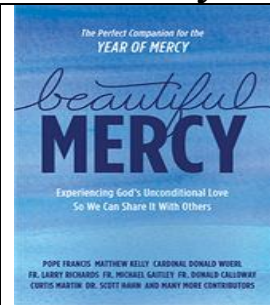
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

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

Will Continue March 16th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue this **Thursday March 17th @ 7pm** in the Sister Bernadette Parish Center and we'll be discussing Matthew Kelly's latest book "**Beautiful Mercy**".

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, April 1, 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.

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 March, please contact Lois @ 856-665-1221.

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).

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Paver News!! We have received 2 orders for the summer update. Many people have expressed an interest in purchasing a paver for many reasons. The cut off for orders will be **Thursday, March 31st, 2016**. 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.

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2016



The following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 2, 2016 with the Most Reverend Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan presiding.

Please keep these Confirmandi in your prayers:

- Meghan Joanna Conway***
- Mary Teresa Gardner***
- Kayleigh Helen Heck***
- Maliyah Maria Jalosjos***
- Angela Veronica Nicdao***
- Sierra Mary Osorio***
- Peter George Stemetzski***
- Andrew Patrick Tillinghast***

We wish to thank Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE, Deacons Al Porowicz and Anthony Cioe, teacher Mr. Earl Nolte, Seamstress Pat Nolte, our Altar Servers, and a special thank you to Maria Haas and her "Angels" for beautifying our church for Confirmation.

With gratitude also to **Calligrapher** Gail Tutwiler, the **Knights of Columbus**, **Chef** William Tillinghast, **Sous Chefs** Mary Sharon Monaco, Kathy Brown, Anna Cirullo, Terry Modzier, **Maitre D's** Terry Scavuzzo, Bill Mattia and John Messina, our **Choir Director** Nancy Werner Kaiser and our **Choir** for their contributions.

THE 16TH ANNUAL ROMERO LECTURE

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AS A MORAL OBLIGATION

featuring
Rev. William J. Byron, SJ

MARCH 18, 2016
7 PM • RUTGERS-CAMDEN •

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CHRISM MASS 2016

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 3:00pm on **Tuesday, March 22, 2016** at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood.

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

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## ***A Musical Journey Through His Final Days...***

Will be presented by **Suite Inspiration**, a professional group of musicians that present an awe inspiring musical journey through the final days of Jesus' earthly life. The concert will be held at Sacred Heart Parish, 103 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverton, **Sunday, March 13th, 7:00pm**. A free will offering will be accepted at the end of the presentation to benefit the mothers and babies of **Good Counsel Homes, Riverside**. This is one hour of your day that will inspire you and bring an inner peace from the Garden of Gethsemane to the glory of the Resurrection. Please join us on this very special journey.

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Camden Catholic High School News

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@camdenccatholic.org or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

The Arts at CCHS Presents PIPPIN

March 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. and **March 13** at 2 p.m.

\$12/person. Purchase tickets online at

www.cchsp Performingarts.com or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.

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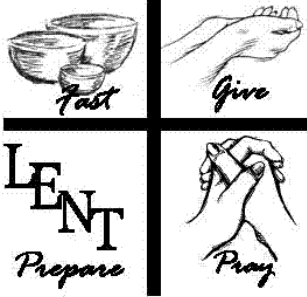
## ***CCHS Host Families Needed***

Host families are needed for Nacel Open Door international high school students who will be attending Camden Catholic High School this fall. These F-1 visa students, speak English, are fully insured, and have their own spending money. Host families provide room, board and receive a generous monthly stipend. For more information, please contact Karen Hickey at 609-605-8020. Thank you.

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	Knights of Columbus, Council 3512 <i>Hoagie Sale</i>
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As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 & \$6.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **March 19 & 20**. For info call 856-227-4980.



LENT 2016

“Renew Our Hearts”



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	The Franciscan Mystery Players present “Jesus the Healer” at 7:30PM This is an UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE OF HEALING presented by the FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our Parish’s spiritual journey. Because of the intensity of the subject matter of suffering and death, it may not be recommended for children. We strongly encourage all our ADULTS and TEENS to attend this unique and prayerful presentation on <u>Friday, March 18, 2016</u> at <u>7:30 PM</u> . DON’T MISS THIS!!!!
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, Repose of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Center until 11:00pm
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

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/16 through 12/31/16), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **SUNDAY, June 19, at 3:30 p.m.** Mass in Northfield, at St. Bernadette Church, St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish. Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Registration forms are available at all parish offices. Registration deadline is **May 27, 2016**. For more information please contact your parish office.

5th Annual iRace4Vocations

On **Sunday, April 17, 2016**, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Washington Lake Park (626 Hurffville Crosskeys Road, Sewell) for our 5th Annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at **1:00pm** followed by our 5k run/1.3 mile family walk. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with a picnic and family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese. For more information and to register for the event, visit www.camdenpriest.org.