

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal

Emergencies: (856) 261-9336
(Accidents, Dying or Death)



Contact Information

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April 14, 2013 – The Third Sunday of Easter

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 – 7:00pm Vigil

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.

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 2014 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	April 15, 2013 Jessica Falcone r/b Grandmom
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 16, 2013 Bill Buffington r/b His Wife, Lucille
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 17, 2013 Jennie Zinicola r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	April 18, 2013 John T. Leahy r/b The Leahy Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 19, 2013 Mildred Rita Meschini (1 st Anniversary) r/b Anthony Midili
SATURDAY 4:30pm	April 20, 2013 Ed Schmitt r/b Ralph & Jean Baylor & Family
SUNDAY 9:00am 10:30am	April 21, 2013 Jennie Zinicola r/b Rosina Midili & Family Msgr. Paul M. O'Connor r/b People of the Parish Frances Baranowski r/b St. Stephen's Choir Olive Visco r/b Bridal Registry Ladies Rev. Donald F. Trinkle r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Vito & Adelina Meloni.

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 6/7, 2013 Attendance/Collection	468/	\$5,597
April 8/9, 2012 Comparison	Easter	\$n/a
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,536

Next Special Collections:

- 4/21/13: "Star Herald" (St. Stephen's)
- 4/28/13: "Catholic Home Missions" (Diocese)

2013 House of Charity Appeal

2013 House of Charity y-t-d	\$4,787.50 (9%)
2013 House of Charity Goal	\$52,250

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 22 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:

Dolly Angelastro, Edith Bielinski, Milton Burns, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Paul Tryson, Cyrol Valentino, Gloria Vendetti, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for April 20/21

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Ciarrocca, M. Ciarrocca, H. Atchison

EM's: J. Heininger, L. Heininger, P. Antonelli, A. Cirullo, *T. Angstman

Lectors: L. Peischl, P. Tryson

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: S. Caban, O. Graff, I. Rosario

EM's: S. Marano, L. Rosario, J. Rosario, L. McHugh, L. D'Alessandro

Lectors: M. Corbett, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: L. Fagan, M. Conway, K. Fagan

EM's: J. Fagan, K. Fagan, C. Otto, W. Delfin, *M. Meloni

Lector: M. Miller, L. Fagan

Catholicism Adult Study Program

Continues this Wednesday, April 17, 2013

St. Stephen Parish presents CATHOLICISM, a study program that has been created so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith.

This program explains not only what Catholics believe and why, but also displays, in magnificent visual detail, the richness of the Church's global culture, using art, architecture, literature, music, and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church.

This is a 10-week DVD series by Fr. Robert Barron, and will be held at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish Center**, on **Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.** For further information or to register, please call Lily at (856) 786-0567.

Knights' Breakfast Buffet April 28th

The Knights of Columbus Spring Breakfast Buffet will be on Sunday, April 28th in our School cafeteria. Adults \$8.00, Kids 12 and under \$5.00, and the new Family Plan of up to 6 persons for \$25.00!! Thank you for your support.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

4/15-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Pastoral Council
 4/16-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Fire Co. in Parish Center
 4/17-Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 6:15pm Catholicism Series
 4/18-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6&7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion
 4/19-Friday-9am Mass
 4/20-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 4/21-Sunday- 9am School Mass & 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptisms



God values you, and  has a plan for your life!

As women, we all have unique circumstances, difficulties, hopes and dreams. But no matter where you are in your journey, God's Word can always offer inspiration, comfort, and support.

St. Stephen Ladies Monday Bible Study

Meeting times: Mondays 1:00-2:30pm

Location: Stonegate Conference Room

Questions? Contact Eileen at (856) 662-8046 or email heides@comcast.net.

Tuesday Night 7pm Rosary

Please join us every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the church in response to Our Lady of Fatima's request to pray the rosary for peace in the world.

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue April 17th @ 6:15PM

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Series: "What is Faith?"

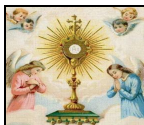
7pm in the Parish Center



First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

Friday, May 3rd, 9:30am-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 7pm in the Parish Center)

April 15	Pastoral Council
April 22	Liturgy Board
May 13	Finance Council

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

We are now over \$9,100.00!!!!

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.

SUBMIT ALL FORMS & PAYMENTS TO THE RECTORY

RCIA Ministry

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

--Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

--Have you been away from the church...and have now returned, but want to know more?

--Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism; Confirmation; and Eucharist?

--Have you joined us from a different background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church.

Please contact Father Daniel Rocco at (856) 662-9338 or Loretta Steinmetz, RCIA Team Leader at (856) 227-4627 for more information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Scrip Fundraising Program

Scrip is available for purchase at the Scrip Table after all weekend Masses and at the rectory during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm (excluding Holy Days & Holidays). Scrip orders may also be submitted to the school and will then be processed via the rectory for later delivery.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you. Prayer requests for the month of April, please contact Bernice @ 662-4641.

**St. Stephen's PTO
Upcoming & Ongoing Events**

**Spaghetti dinner- THIS Friday April 19th!!!!
6:00pm @ the School Gym**

**Patronize the Penn Queen Diner & mention
St. Stephens at the register for us to receive credit**

**Disney Trip- Raffle Tickets now on sale -\$1.00-
available after Mass or at School**



St. Stephen's PTO is selling **Disney World Trip Raffle** tickets for only \$1 at the Scrip Table after weekend Masses.

The drawing will be for a 5 Day/4 night trip-for-4 to Walt Disney World. Drawing will be held on April 19th @ Mickey's Spaghetti Dinner at St. Stephen School.

Please help support our Wonderful School!!!!

For additional Raffle Tickets or any questions, please contact Denise Mc Hugh 609-315-1929

denise.mchugh15@verizon.net or any PTO Board Member

Fair Trade Fair April 14th

Holy Eucharist Parish, 344 Kresson Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ will sponsor a Fair Trade Fair on Sunday, April 14 from 9 am to 1 pm. Fair Trade Fair offers beautiful crafts from around the world! Your purchase insures that the artisans receive a fair price for their goods – which helps to better their quality of life! Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate will also be on sale. Come join us!

Spirituality Workshop April 27th

“Beholding the Face of God”

*Presented by The Institute for
Christian Spirituality at Seton Hall University*

“Beholding the Face of God in Scripture”

**“Beholding the Face of God in People
Who Are Difficult to Love”**

“Beholding the Face of God in the Mirror”

“Beholding the Face of God in Your Work”

Saturday, April 27, 2013 - 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center, Blackwood

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

Register by Wednesday, April 24, 2013

For more information contact us:

856-583-6135 / kathia.arango@camdendiocese.org

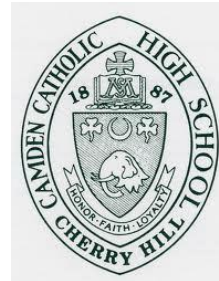
**Part-time Maintenance Position
St. Stephen School – 8am-12Noon – 20 hours total**



Some basic knowledge of electricity, plumbing and heating helpful, but not necessary. Light duties include filter changes, light bulb replacement, grounds policing, window cleaning, etc. No benefits.

**For interview appointment, please contact
Jim at the Rectory at 856-662-9338, ext. 6.**

Camden Catholic News



Hall of Fame Weekend

Golf Outing: Friday, April 19 at Pennsauken Country Club register online at camdencatholic.org/golf or 856-663-2247 x51.

Induction Ceremony: Saturday, April 20 at CCHS. Purchase tickets at camdencatholic.org/halloffame or 856-663-2247 x49.

2013 Inductees

Emerald – Academics and Art: Edward Burke '52, John J. Farina '70, Sr. Percylee Hart '52, Nancy O'Brien Singer '76, Paul Azores (posthumous).

Green and White – Athletics: Kevin Crawford '97, John "Jack" Magee '71, Colleen Lumley O'Brien '87, Bryan Parker '92, James Galmin '59 (posthumous), 1973 Baseball Team, 1986 Field Hockey Team.

41st Annual CCHS Fashion Show

Hosted by the CC Parents Association. **Friday, May 3 at 6 p.m.** at Lakeside Manor in Gibbsboro, NJ. Fashions by Macy's, student models, dinner and wonderful raffle prizes! Visit camdencatholic.org or call 856-428-3517 to reserve tickets.

Attention 7th Graders: Camden Catholic Open House
Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m. Tour the school and enjoy getting to know our students and faculty. Details regarding admissions dates and procedures for next year will be shared. RSVP 856-663-2247 ext. 49.

CCHS Class of 1963 is holding its **50th class reunion** on **October 19, 2013** at the Wyndam Hotel in Mt. Laurel. For more information go to www.CCHSclassof1963.com or call Jim Bigley at 856 816 6907.

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

March 18, 2013

Council Members Present: Fr. Daniel Rocco, Deacon Anthony, Joe Haas, Chris Hearn, Janis Melfi, Melanie Santanello, Dennis Rooney, Rich Cesta, Earl Nolte, Jennifer Parker, (School Board), and Terry Modzier

- Opened with a Scripture reading by Fr. Rocco
- Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm
- Minutes from February 18, 2012 approved by Fr. Rocco.

- **Old Business:**

Spring "Event" – The weekend of April 27/28 "event" is awaiting final approval, which is dependant upon the attendance of Sr. Bernadette. Final plans cannot be made until her attendance is confirmed, since one purpose of this function is the dedication of the "Sr. Bernadette Parish Center".

- **New Business:**

Parish Center - The first draft of the "Guidelines of Use" has been presented to the PPC for review and approval. This will be reviewed at the next meeting of the PPC. Included in this policy is: purpose, fee scale, security measures and other pertinent guidelines. Additionally, the oil tank buried in front of the Center is to be removed. It is anticipated this will be completed in the near future.

School News - Jennifer Parker, President of the School Board updated the Council on the following items: - The "Mickey" Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Friday April 19th at 6:00pm in the School Gym.

- The drawing for the Disney World Trip will be during that dinner. Good Luck to all!
- Barnes & Nobel Book Event on May 14th at the Towne Place location on Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill. There will be an author of children's books, Dan Gutman, present for autographs and conversation. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. *Remember to get your B & N SCRIP prior to attending!*
- Fund Raising - At this time school is greater than 50% of their goal. They are confident the goal will be reached.
- All bills and expenses are up to date at this time.

Parishioner Recognition – This will also take place at the "Spring Event". Those selected will be notified very shortly. Come see your fellow parishioners recognized for their donation of "Time, Talent, & Treasure".

Pavers to Mary - There are updates in the parish bulletin weekly. The goal is very close!

Finances - All bills are up to date. The current details were published in the Finance Council Meeting Notes in the church bulletin March 24th.

- Meeting adjourned @ 9:00 pm.
- Closing prayer by Fr. Rocco
- Next PPC meeting at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish Center** on: **Monday 7:00pm, April 15, 2013.**

Respectfully submitted, Terry Modzier