

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

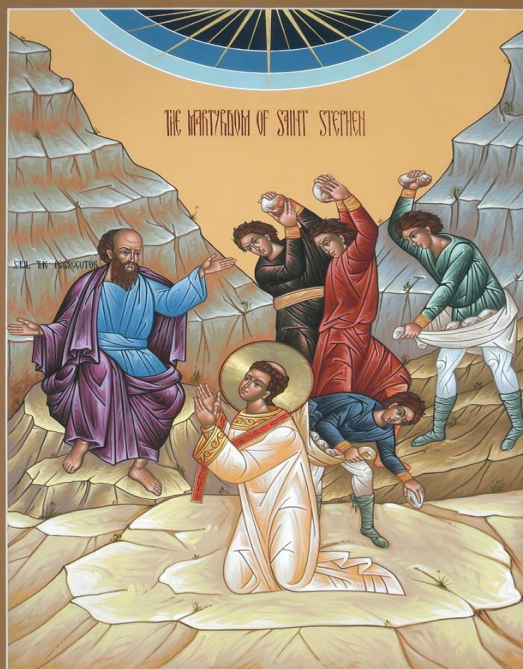
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Pastor

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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.*

April 10, 2016 – The Third Sunday of Easter

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".

SUNDAY 9:00am	April 10, 2016 Angel Medina r/b Joe & Lisa Rosario
10:30am	Marie Newell r/b St. Stephen's Choir Dana Mulherin r/b Renee & Gary Moyer George R. Dudo, Sr. r/b People of the Parish
MONDAY 9:00am	April 11, 2016 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 12, 2016 Rev. David E. Beebe r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 13, 2016 For Our Religious Education Students Receiving the Sacrament of First Penance Today
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	April 14, 2016 Marie Olsen Loughlin r/b Tom & Monica Corbett
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 15, 2016 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY 4:30pm	April 16, 2016 William Kunder r/b The Baylor-Pandola Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	April 17, 2016 Carmen J. Rotondo r/b Rose Davis
10:30am	Bill Buffington (7 th Anniversary) r/b His Wife, Lucille Dorothy Corbett r/b St. Stephen's Choir



**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
*In Memory of the
Unborn Children***

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.

April 2/3, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$4,804
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,664

Next Special Collection:

April 24th: "Catholic Home Missions" (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, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, 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, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Helen Huhn, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Jr., Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Darlene Marcinczyk, 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, Rita Vitacolonna, Mary Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for April 16/17

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: A. Cirullo, B. Taylor, Sr. Eleanora, V. Thibault, *C. Pandola

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, B. McHugh

EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Leone, E. Nolte, *R. Davis

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, Jared Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, C. Gardner

EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, T. Mattered, P. Cioe, *K. Fagan

Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, M. Miller

Please Help Those Who Protect Us

On April 16th and 17th our 7th Grade Religious Education Students will be speaking at all weekend Masses and afterwards will be at a table in the back of Church to accept donations for "electronic Bibles" entitled "Military Bible Stick," which is an Audio Drama New Testament. These electronic Bible Sticks will then be sent to our soldiers, sailors and marines abroad. These have the Imprimatur of Archbishop James Hickey of Washington D.C. The cost of each BibleStick is \$25.00 but we will accept any kind of donation from our parishioners to put toward these Bibles. **Every dollar raised will be matched in the month of April through a special corporate donor.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

4/11-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Deacons
 4/12-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 4/13-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 4/14-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 4/15-Friday-9am Mass
 4/16-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
 4/17-Sunday-9am Mass & 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptism

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

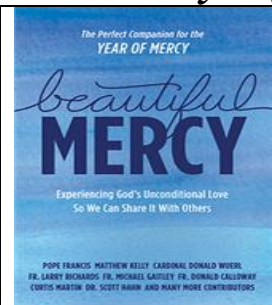
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

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 Continue on April 13th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue this Thursday April 14th @ 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, May 6, 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 April, please contact Bernice @ 856-662-4641.

Parish Library

Our Cup Runneth Over!

Until further notice, we can't accept any more books!

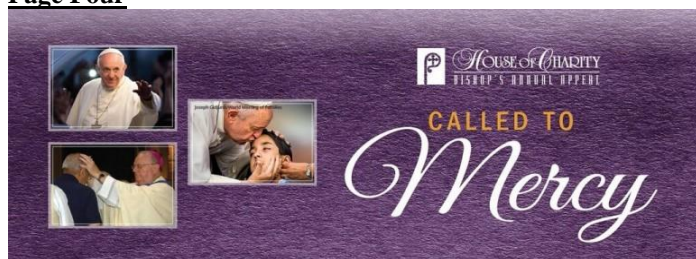
The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Winter reading needs! We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. Please stop by after Masses.

**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

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.



2016 House of Charity Appeal

2016 House of Charity y-t-d \$13,345 (25%)
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 71 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.

Gloucester Catholic News

Gloucester Catholic Junior Senior High will host "A Celebration of Maroon and Gold", the Twelfth Annual Ultimate Basket Auction, on Thursday, April 21 at Adelphia's Grand Ballroom in Deptford. Viewing of the more than 100 gift baskets will begin at 5:30, followed by dinner and entertainment. Donation: \$45. For tickets, call or text Gina Gorman Finley at 609-617-1154 or email ginafinley818@comcast.net.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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 22-24 and Sep 30-Oct 2, 2016. For more information call 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Visit our website www.me-southjersey.org.

Collingswood Manor

Volunteers are needed to assist bringing wheelchair-bound residents from their apartments to the Chapel for Catholic Services on Wednesdays at 10:30am. The resident apartments and the chapel are in the same building at 460 Haddon Avenue in Collingswood, NJ. Volunteers would receive a wheelchair transportation inservice to gain knowledge on wheelchair transport safety. The volunteers would be asked to transport the residents to the service at 10:30am, attend the service with the residents and transport the residents back to their apartments following the service which concludes at 11:10am. Please contact Mary Moloney, Volunteer Service Coordinator, at mmoloney@cm-umh.org or call (856) 854-4331, ext. 5204.

5th Annual iRace4Vocations

On Sunday, April 17, 2016, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Washington Lake Park (626 Hurffville Crosskeys Road, Sewell) for our 5th Annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at 1:00pm followed by our 5k run/1.3 mile family walk. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with a picnic and family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese. For more information and to register for the event, visit www.camdenpriest.org.

10th Annual CCHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Reception

Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Honoring the very best students, athletes, philanthropists and professionals in the Camden Catholic family. Ceremony followed by celebratory reception including beer, wine, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres. \$50/person in advance. \$60 at the door. To purchase tickets visit www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame or call/email Janet Indelicato 856-663-2247 ext. 136 or janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org.

2016 Inductees

Emerald - Academics / Arts

Anita (Pat) Brown '66, Sister Janet Theresa Marchesani '56, Daniel McDyre '59, John L. Pund '74, Thomas Shusted '44 (posthumous), Gerard P. Smith '52

1887 - Special

Richard Kelly '55 and Bartholomew Sheehan '23 (posthumous)

Green & White - Athletics

Maureen Lee Behm '92, Michael Booth '00, Margaret Iezzi Cheli '88, Jennifer Mayfield LaFave '90, Scott Yeager '97, 1951 Varsity Baseball Team, 2005 Varsity Wrestling Team

Paul VI High School News

Paul VI High School 7th Grade Practice HSPT is being offered on Saturday, April 16th. This full-length practice test is a help in preparing students for the High School Placement Test taken in the fall of 8th grade. (The HSPT is the scholarship vehicle used by many private high schools, including Paul VI.)

Reservations are required, space is limited.

For more information, or to reserve a desk, please visit our website, www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events

Paul VI High School Coffee, Tea, and Tours will be held on Saturday, April 16th. Two convenient morning tour times are offered, ideal for parents whose students are taking the 7th Grade Practice HSPT. Reservations appreciated, all are welcome. For more information, or to make a reservation, please visit our website, www.pvihs.org/Admissions/Admissions-Events.

Paul VI High School - 7th Grade Eagle Days are now available! Seventh grade students are invited to spend a day as a Paul VI Eagle. For more information and to make a reservation, please visit our website, www.pvihs.org/Page/Admissions/Eagle-for-a-Day.

Reading Reflections April 10, 2016

Reading 1 Reflection Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

If our readings each had titles, this one could be called "Brave Heroes Spread Good News." Although Peter and some of the other apostles had been imprisoned and beaten, they continued to preach in Jesus' name. They also dared to accuse the religious authorities of putting Jesus to death. Despite the danger to themselves, the apostles spoke out with great courage. "We must obey God rather than men," they proclaimed. Now that they were filled with the Holy Spirit, facing danger for Jesus' sake actually made them joyful!

Reading 2 Reflection Revelations 5:11-14

The title of the second reading might be "All Creation Praises the Lamb." It describes a vision of the heavenly court in which a huge crowd of angels and all living beings are gathered. They are all singing the praises of the Lamb of God, Jesus the Lord. By his death and resurrection, Jesus has reconciled us with God and given us cause for great joy.

Gospel Reflection John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

The title of this wonderful story from John's Gospel might be "Surprise Picnic at the Beach." In a very human way, it shows the great love Jesus and his friends had for one another. While the disciples are out fishing, the risen Christ appears on the shore at Lake Tiberias. They are anchored at a distance and do not recognize him. But when they follow his advice and wind up with a sagging net full of fish, John figures out that the stranger is Jesus. Coming ashore, they enjoy the picnic breakfast Jesus has prepared for them.

Although our reading stops after the meal itself, we know from the rest of the Gospel that Jesus called Peter aside after they ate. He asked Peter to "feed my lambs. Tend my sheep."

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

The ministry of Art and Environment wishes to thank all our faithful parishioners and the following ministries for assisting in preparing for Holy Week and the Easter Liturgical season. We would especially like to thank Fr. Daniel Rocco, Deacons Al and Anthony, Altar Servers, Knights of Columbus, Ushers, Lectors, Buildings and Grounds, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministry and all the parishioners who remembered their families and friends with their Easter Flower donation. This helped to enhance and beautify our church for this blessed season.

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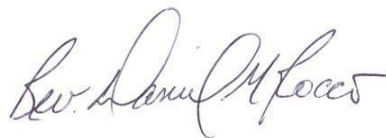
Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Parish of Saint Stephen, I would like to thank you for your generosity this Easter Season. Although this time of major transition within our parish has challenged the parish to meet our many obligations, your sacrificial giving to our Saint Stephen Community has assisted us in developing a new vision for our future.

Thank you for your support in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ during these difficult past years. Hopefully, with the upcoming sale of the school property, we will be able to begin a new chapter in the ongoing development of St. Stephen Parish.

With a promise of prayer for your intentions, I am

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor

