

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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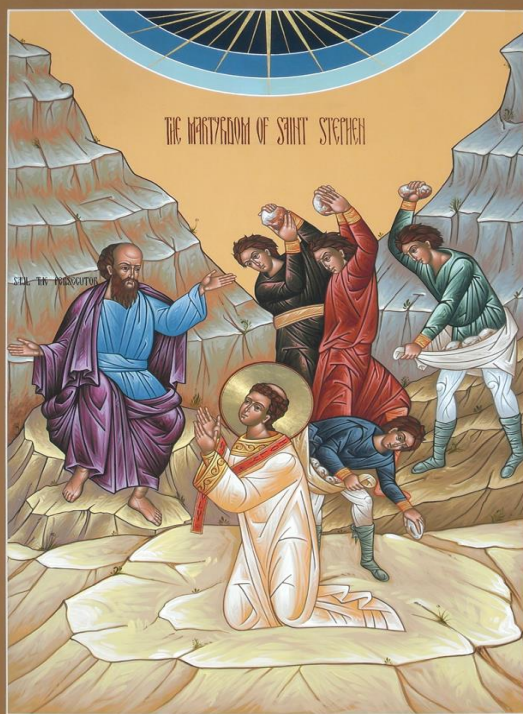
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Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
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Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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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 29, 2015 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday 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 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.

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 2016 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	March 30, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	March 31, 2015 John Conboy r/b The McHugh Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 1, 2015 Maryann A. Lamaina r/b Frank D. Pigliacelli
THURSDAY 7:00pm	April 2, 2015 (Holy Thursday) People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 12pm Noon 3:00pm	April 3, 2015 (Good Friday) Reading of the Psalms until 2:45pm Liturgy of the Word/Veneration of the Cross
SATURDAY 8:00pm	April 4, 2015 (Holy Saturday) People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SUNDAY 9:00am 10:30am	April 5, 2015 (Easter Sunday) People of the Parish – Living & Deceased People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of The Buondonno Family.*

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 21/22, 2015 Collection:	\$4,937
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,979

Special Collections:

- “Easter Flower Memorials” (St. Stephen Church)
- April 2, 2015: “The Needy in our Area” (Holy Thursday)
- April 3, 2015: “Holy Land Good Friday” (Diocese)

2015 House of Charity Appeal

2015 House of Charity y-t-d	\$20,040 (38%)
2015 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 82 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 outside the Sacristy.

- >> **The Parish Library will be closed Easter Weekend.**
- >> **The Rectory will be closed from Holy Thursday through Easter Monday and reopen on Tuesday, April 7th.**



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, Eleanor Becker, Joy Bowman, Yolanda Colafrancesco, John Coyle, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Joseph Fagan, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Nicole Franklin-Sonnie, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Gregory Hayes, Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Denise McHugh, Dorothy McPeak, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivillo, Dolores VonAlex, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.**

Ministry Schedule for April 2/3/4/5

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

* Designates Alternate Server

Holy Thursday, 7:00pm

Altar Server: K. Fagan, M. Conway, C. Hearn, S. Surgner, A. Albert, O. Albert
EM's: J. Fagan, K. Fagan, T. Scavuzzo, T. Modzier
Lectors: R. Taylor, P. Cioe

Good Friday, 3:00pm

Altar Servers: M. Conway, K. Fagan, C. Hearn, J. Bui, T. Albert, O. Albert
Lectors: L. Fagan, D. Steinmetz

Holy Saturday, 8:00pm

Altar Server: The Hughes Family, K. Fagan, B. McHugh, M. Conway
EM's: E. Nolte, T. Modzier, K. Fagan, J. Fagan, V. Thibault
Lectors: D. Heck, P. Cioe, L. Fagan, P. Nolte, M. Miller, R. Taylor

Easter Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: TBD
EM's: R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro, T. Scavuzzo, E. Nolte, R. Davis
Lectors: J. Melfi, J. Gerst

Easter Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: TBD
EM's: M. Meloni, P. Cioe, T. Link, L. McHugh
Lector: W. McHugh



This year's Paschal Candle has been donated by Mrs. Georgette Rocco in memory of Mr. Fred G. Rocco.

