

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

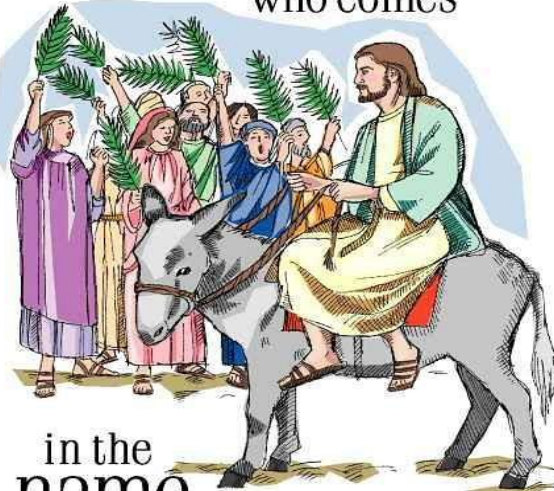
**Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe**  
Permanent Deacon

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

**Parish Trustees**  
Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

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

“Blessed is the king  
who comes



in the  
name  
of the **Lord!**”

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## *Contact Info*

**Rectory Phone**  
(856) 662-9339

**Rectory Fax**  
(856) 662-4679

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

**Tribunal Parish Advocate**  
Deacon Anthony R. Cioe  
(856) 227-2145

Parish Email:  
[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

Parish Website:  
[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 20, 2016 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***

**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, 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 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".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 20, 2016 (Palm Sunday)</b>
9:00am	Paul Tryson (March 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary March 18 <sup>th</sup> ) r/b His Wife, Lois Picknally
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 21, 2016</b>
9:00am	Communion Service
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 22, 2016</b>
9:00am	Dorothy Corbett r/b Anthony Joseph Leone
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 23, 2016</b>
9:00am	Kevin Touhey r/b Josh & Gail Haas
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 24, 2016 (Holy Thursday)</b>
7:00pm	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 25, 2016 (Good Friday)</b>
12pm Noon	Reading of the Psalms until 2:45pm
3:00pm	Liturgy of the Word/Veneration of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 26, 2016 (Holy Saturday)</b>
8:00pm	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 27, 2016 (Easter Sunday)</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
10:30am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased



The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
***In Memory of***  
***Deacon Ernie Picknally***

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 12/13, 2016 Collection:	\$4,467
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,650

Special Collections:

- March 20<sup>th</sup>: "Easter Flower Memorials" (St. Stephen)
  - March 25<sup>th</sup>: "Holy Land Good Friday" (Diocese)
  - March 27<sup>th</sup>: "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 24/25/26/27**

*\* Designates Alternate Server*

**Holy Thursday, 7:00pm**

**Altar Servers:** K. Fagan, M. Conway, C. Nicdao, J. Bui, M. Daniels, S. Surgner  
**EM's:** T. Modzier, M. Miller, L. Monaco, M. Monaco  
**Lectors:** B. Mattia, P. Cioe

**Good Friday, 3:00pm**

**Altar Servers:** M. Conway, K. Fagan, M. Daniels, J. Vales, C. Aleszczyk, M. Gardner  
**Lectors:** R. Taylor, D. Steinmetz

**Holy Saturday, 8:00pm**

**Altar Servers:** B. McHugh, M. Conway, Q. Nguyen, M. Gardner, M. Daniels, J. Bui  
**EM's:** E. Nolte, K. Fagan, J. Fagan, P. Cioe  
**Lectors:** D. Heck, M. Turan, P. Nolte, Joan Rivera, M. Miller, R. Taylor

**Easter Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** TBA  
**EM's:** L. Monaco, M. Monaco, L. McHugh, N. Schmidt  
**Lectors:** J. Melfi, P. Nolte

**Easter Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** TBA  
**EM's:** T. Scavuzzo, M. Meloni, T. Urgo, D. Urgo  
**Lectors:** P. Cioe, R. Aleszczyk



***This year's Paschal Candle has been donated by Mrs. Georgette Rocco In Memory of Mr. Fred G. Rocco.***

**The Parish Library will be closed Easter Weekend.**

**The Rectory will be closed from Holy Thursday through Easter Monday and reopen on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.**

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

3/21-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study  
 3/22-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 3/23-Wednesday-9am Mass, NO CCD Classes until April 6<sup>th</sup>  
 3/24-Holy Thursday-7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 3/25-Good Friday- Noon-2:45pm Psalms, 3pm Liturgy/Veneration  
 3/26-Holy Saturday-9am Vigil Rehearsal, 8pm Easter Vigil  
 3/27-Easter Sunday-9am & 10:30am 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***

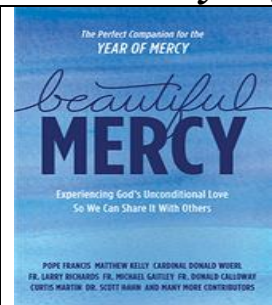
#### **To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church**

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 Resume on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

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



Will resume on **Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 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](http://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***

(Closed Easter Weekend)

**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.

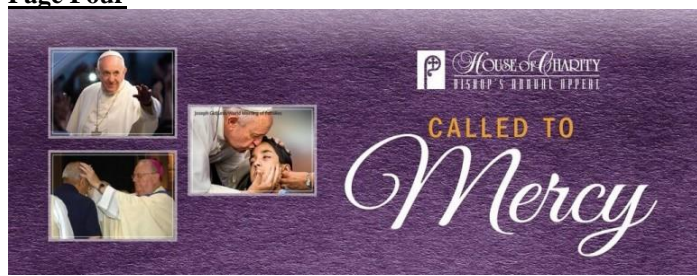
**Hours: Saturday, 5:30-6:00pm**

**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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).



### 2016 House of Charity Appeal

2016 House of Charity y-t-d \$12,155 (23%)  
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.



*Do you or someone you love need care at home?*

Contact the Diocese of Camden's Home & Parish Healthcare Services Resource and Referral Help Line

**1-888-26 VITALity (1-888-268-4825)**

A Free and simple Gateway to Help at Home for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities seeking to remain healthy, safe, and secure in their homes.

#### The VITALity HELP-LINE:

- + Provides information and access into Community, Health and Medical Services.
- + Arranges for Care Coordinators to visit you at your Home to help you navigate the complex healthcare insurance and provider system.

All this is provided at no charge through the charitable efforts of the Diocese of Camden.

Visit [Vitality.camdendiocese.org](http://Vitality.camdendiocese.org) for more information.

*A Healthcare Ministry of the Camden Diocese*

*Funded through the House of Charity and the Healthcare Foundation of the Camden Diocese.*

## 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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### 10th Annual CCHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Reception

**Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

Honoring the very best students, athletes, philanthropists and professionals in the Camden Catholic family. Ceremony followed by celebratory reception including beer, wine, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres. \$50/person in advance. \$60 at the door. To purchase tickets visit [www.camdencatholic.org/halloffame](http://www.camdencatholic.org/halloffame) or call/email Janet Indelicato 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or [janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org).

### 2016 Inductees

#### Emerald - Academics / Arts

Anita (Pat) Brown '66, Sister Janet Theresa Marchesani '56, Daniel McDyre '59, John L. Pund '74, Thomas Shusted '44 (posthumous), Gerard P. Smith '52

#### 1887 - Special

Richard Kelly '55 and Bartholomew Sheehan '23 (posthumous)

#### Green & White - Athletics

Maureen Lee Behm '92, Michael Booth '00, Margaret Iezzi Cheli '88, Jennifer Mayfield LaFave '90, Scott Yeager '97, 1951 Varsity Baseball Team, 2005 Varsity Wrestling Team

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## Paul VI High School News

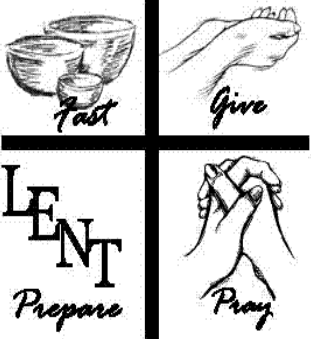
Paul VI High School 7th Grade Practice HSPT is being offered on **Saturday, April 16th**. This full-length practice test is a help in preparing students for the High School Placement Test taken in the fall of 8th grade. (The HSPT is the scholarship vehicle used by many private high schools, including Paul VI.)

Reservations are required, space is limited.

For more information, or to reserve a desk, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events)

Paul VI High School Coffee, Tea, and Tours will be held on **Saturday, April 16th**. Two convenient morning tour times are offered, ideal for parents whose students are taking the 7th Grade Practice HSPT. Reservations appreciated, all are welcome. For more information, or to make a reservation, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events).

Paul VI High School – 7th Grade Eagle Days are now available! Seventh grade students are invited to spend a day as a Paul VI Eagle. For more information and to make a reservation, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Page/Admissions/Eagle-for-a-Day](http://www.pvihs.org/Page/Admissions/Eagle-for-a-Day)



# LENT 2016

## “Renew Our Hearts”

### Holy Week:



3/20/2016	Sunday	<b>Passion Sunday</b> - Mass - 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM, 3pm Filipino Apostolate Mass
3/24/2016	Thursday	<b>Holy Thursday</b> -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	<b>Good Friday</b>
		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	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
		Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM
		Blessing of Food - Noon
		Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
3/27/2016	Sunday	<b>Easter Sunday</b> - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

### ***Good Friday Collection*** ***A Pontifical Collection***

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places.

When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. For more information, visit [MyFranciscan.org/good-friday](http://MyFranciscan.org/good-friday). The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

### ***5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.camdenpriest.org).

### ***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.