

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

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March 9, 2014 – The First 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.

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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

- 3/10-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Finance Council
- 3/11-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary/Reflection, 7:30pm RCIA
- 3/12-Wed.-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 6:30pm Conversion Workshop
- 3/13-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Book Club
- 3/14-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Mary Stations of the Cross
- 3/15-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 11am First Penance, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 3/16-Sunday-9am School 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

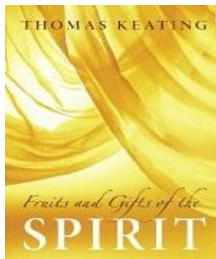
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue Wednesday, March 12th @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues March 13th 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-7:00pm.**



"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.

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| Monday, March 10 | Finance Council |
| Monday, March 24 | Liturgy Board |
| Monday, March 31 | Pastoral 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.

Scrip Fundraising Program

Scrip is available for purchase at the Scrip Table after all weekend Masses and at the rectory during regular business office hours, **Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm** (excluding Holy Days & Holidays).

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You

	<p>We are here to pray for you. Prayer requests for the month of March, please contact Betty @ 662-6928.</p>
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St. Stephens PTO- Disney Trip Raffle



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 Denise Mc Hugh 609-315-1929 or denise.mchugh15@verizon.net

We thank you for your generous support of the PTO and our Wonderful St. Stephens School!! Other Upcoming PTO events: St. Stephen's Chic Fil A Spirit Night April 10th

2014 Operation Rice Bowl

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Kenya. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person, and reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God and not from any of our own actions. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Kenya and all around the world, that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people.

If you haven't already done so, please take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

Christ the King Social March 15th

Christ The King Parish is having a social on March 15th and you are invited. The Social, named the St Pat's and St Joe's Beef-n-Bier, is being presented at the Marian House at 507 South Kings Highway, Cherry Hill, NJ on Saturday, March 15th from 7PM to 11PM. There will be Music, Dancing, Entertainment, Food, Beer, Set-ups, Door prizes and a 50/50. Ticket Price is \$25.00

Tickets are available at our parish office at 200 Windsor Avenue. Seating is limited so try to get your ticket in advance.

Call 856-429-1600 for more information.

The Arts Academy at CCHS Presents Disney's Beauty & The Beast

Performance times are **March 21, 22, 28, 29 at 7:30 p.m. and March 23 and 30 at 2 p.m.** in the Grandi Auditorium at Camden Catholic High School, 300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill. Purchase tickets at www.cchsp performingarts.com or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120. Special events include a Character Breakfast on March 22 at 9 a.m., Story Hour with Belle on March 29 at 10 a.m., and the Be Our Guest Dinner Theatre on March 29 at 5 p.m. For performance and event tickets visit cchsp performingarts.com. Event tickets and show tickets are going fast so order today!

"Open My Eyes" March 29th

Does leaving for college mean leaving your faith? It doesn't have to. Current college students & high school seniors are invited to "Open My Eyes" at Rowan University's Chamberlain Student Center in Glassboro, NJ. This inspiring day event on Saturday, March 29th will bring together the college classes of 2014-2018 for a day of prayer, faith, evangelization and community. The day is sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministries of Rowan University, Rutgers-Camden and Stockton College. Registration is now open, so won't you consider joining us? Get more information or register at: <http://openmyeyes.eventbrite.com> or contact Greg Coogan at Gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org & 856-583-6122.

Save the Date and Share the News

All are welcome to join St. Joseph's Church, Camden for a special 10am Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 27, 2014**. Bishop Dennis Sullivan will concelebrate Mass that morning on the occasion of the canonization of Blessed John Paul II. A luncheon at The Merion in Cinnaminson will follow. More information will be posted in the Catholic Star Herald. As of Sunday, April 27, 2014 our church will be the home of a first-class relic of Saint John Paul II. Please share the news with family and friends and plan to attend that Sunday. For more information contact Connie Wilke at 856-456-9120.



The Engaged Encounter is a weekend away with other engaged couples which allows plenty of time alone as a couple to dialogue honestly and intensively about your prospective life together.

Ideas presented by a team of married couples and a priest or deacon stimulate personal reflection and private couple dialogue. Topics for discussion include: strengths and weaknesses, desires, ambitions, goals, attitudes about money, sexuality, children, family, your role in the church and society. The Sunday Mass celebration is an important part of the program.

Engaged Encounter Weekends are held at Pope John Paul II Retreat Center in Vineland, NJ. All weekends begin promptly at 8:00 p.m., Friday evening, and close by 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon. All meals and accommodations are included in the reservation fee.

Upcoming Weekends

June 6-8, 2014

November 7-9, 2014

August 8-10, 2014

Registration Procedures for Engaged Encounter

More information may be found on the Diocese of Camden Website: <http://www.camdendiocese.org/index.php/workshops/78/engaged-encounter>

For additional questions, please contact the office by phone at 856 583-6132 or email at MarriagePrep@camdendiocese.org.

When registering for Engaged Encounter you will be registered for the weekend, including lodging and meals, for the fee of \$395. The online payment of your registration fee confirms your place in the program.

Please save the receipt. Please choose carefully as there is a \$25 rescheduling/cancellation fee to cover administrative expenses.

A Wedding is a Day
A Marriage is a Lifetime

LENT 2014

Returning to God

3/9/2014	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent-Rite of Sending (RCIA)
3/11/2014	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/14/2014	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Mary Stations)
3/16/2014	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
3/18/2014	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00 PM followed by Reflection
3/21/2014	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM (Traditional Stations)
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