

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

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March 2, 2014 – The Eighth 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

Children's Liturgy: 3rd Sunday @ 9:00am

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm

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.

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.

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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

- MONDAY** **March 3, 2014**
9:00am Vincent L. Buondonno r/b His Sister, Rose Marie
- TUESDAY** **March 4, 2014**
9:00am Phyllis Mazzarella (Birthday Remembrance)
 r/b Janice & Jim Rotondo
- WEDNESDAY** **March 5, 2014 (Ash Wednesday)**
9:00am People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
12pm Noon Liturgical Service with Distribution of Ashes
7:00pm People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
- THURSDAY** **March 6, 2014**
9:00am+Novena A Special Intention r/b Family
- FRIDAY** **March 7, 2014 (First Friday Adoration)**
9:00am Josephine Lamaina r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
- SATURDAY** **March 8, 2014**
4:30pm Donato Gallicchio (March 4th Birthday Remembrance)
 r/b Mark & Maureen Gallicchio
- SUNDAY** **March 9, 2014**
9:00am Gloria Vendetti r/b Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ
10:30am Joseph R. Moles, Sr. r/b Frank Pigiaccelli
 Rev. Robert O. Yori r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Nicholas DiLaurentis.

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.

Feb. 22/23, 2014 Attendance/Collection	600/	\$6,370
Feb. 23/24, 2013 Comparison	589/	\$6,166
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,133

Next Diocesan Special Collections:

- 3/5/14 - "Church in Europe" 3/9/14 - "Rice Bowl"
- 3/16/14 - "Black & Native American Missions"

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## St. Joseph's In the Hills Men's Retreat March 7-9, 2014

- Some men come to relax, Some visit with friends
- Some are in crisis and need answers -All are welcome
- 18 men joined us last year from South Jersey
- You are invited March 7-9

More information at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)  
or call Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753.



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:

- Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joe DiLorenzo, 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, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, John Maggioncalda, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigiaccelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivello, Anthony Vocale, Ed Weingard.

### Ministry Schedule for March 8/9

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

Altar Servers: M. Conway, T. Mason, J. Bui  
EM's: A. Pandola, P. Petronis, Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, \*C. Pandola  
Lectors: J. Heinger, L. Heinger

**Sunday, 9:00am**

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, J. Mack, O. Graff  
EM's: S. Marano, R. Leone, R. Davis, L. McHugh, \*N. Schmidt  
Lectors: M. Miller, W. McHugh

**Sunday, 10:30am**

Altar Servers: The Hughes Family  
EM's: M. Miller, Geo. Tutwiler, J. Messina, T. Scavuzzo, \*L. Solano  
Lectors: P. Cioe, E. Mattera

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| <br><b>LENT</b> | <h2>CONVERSION</h2> <p>Following the Call of Christ<br/>(Adult Workshop)</p> |
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What makes one's life successful? Money? Power? Popularity? Most philosophies of the well-lived life are based on having something, but the Christian perspective is that it is better to be something. In this workshop we will be exploring the conversion of six ordinary biblical figures: Bartimaeus, the Rich Young Man, Matthew, Jonah, the Woman at the Well, and the Journey of the Magi. These stories, presented by Fr. Robert Barron on DVD will be offered in the **Parish Center**, during six consecutive Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm, **beginning March 12.**

### ***This Week @ St. Stephen Parish***

3/3-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study  
 3/4-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA  
 3/5-Ash Wednesday-9am Mass, Noon Ashes, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Mass  
 3/6-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Book Club  
 3/7-Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 6:30pm, 7pm Stations of the Cross  
 3/8-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 3/9-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



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

### ***Monday Ladies' Bible Study***

1-2:30pm in the Stonegate Conference Room.

### ***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

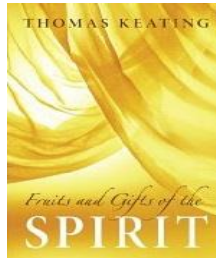
### ***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***

Continue Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.

### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

Continues March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Center.

We are discussing "Fruits & Gifts of the Spirit" by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO



### ***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:45am-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 Meetings***

All at 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

- Monday, March 10 Finance Council
- Monday, March 24 Liturgy Board
- Monday, March 31 Pastoral Council

### ***Prayer Pavers to Our Lady***


Many spaces are still available for this ongoing Memorial! 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](http://www.ststephenspennsauken.com) or by calling Michael Ciarrocca at 856-425-4799.

### ***Scrip Fundraising Program***

Scrip is available for purchase at the Scrip Table after all weekend Masses and at the rectory during regular business office hours, Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm (excluding Holy Days & Holidays).

### ***St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You***

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|  | <p><b>We are here to pray for you.</b><br/>         Prayer requests for the month of February, please contact <b>Diane @ 308-8224.</b></p> |
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### ***St. Stephens PTO- Disney Trip Raffle***

Only \$2.00 per ticket- Tickets going fast!!! Limited amount to be sold.....5day/4 night trip to Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. Est. Retail value \$2500.00. Drawing will be held on April 12-2014 @ Chef Mickey's spaghetti Dinner at St. Stephens 6-10pm.

**For Raffle Tickets please contact Denise Mc Hugh 609-315-1929 or [denise.mchugh15@verizon.net](mailto:denise.mchugh15@verizon.net).**

We thank you for your generous support of the PTO and our Wonderful St. Stephens School!! Other Upcoming PTO events: St. Stephen's Chic Fil A Spirit Nights\_March 3rd- April 10<sup>th</sup>

### ***Bishop Eustace presents "Thoroughly Modern Millie"***

The Bishop Eustace Performing Arts Department is working on the final touches of their Spring Musical, **THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE**. **Kimberly Starts, a member of St. Stephen Parish**, is among the students in the cast. She'll be portraying Ethel Peas and is a member of the Ensemble. Performances are **March 6, 7, & 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Scottish Rite Theatre, 315 White Horse Pike, Collingswood, NJ 08107. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. \$10 General Admission Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call the Bishop Eustace Performing Arts Department at (856) 662-2160, ext. 376.

## 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 or 2 again if they prefer. The following sessions will be offered in **March**:

### CAP Phase 1

Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 7:00pm, Holy Family, Sewell (856-228-1616)

Saturday, March 8, 2014, 10:00am, St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral School, Camden, After School Room (856-964-4336)

**The session at St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral School is in Spanish and English**

Monday, March 10, 2014, 7:00pm, Gloucester Catholic High School, Gloucester (856-456-4400)

Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 7:00pm, St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Atlantic City, Rectory (609-344-1040)

### CAP Phase 2 – Bullviny Prevention

NO CAP 2

### CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment

Friday, March 7, 2014, 1:15pm, Saint Mary School, Williamstown (856-629-6190)

Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 7:00pm, St. Michael the Archangel School, Clayton, Gym (856-881-0067)

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.**

## Report Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry. A special toll-free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency. **For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.**

## Pastoral Council Minutes

February 17, 2014

### Council Members Present

Joseph Hass, Liz Mc Hugh, Terry Modzier, , Earl Nolte, Melanie Lopez, Dennis Rooney, Chris Hearn, Rich Cesta, Joe Scavuzzo, Janis Melfi, and Father Rocco.

❖ **Opening prayer by Father Rocco at 7PM.**

❖ **OLD BUSINESS:**

### School Building Uses:

Discussions are continuing on the purported use of the school building. Once there is finalization as to its use, PPC will bring that information to the parish.

❖ **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Spring Social/ Parish Recognition:

On Saturday, May 10, 2014 there will be a spring social following the 4:30 Mass, to take place in the school auditorium. It will be a catered affair with a disc jockey. At that time PPC will recognize persons that have been a contributing factor to our St Stephen community. Price for a ticket anticipated at \$25 / person. More information to follow. Look to the bulletin for updates if any.