“Stewards Carry His Cross”

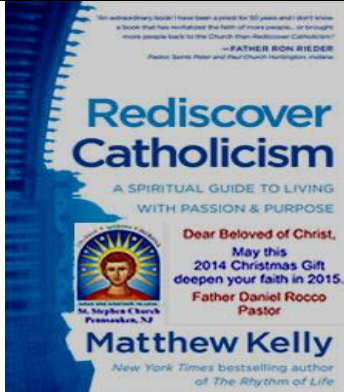
“As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named, Simon, this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross”. These opportunities aren’t usually big events; they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for someone. The key in living *Stewardship* is putting the other person’s needs before your own and not expecting anything in return.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

3/30-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study
 3/31-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary,
 4/1-Wednesday-9am Mass, NO CCD Classes
 4/2-Holy Thursday-7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 4/3-Good Friday-Noon-2:45pm Psalms, 3pm Liturgy/Veneration
 4/4-Holy Saturday-9am Vigil Rehearsal, 8pm Easter Vigil
 4/5-Easter Sunday-9am & 10:30am Mass
 4/6-Monday---No Mass, Rectory Closed.

Thursday Night Discussion Club Continues April 9, 2015 @ 7pm.



Please join us as we continue to discuss "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly, the book we were generously gifted with this Christmas. Let's start the new year learning more about God's love and the gift of our Catholic faith. A good resolution for 2015 can be "to become a better version of myself" and help others as they journey to become all God calls us to be. The discussion club needs your voice, see you Thursday, April 9th in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center. **Extra copies** of "Rediscover Catholicism" are available in the Rectory. They are free to all Parishioners and \$5 if you'd like to purchase one **for a friend**.

Parish Library

Note: The Parish Library will be closed Easter Weekend.

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Spring 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 donate spiritual and religious books to the collection, please drop them off at the Parish center in the Library. 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).

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, May 1, 2015, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



Art & Environment

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**.



Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, lively discussions, and fun!

**When: Mondays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
 Where: Stonegate Main Conference Room**

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.
 Phone: 662-8046 email: heides@comcast.net

"The woman who walks with God always reaches her destination"

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

Prayer requests for the month of **April**, please contact **Diane @ 856-308-8224**.

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



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.

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

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.

Why Do We... Set the table?

Last week we discussed the congregation's role in the Offertory. While those activities are taking place, there are different things happening at the altar.

The deacon and altar servers will start by preparing the altar for the gifts. They first spread a special linen cloth called the Corporal. This cloth is intended to capture any particles of the Precious Body and Blood which may fall during the preparation of the gifts. Upon this is placed all the vessels to be used for the consecration, this includes the ciboria (the bowl containing the unconsecrated bread), the cups for the Precious Blood, the priest's chalice and the paten (a flat plate to hold the priest's Host). The chalice is usually covered with a stiff square of cloth called a pall, intended to prevent any contamination of its purified interior. Additionally, a small cloth called a purificator is placed on the altar; its purpose is to cleanse and purify the vessels after Communion is completed. The corporal is folded in a very specific manner after Communion to prevent the loss of any captured particles during the removal from the altar. All of these cloths are washed in a special sink in the sacristy called a sacrarium which drains directly into the earth.

A large book, called the Sacramentary is also placed on the altar. This contains the prayers for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

As we sing the Offertory song, the priest will quietly offer prayers of thanks for the bread, and then the wine. These may be prayed aloud and responded to when there is no music. Once the wine has been poured, a small amount of water is added, which today symbolizes the divinity of Christ (the wine) mixing with our humanity (the water) in hope of becoming one. Adding water to the wine is a very old tradition as wine in the time of Christ was made very strong and could not be consumed without dilution.

The priest will then wash his hands as an expression of inner purification, so as to be worthy of what he is about to do. He offers the following quiet prayer "Lord, wash me of my iniquity, cleanse me from my sin."

We are then invited to pray, asking God to find the gifts acceptable for the praise and glory of His name.

Become Engaged

As you observe the proceedings at the altar, prepare your heart to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. Accept the invitation to prayer, remembering we are asked to be spiritually engaged not just physically present, as the Liturgy of the Eucharist goes forward.

The Ministry of Art and Environment

is seeking volunteers to prepare the Parish Center and Church for Holy Week. Please select your date(s) and time(s) by using the sign-up sheets that will be available in vestibule on the weekends of March 21st & 28th. Thank you for all you do. **All questions can be directed to Maria Haas at 856-665-8393.**

April 1st Wed. 6:30pm

Prepare the Church for Holy Thursday Vigil: **3 volunteers**
Prepare the Parish Center for the Repository: **3 volunteers**

April 3rd Good Friday 9am

Drape the Crucifix: **3 men volunteers needed**
Restore the Parish Center: **2 volunteers**

April 4th Holy Saturday

Drape removal: **3 men volunteers needed 9am**
Prepare the church for Easter Vigil 4-5 volunteers 9:30am

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## *Camden Catholic High School News*

### **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Camden Catholic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Reception, Saturday, April 25 at 7 pm**

**Honoring:** Dawn Marie Addiego '80, Carman Ciervo, D.O. '80, Carmen Garcia '76, Anthony Giorgio '68, Kevin Walsh '91, Thomas Higgins '54 (posthumous), Agnes (Weatherby) '63 and James '57 Madden, Ray Nardi '78, Earl Horner '62, Thomas Madden '54, Jill Shaw '87, Hollis Wineland '52, 1962 Track & Field Team and 1991 Softball Team.

**TICKETS:** \$45 per person in advance (\$55 per person at the door). Ages 10-20 are \$20 per person. Ages 10 and under are free. Purchase online at [www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame](http://www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame), or call/email Janet Indelicato: 856-663-2247 ext 136/[janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org).

**PROGRAM BOOK ADS:** Congratulate this year's inductees with an ad in the program. Contact Lindsay Pizzuto to reserve your space: [lindsay.pizzuto@camdenatholic.org](mailto:lindsay.pizzuto@camdenatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 133.

### **CCHS Spring Musical: Les Miserables (School Edition)**

**Performances: May 1, 2, 8 & 9 @ 7:30pm & May 3 & 10 at 2pm**  
Grandi Auditorium at Camden Catholic High School (300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002). Experience this epic tale of broken dreams, passion and redemption, set against a nation in the throes of revolution and featuring one of the most memorable soundtracks of all-time, brought to you by the talented CCHS Arts students. Tickets on sale at [www.cchsp Performingarts.com](http://www.cchsp Performingarts.com) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.

**Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students** are being scheduled 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@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

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CCHS Host Families Needed

Host families are needed for several Nacel Open Door international students who would like to attend Camden Catholic High School for the upcoming school year. These F-1 visa students, speak English, are fully insured, and have their own spending money for personal expenses. Host families provide room, board and receive a generous monthly stipend. For more information, please contact **Karen Hickey at 609-605-8020.**



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LENT 2015

“Conversion To Christ”

HOLY WEEK:



3/29/2015	Sunday	Passion Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
4/2/2015	Thursday	Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
4/3/2015	Friday	Good Friday
		Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM
		Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM
4/4/2015	Saturday	Holy Saturday
		Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM
		Blessing of Food - Noon
		Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
4/5/2015	Sunday	Easter Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Chrism Mass March 31st

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 31, 2015** 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.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it - you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next weekends are **April 17-19 and May 29-31**.

For more information call 609-742-4035
or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org.
Visit our website: www.me-southjersey.org.

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. The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.