

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

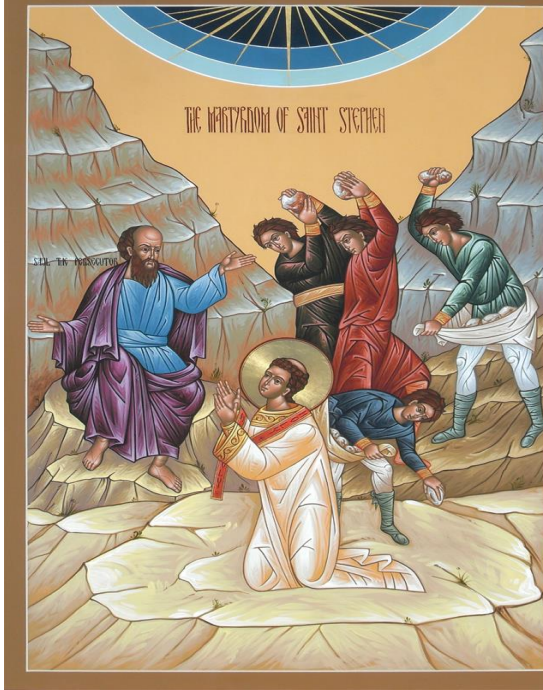
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

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Coordinator of
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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 6, 2016 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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, 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 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".

In the event of a WINTER STORM, MASSES ARE STILL CELEBRATED, BUT DISCRETION SHOULD BE USED DEPENDING UPON YOUR PERSONAL SITUATION.

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| SUNDAY | March 6, 2016 |
| 9:00am | Florence McHugh r/b The Petronis Family |
| 10:30am | Dorothy Corbett r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt Albert Capaldi r/b Susan Midili |
| MONDAY | March 7, 2016 |
| 9:00am | Communion Service |
| TUESDAY | March 8, 2016 |
| 9:00am | People of the Parish – Living & Deceased |
| WEDNESDAY | March 9, 2016 |
| 9:00am | Mass of Thanksgiving for Those Who Helped in Our Confirmation Preparation |
| THURSDAY | March 10, 2016 |
| 9:00am | Anthony Altadonna (5 th Anniversary) r/b His Wife, Adele Altadonna |
| FRIDAY | March 11, 2016 |
| 9:00am | Rev. Vincent G. Carpinelli r/b People of the Parish |
| SATURDAY | March 12, 2016 |
| 4:30pm | Joseph J. Miozzi (1 st Anniversary) r/b The Rocco Family |
| SUNDAY | March 13, 2016 |
| 9:00am | James Shiflet r/b Rita Vogt & Family |
| 10:30am | Joseph J. Miozzi r/b Anthony, Phyl & Family Francisco Dang Viet Dang r/b Loc Dang Dorothy Corbett r/b Bob Menta |



**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.

February 27/28, 2016 Collection: \$4,123
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target: \$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average: \$4,645

Special Collections:

March 6th: "Catholic Relief Services" (Diocese)
March 6-13-20: "Easter Flower Memorials" (St. Stephen)
March 25th: "Holy Land Good Friday" (Diocese)

(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 Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Dot Corbett, 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., John Howard, 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, Mary Vivillo, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard, Keith Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for March 12/13

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: Sr. Eleonora, B. Taylor, V. Thibault, J. Heining, *L. Heining

Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: M. Conway

EM's: M. Conway, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro, R. Davis, *E. Nolte

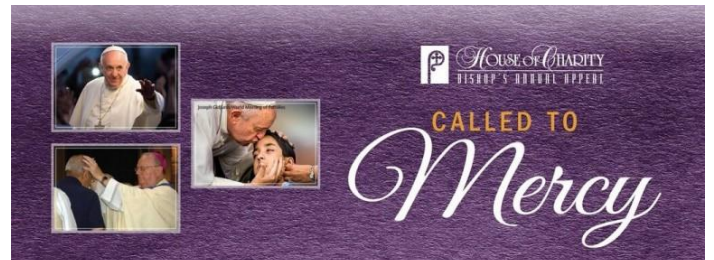
Lectors: J. Gerst, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: C. Aleszczyk

EM's: P. Cioe, M. Meloni, Geo. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, *J. Messina

Lector: M. Turan



2016 House of Charity Appeal

2016 House of Charity y-t-d \$9,090 (17%)
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 44 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.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

3/7-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
 3/8-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Reflections
 3/9-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 3/10-Thursday-9am Mass, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 3/11-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross
 3/12-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 3/13-Sunday-9am Mass, 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

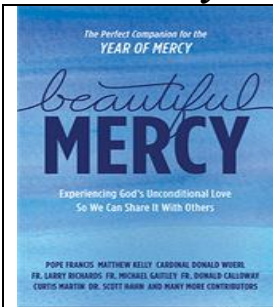
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

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 March 9th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue this Thursday
March 10th @ 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 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

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.