❖ Meeting Adjourned @ 8:40 PM

❖ Closing prayer by Father Rocco

❖ Next PPC meeting at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish Center** on: **March 31, 2014@7PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Melfi, Secretary of St Stephen's PPC

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The Arts Academy at CCHS Presents

## Disney's Beauty & The Beast

Performance times are **March 21, 22, 28, 29 at 7:30 p.m. and March 23 and 30 at 2 p.m.** in the Grandi Auditorium at Camden Catholic High School, 300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill. Purchase tickets at [www.cchsp Performingarts.com](http://www.cchsp Performingarts.com) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120. Special events include a Character Breakfast on March 22 at 9 a.m., Story Hour with Belle on March 29 at 10 a.m., and the Be Our Guest Dinner Theatre on March 29 at 5 p.m. For performance and event tickets visit [cchsp Performingarts.com](http://cchsp Performingarts.com). Event tickets and show tickets are going fast so order today!

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## Save the Date and Share the News

All are welcome to join St. Joseph's Church, Camden for a special 10am Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 27, 2014**. Bishop Dennis Sullivan will concelebrate Mass that morning on the occasion of the canonization of Blessed John Paul II. A luncheon at The Merion in Cinnaminson will follow. More information will be posted in the Catholic Star Herald. As of Sunday, April 27, 2014 our church will be the home of a first-class relic of Saint John Paul II. Please share the news with family and friends and plan to attend that Sunday. For more information contact Connie Wilke at 856-456-9120.

# LENT 2014 – Returning to God

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| 3/01-3/02 | Saturday/<br>Sunday | Distribute Return to God Booklet                                             |
| 3/5/2014  | Wednesday           | <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Mass and Ashes : 9AM & 7PM, Noon Services: Ashes Only   |
| 3/7/2014  | Friday              | Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Traditional Stations)                         |
| 3/9/2014  | Sunday              | First Sunday of Lent-Rite of Sending (RCIA)                                  |
| 3/11/2014 | Tuesday             | Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection                                        |
| 3/14/2014 | Friday              | Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Mary Stations)                                |
| 3/16/2014 | Sunday              | Second Sunday of Lent                                                        |
| 3/18/2014 | Tuesday             | Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection                                        |
| 3/21/2014 | Friday              | Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Traditional Stations)                         |
| 3/23/2014 | Sunday              | Third Sunday of Lent-First Scrutiny (RCIA)                                   |
| 3/25/2014 | Tuesday             | Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection                                        |
| 3/26/14   | Wednesday           | Lenten Reflection 7PM “Giving Up Worrying For Lent” presented by Gary Zimak  |
| 3/28/2014 | Friday              | Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Children's Stations)                          |
| 3/30/2014 | Sunday              | Fourth Sunday of Lent-Second Scrutiny (RCIA)                                 |
| 4/1/2014  | Tuesday             | Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection                                        |
| 4/4/2014  | Friday              | Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Traditional Stations)                         |
| 4/6/2014  | Sunday              | Fifth Sunday of Lent-Third Scrutiny (RCIA)                                   |
| 4/8/2014  | Tuesday             | Penance Service at 7:30 PM following the Rosary at 7:00 PM                   |
| 4/11/2014 | Friday              | Evening of Lenten Prayer & Praise at 7:00 PM                                 |
| 4/13/2014 | Sunday              | <b>Passion Sunday</b> - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM                          |
| 4/17/2014 | Thursday            | <b>Holy Thursday</b> -Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM                      |
| 4/18/2014 | Friday              | <b>Good Friday</b>                                                           |
|           |                     | Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM                                           |
|           |                     | Liturgy of the Word,<br>Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM |
| 4/19/2014 | Saturday            | <b>Holy Saturday</b>                                                         |
|           |                     | Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM                                               |
|           |                     | Blessing of Food - Noon                                                      |
|           |                     | Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM                                                       |
| 4/20/2014 | Sunday              | <b>Easter Sunday</b> - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM                           |