

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

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March 23, 2014 – The Third 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

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.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

3/24-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Liturgy Board
 3/25-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary/Reflection, 7:30pm RCIA
 3/26-Wed.-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 6:30pm Conversion Workshop,
 7pm Gary Zimak presents "Give Up Worrying for Lent"
 3/27-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Book Club
 3/28-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Children's Stations of the Cross
 3/29-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 3/30-Sunday-Second Scrutiny, 9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

A Message for All the Ladies:



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

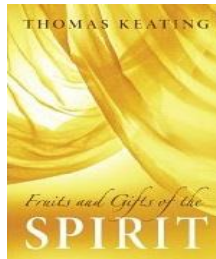
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue Wednesday, March 26th @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues March 27th 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, April 4th, 9:45am-6:45pm.**



"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 24	Liturgy Board
Monday, March 31	Pastoral Council
Monday, April 14	Finance 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 or by calling Michael Ciarrocca at 856-425-4799.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you. Prayer requests for the month of March, please contact **Betty @ 662-6928**.

St. Stephens PTO- Disney Trip Raffle And Spaghetti Dinner April 12th

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 the rectory office or Denise Mc Hugh 609-315-1929 / denise.mchugh15@verizon.net.

St. Stephen's PTO is looking for donations for the St. Stephen's Spaghetti Dinner. All donations needed by Tuesday, April 1st.

Pre K3, Pre K4, Kindergarten & 1st grade--Canned Crushed Tomato
 2nd Grade -- Croutons
 3rd and 4th Grade -- Salad Dressing's any variety
 5th Grade -- Croutons
 6th, 7th and 8th Grades -- Spaghetti only
 Any Dessert donation would be greatly appreciated as well.
Any parishioner that would like to donate please drop off donation at School office. All donations are greatly appreciated!!

Other PTO events:

Today, March 23rd - 45th Street Pub!!!

All you can eat wings Fundraiser for the PTO 2-4PM \$12.00
 April 10th - Chic fil A St. Stephens spirit night 5-8 pm.

SAINT STEPHEN PARISH PRESENTS



Give up Worrying for Lent!

Are you tired of worrying? After struggling to overcome anxiety for many years, Gary Zimak has learned that Jesus Christ is the ultimate answer to winning the battle. In this talk, based on his best-selling book *A Worrier's Guide To The Bible* and the soon to be released *From Fear To Faith*, Gary will share his step-by-step approach for moving from anxiety to peace!

**Wednesday,
Mar. 26th
7:00 PM**

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*Free Admission
Donations Accepted*



Speaker: Gary Zimak
Catholic Evangelist/Author/Radio Host



- Host of the radio show *Following The Truth* on BlogTalkRadio, Monday through Friday at 8PM Eastern.
- Author of *A Worrier's Guide to the Bible* and *Listen To Your Blessed Mother* from Liguori Publications.
- Blogger and Regular Contributor to *Catholic Exchange*, *Catholic Stand* and *New Advent* websites.
- Regular guest on EWTN Radio's *Catholic Answers Live*, *The Son Rise Morning Show*, *Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo*, Relevant Radio's *Morning Air* and many other programs.



After the talk, Gary will be selling and signing his books.

**Visit Gary's website:
FollowingTheTruth.com**

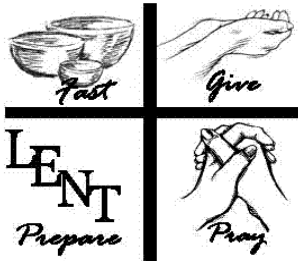
First Reconciliation
March 15, 2014

The following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on March 15th.

Please keep them in your prayers as they now prepare for their First Holy Communion on May 3rd.

Evan Buchholz
Noah Colon
Nadia Cruz
Maya Di Cupe
Norman Figueroa IV
Caroline Gardner
Liam Kueny
Ginger Mack

Emily Miller
Cassandra Nicdao
Tristan North
Avian Novoa
Makenzie Patti
Emily Powers
Andrew Tillinghast



LENT 2014
“Returning to God”



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	Passion Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM	
4/17/2014	Thursday	Holy Thursday -Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM	
4/18/2014	Friday	Good Friday	
		Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM	
		Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM	
4/19/2014	Saturday	Holy Saturday	
		Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM	
		Blessing of Food - Noon	
		Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM	
4/20/2014	Sunday	Easter Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM	