

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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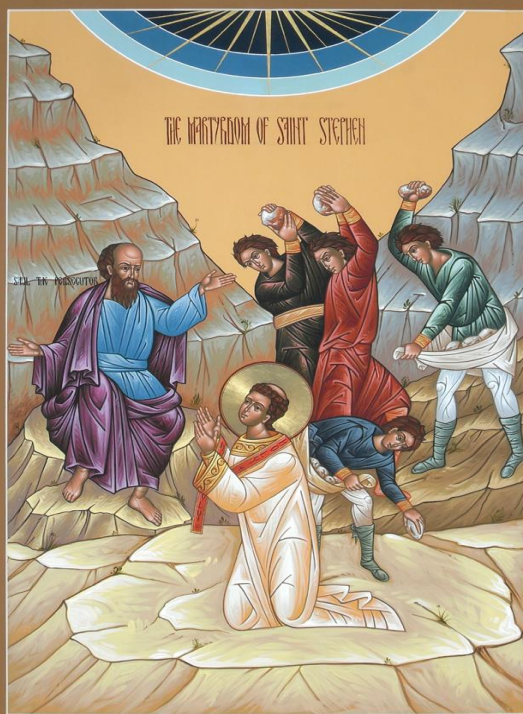
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Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

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Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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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 8, 2015 – 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

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 9, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	March 10, 2015 Anthony Altadonna (4 th Anniversary) r/b His Wife, Adele Altadonna
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	March 11, 2015 Edith Nuzzi r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	March 12, 2015 Catherine Summers r/b M/M John Messina
FRIDAY 9:00am	March 13, 2015 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY 4:30pm	March 14, 2015 Marguerite Boyle r/b Anthony Midili & Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	March 15, 2015 Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter
10:30am	Charles Franchine r/b Loretta Anthony

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 28/March 1, 2015 Collection:	\$5,365
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,941

Special Collections:

March 15, 2015: "Catholic Relief Services" (Diocese)

Undated: "Easter Flower Memorials" (St. Stephen Church)
(posted as a courtesy for our 20+ E-givers)

2015 House of Charity Appeal

2015 House of Charity y-t-d	\$10,715 (20%)
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 **59 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.



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, 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 Viviello, Dolores VonAlex, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for March 14/15

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

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

Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, M. Conway

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, T. Scavuzzo, L. McHugh, M. Miller, *S. Marano

Lectors: P. Nolte, J. Messina

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: O. Albert, T. Albert

EM's: K. Fagan, J. Fagan, T. Link, T. Urgo, *D. Urgo

Lectors: P. Cioe, L. Fagan

Men of Malvern Retreat March 13-15

Gentlemen,

If you have ever heard of the men of Malvern, if you have ever been curious about what a Malvern Retreat is all about, if you ever thought about going to Malvern, THIS IS THE YEAR. Fr. Dennis O'Donnell will be directing our retreat this year. Fr. O'Donnell gave a Lenten retreat at St Stephen Parish a few years ago. It is safe to say he was well received. If you liked him here, you will love him at St. Joseph's in The Hills. You are invited to join us Friday evening March 13 through Sunday morning for a 42 hour retreat. Spend time with friends, relax, refocus, be alone with God. For more information please visit www.malvernretreat.com Register with The Holy Family Group. March 13-15. **If you have any questions, contact Joe Fagan 609-471-0753 or jfagan1982@comcast.net.**

Automatic E-Giving

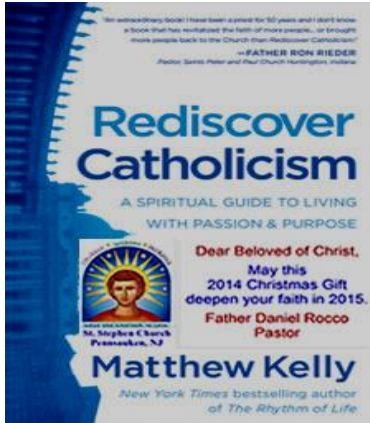
St. Stephen Parish continues to provide **Electronic Giving, or e-Giving**, as a simple, secure & convenient method for making contributions. **E-Giving** is being used by churches throughout the country and works similar to online bill paying. **You may logon to www.StStephensPennsauken.com to set up your account.**

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

3/9-Mon-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study
 3/10-Tuesday-9am Mass, 6:00pm Pastoral Council, 7pm Rosary,
 7:30pm Lenten Reflection
 3/11-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 3/12-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 3/13-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross
 3/14-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 3/15-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues March 12, 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, March 12th 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

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 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 March, please contact Michael @ 662-2543.

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... Profess the Creed?

Professing the Nicene Creed takes us back to the very roots of our faith. The word creed comes from the Latin – credo, which means “I Believe.” As stated in Hebrews 11:1, “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Therefore we profess our belief in the history of our Christianity, God’s support through His church today, and our faith in His promise of salvation.

Recently we have seen a few changes in the wording of the Creed. This is actually a return to the more original translation from Latin and Greek. The opening “I” believe has returned to “We” as it was proclaimed by the Ecumenical Councils in 400 AD, since we are proclaiming as an assembly. The phrase “One in being with the Father” is now “Consubstantial with the Father.” Consubstantial is not translated, but rather carried over from Latin, and literally means “One in being.” Both forms state our belief that Jesus is God and is one with the Father. Another new term used is Incarnate. Incarnate means enfleshed, so this term is used to remind us that Jesus was human from the moment of His conception, not His birth.

The Creed originated in 325 AD at the Ecumenical Council in Nicaea and was formalized in Constantinople; to clarify and defend the ancient teachings of the church regarding the humanity and divinity of Christ and the divinity of the Holy Spirit.

Amen – Such a simple word with such a powerful impact. Amen is translated to mean: “Yes, I believe,” “So be it” “It is so,” “To strengthen and confirm,” and “I take these words as my own.” Therefore we are making a very definitive statement when we say “Amen.”

A priest once remarked that in order to prepare the General Intercessions for Mass, he needed to hold a bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other. This is because the intercessions focus on the needs of today. There is a general progression, from the needs of the church, to world or national events, to the needs of the poor and afflicted, local parish concerns, and a quiet moment to reflect on our personal petitions. These prayers belong to the faithful and demonstrate our strength in praying as a community, recognizing our place and responsibility in the world. This is reflected in our plea, “Lord, hear our prayer”

Become Engaged

Take time away from Mass to reflect on each line of the Nicene Creed and the wonderful story it tells along with the loving promise of God’s salvation. This prayer should never be “recited,” but each line prayed reverently and thoughtfully. The Amen is a statement of ownership of the words of this prayer – Proclaim it with conviction!

Listen to each intercession and lend the strength of your faith to the congregation’s petition “Lord, hear our prayer.” Remember, Jesus told us “Ask and you shall receive!”

Bowling for a Better World March 8th

Heart-to-Heart presents *Bowling for a Better World* in support of transformative education in jails, prisons and communities. **Sunday, March 8th from 4pm-7pm at Pinsetter Bar and Bowl** in Merchantville, NJ. \$25 ticket includes, 3 hours of bowling, shoe rental, buffet.

Buy your tickets online at <http://h2hbowling.eventzilla.net> or contact h2hincinfo@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

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## Communion Breakfast for Healthcare Workers

The South Jersey Catholic Medical Association is hosting a Communion Breakfast for all Health Care workers on **Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 9:00am at Lourdes Medical Center Chapel**, 1600 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ. Reverend Robert E. Hughes will be the celebrant. Breakfast will be served immediately following Mass. Our speaker will be Rev. Msgr. Richard LaVerghetta. The program will be the "Reaching Out to Our Youth in 2015". The South Jersey Catholic Medical Association seeks to promote Catholic ethical principals and values in the delivery of health care and to provide a forum for spiritual support for Catholic physicians, nurses and health care workers as well as support of the Church's health care ministry. Further information about the South Jersey Catholic Medical Association organization or to RSVP for the Communion Breakfast, please call Katherine Boyer at the Diocese of Camden, Health Services Division (856) 342-4125 or email [katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org](mailto:katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org).

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Camden Catholic High School News

Ninth Annual Camden Catholic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Reception, Saturday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

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.

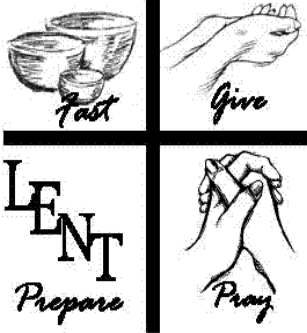
TICKETS: \$45 per person in advance (\$55 per person at the door). Ages 10-20 are \$20 per person. Ages 10 and under are free. Purchase online at www.camdencatholic.org/halloffame, or call/email Janet Indelicato: 856-663-2247 ext 136/janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org.

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

CCHS Spring Musical: Les Miserables (School Edition) Performances: May 1, 2, 8 & 9 at 7:30 pm and May 3 & 10 at 2 pm

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.cchsperformingarts.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@camdencatholic.org or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.



LENT 2015

“Conversion To Christ”



3/8/2015	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
3/10/2015	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/13/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM – “Peace and Justice”
3/15/2015	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
3/17/2015	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/20/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM – “Mary Stations”
3/22/2015	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
3/24/2015	Tuesday	Penance Service at 7:30 PM following the Rosary at 7:00 PM
3/27/2015	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. Your marriage deserves it, and so does your home life. 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 at www.me-southjersey.org