Malvern Men's Retreat March 11-13



Gentlemen,

Please join us for a retreat to St. Joseph's in the hills in Malvern Pa. **March 11-13**. Why should you make a retreat?

- ❖ 42 hours of peace and quiet away from the "real world"
- ❖ spend time with friends or make new ones
- ❖ work out some personal issues
- ❖ spend time with other men whose faith is central in their lives
- ❖ connect with God in a personal way

The retreat begins on Friday evening and finishes by 12:30 on Sunday. For information or registration www.malvernretreat.com or contact Joe Fagan 609-471-0753 jfagan1982@comcast.net

YOU WILL BE A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR GROUP!

CCHS Host Families Needed

Host families are needed for Nacel Open Door international high school students who will be attending Camden Catholic High School this fall. These F-1 visa students, speak English, are fully insured, and have their own spending money. Host families provide room, board and receive a generous monthly stipend. For more information, please contact Karen Hickey at 609-605-8020. Thank you.

St. Rose Alumni and Friends:

Please join us for 4th Annual Coach Bingo on **Saturday, March 12 at 7pm** at Emmaus Church Basement in Mt. Ephraim, NJ. Cost is \$35 pp. Dinner provided by Guimarello's Restaurant. Limited seating and tickets will not be sold at the door. For info: tricia1313@comcast.net. Hope you can make it!

Prendie Class of 1966 - 50th Reunion

APHS Class of 1966 will hold their 50th Class reunion on Saturday, **October 15, 2016** at the Springfield Country Club. To receive further information, classmates should send contact info to Dottie Bracken Evangelista at evangedb@gmail.com or call her 610-436-0427.

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.



A Musical Journey Through His Final Days...

Will be presented by **Suite Inspiration**, a professional group of musicians that present an awe inspiring musical journey through the final days of Jesus' earthly life. The concert will be held at Sacred Heart Parish, 103 4th Street, Riverton, **Sunday, March 13th, 7:00pm**. A free will offering will be accepted at the end of the presentation to benefit the mothers and babies of **Good Counsel Homes, Riverside**. This is one hour of your day that will inspire you and bring an inner peace from the Garden of Gethsemane to the glory of the Resurrection. Please join us on this very special journey.

Camden Catholic High School News

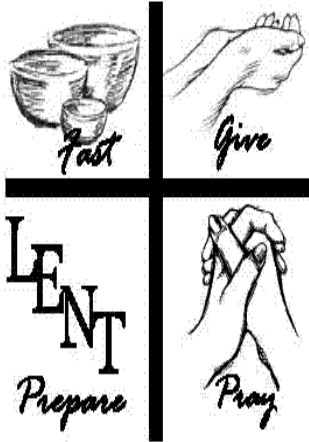
Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students are being scheduled throughout 2016 at Camden Catholic High School. Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy. Contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

The Arts at CCHS Presents PIPPIN

March 11, 12, 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. and **March 13** at 2 p.m. \$12/person. Purchase tickets online at www.cchperformingarts.com or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Calling All Encountered Couples
To a Community Enrichment Weekend
Our Story Through the Years - Dialogue
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass – Game Time- Dancing
March 18-20, 2016 at the Grand Hotel, Cape May
Call John & Theresa Garrity 609-226-6318
johntheresag@comcast.net for more information.



LENT 2016

“Renew Our Hearts”



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| 3/6/2016 | Sunday | Fourth Sunday of Lent |
| 3/8/2016 | Tuesday | Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflections on the Works of Mercy |
| 3/11/2016 | Friday | Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM |
| 3/13/2016 | Sunday | Fifth Sunday of Lent |
| 3/15/2016 | Tuesday | Penance Service at 7:30 PM following the Rosary at 7:00 PM |
| 3/18/2016 | Friday | <p><u>The Franciscan Mystery Players present “Jesus the Healer” at 7:30PM</u> This is an UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE OF HEALING presented by the FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our Parish’s spiritual journey. Because of the intensity of the subject matter of suffering and death, it may not be recommended for children. We strongly encourage all our ADULTS and TEENS to attend this unique and prayerful presentation on <u>Friday, March 18, 2016 at 7:30 PM.</u> DON’T MISS THIS!!!!</p> |
| 3/20/2016 | Sunday | Passion Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM, 3pm Filipino Apostolate Mass |
| 3/24/2016 | Thursday | Holy Thursday-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 | Good Friday |
| | | 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 | Holy Saturday |
| | | Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM |
| | | Blessing of Food - Noon |
| | | Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM |
| 3/27/2016 | Sunday | Easter Sunday - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM |