

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

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

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



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March 17, 2013 – The Fifth 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 March 16, 2013
4:30pm Jack Knellwolf, Jr. r/b Shannon & Michael Myles

SUNDAY March 17, 2013
9:00am Kenneth Knight r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am Angelina Pennestri (4th Anniversary) r/b Jim Pennestri
Francisco Xavier Dang Viet Dang r/b Loc Dang
Fred Rocco (7th Anniversary) r/b Wife & Family
William Sauer r/b The Faculty & Students of St. Stephen School

MONDAY March 18, 2013
9:00am The Tomaselli Siblings r/b Sister

TUESDAY March 19, 2013
9:00am Leo Thivierge r/b The Thivierge Family

WEDNESDAY March 20, 2013
9:00am Rev. John Paul Selleck r/b People of the Parish

THURSDAY March 21, 2013
9:00am+Novena William Sauer r/b Mary Nettleton & Family

FRIDAY March 22, 2013
9:00am Franklin Burr r/b Joanne Tierney
7:00pm **Traditional Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY March 23, 2013
4:30pm Joseph Carter r/b St. Cecilia's Casino Bus Group

SUNDAY March 24, 2013
9:00am Jennie Zinicola r/b Rita Vogt & Family
10:30am Grace Pandola (1st Anniversary) r/b Sr. Bernadette
Jennie Farmer r/b Richard Beyer
Karl Stewart r/b Mom and Family
Deceased Members of the Rocks Family r/b Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Anthony Altadonna.

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 9/10, 2013 Attendance/Collection	491/	\$4,736
March 11/12, 2012 Comparison	540/	\$5,255
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,512

Special Diocesan Collections:

March 17, 2013: "Black & Native American Missions"
March 29, 2013: "Holy Land Sanctuary" (Good Friday)



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, Deacon Raymond Ellis, 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 Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for March 23/24

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: C. Hughes, N. Hughes, Z. Marlin
EM's: T. Veneziani, A. Pandola, P. Petronis, *alternate T. Angstman
Lectors: P. Tryson, L. Peischl

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, B. McHugh, M. Conway
EM's: S. Marano, N. Schmidt, L. D'Alessandro, E. Nolte
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, J. Messina

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: J. Bui, M. Ciarrocca, M. Ciarrocca
EM's: K. Fagan, J. Fagan, C. Otto, T. Link
Lector: M. Turan, E. Mattera

Nursing Home Ministry News

The residents of **Cooper River West Nursing Home** continue to be blessed by your prayers of support and donations of religious articles. We, in this ministry, give thanks to God for **Kathy Brown** for being commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and for **Roseann DiGiovanni** and **Vicki Thibault** for joining our ministry.

For information about the Nursing Home Ministry contact **Lonnie & Mary Sharon Monaco** at 856-662-6049 or Monacofamily4@comcast.net. Be sure to see our pictures on the church's website www.StStephensPennsauken.com.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

3/18-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Pastoral Council
 3/19-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Penance Service
 3/20-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes & Stations
 3/21-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion
 3/22-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Traditional Stations of the Cross
 3/23-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 3/24-Palm Sunday-RCIA, 9am & 10:30am Mass, 3pm Filipino 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 20th @ 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 18	Pastoral Council
March 25	Liturgy Board
April 8	Finance Council

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Congratulations and Thank you to Tiffany Lucero, Nancy Schmidt, Mike and Kathy Amodei, Roseann and Bob DiGiovanni, and Jack and Maryanne Merritt on purchasing their pavers.

We have now surpassed \$7,250!! (we can break ground at \$10,000)

We are about 20 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



We are here to pray for you. Prayer requests for the month of March, please contact Maryann @ 235-1423.

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!*

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!!!

Clearly there is a difference between loving and being "In Love"! This day and a half parish-based event provides the inspiration and insight that enables each couple to create the lifestyle and marriage they always wanted. Mark your calendars for a weekend that will take your marriage to the next level! Husbands are amazed at how uniquely male friendly this retreat is and the women they love are absolutely ecstatic!!!

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.

John W Hallahan HS '63 50th Reunion

September 29th 2013 1 until 4PM

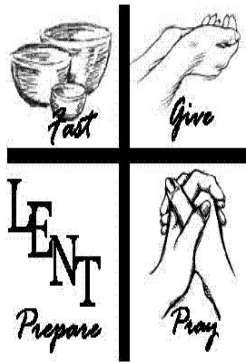
LaVeranda, Pier 3 on the Delaware

\$63, cash bar, valet parking available.

Send checks to: Hallahan HS, Attn. Reenie Ednie
311 N. 19th Street 19103-1198

Any questions contact

Ann Cummings Kerns@ aecckerns@yahoo



Lent 2013

“Journey of the Heart”



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
		<p>Filipino Apostolate Mass @ 3pm on Passion Sunday, March 24th. The Filipino Apostolate of South Jersey is a religious initiative in solidarity with the diocese. Its main concern is assisting parishes in involving Filipino Catholics into local church life. For more information please contact Wil Delfin: wun_delfin@yahoo.com</p>
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.**