

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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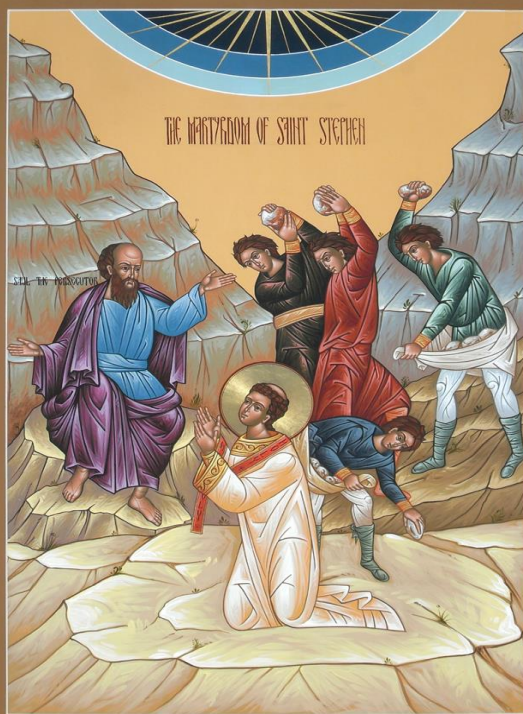
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Rectory Office Hours

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



Contact Info

Rectory Phone

(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336

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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.

April 19, 2015 – 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

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	April 20, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 21, 2015 Daniel Novoa (1 st Anniversary) r/b The McHugh Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 22, 2015 Rev. Msgr. Joseph W. Devlin, JCD r/b The People of the Parish
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	April 23, 2015 Maria Chiulli r/b Mary Jane Salmonsens
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 24, 2015 William & Frances Blumenstein (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance) r/b The McHugh Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	April 25, 2015 Joseph & Elena Melfi r/b Daughters Janis & Lynne
SUNDAY 9:00am	April 26, 2015 Rose Marie Mufalli r/b Helen Huhn
10:30am	Patricia Zullo r/b The Rocco Family Nancy Menta r/b St. Stephen's Choir Maryann Lamaina r/b Louise D'Alessandro

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Kimberlee Przychowicz Allen.

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 11/12, 2015 Collection:	\$5,335
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$5,001

Next Special Collection:

April 26, 2015: "Catholic Home Missions" (Diocese)
(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

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## 2015 House of Charity Appeal

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| <b>2015 House of Charity y-t-d</b> | <b>\$21,575 (40% )</b> |
| <b>2015 House of Charity Goal</b>  | <b>\$53,295</b>        |

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 93 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, Joseph Fagan, 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 Pigiaccelli, 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 April 25/26

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, \*B. Taylor

Lector: J. Melfi

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, B. McHugh

EM's: N. Schmidt, L. D'Alessandro, E. Nolte, M. Bufanio, \*S. Marano

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, P. Nolte

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, O. Albert

EM's: M. Meloni, J. Messina, Geo. Tutwiler, K. Fagan, \*D. Urgo

Lector: M. Turan

# A SPECIAL THANK YOU

It's with great pleasure to express my gratitude to the members of the Art & Environment Ministry, parishioners who volunteered along with the ministries of the Knights of Columbus, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Music, Pastoral Council, Nursing Home, Men's Prayer Group, Buildings and Grounds, Deacon Al, Deacon Anthony and Fr. Rocco for their help and guidance during Lent, Holy Week and this Easter season. Their commitment to St. Stephen's is amazing! Anyone interested in joining a ministry, please contact the rectory for more information. Together, we serve an "Awesome God."

To our **Parishioners**, thank you for remembering your family and friends with your flower donations, which enhances our church during this special liturgical season.

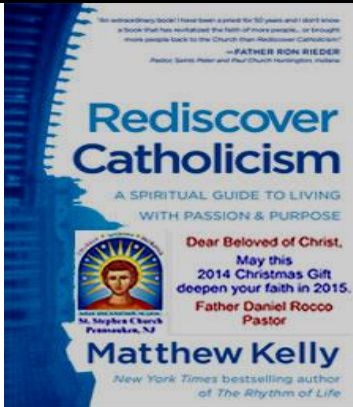
Peace!!

**Maria Haas, Art & Environment Ministry**

### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

4/20-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study  
 4/21-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Liturgy Board, 7pm Rosary  
 4/22-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6pm Joint Parish & Finance Councils,  
 6:15pm CCD Classes  
 4/23-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club, 7pm Choir  
 4/24-Friday-9am Mass  
 4/25-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 4/26-Sunday-9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

### Thursday Night Discussion Club Continues April 23, 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, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Spring 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 **April**, please contact **Diane @ 856-308-8224**.

### 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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).



# WHY DO WE ...

## Preface the Eucharistic Celebration?

The Preface is actually part of the Eucharistic Prayer. While this word is typically used to indicate a passage preceding the main body of a book or speech, in the mass it indicates a prayer to be prayed before or in front of the congregation or before God.

The Eucharistic Prayers are always stable, but the Preface changes frequently. In fact there are ninety different Prefaces that may be used, but the theme is always the same – Thanksgiving, as the word Eucharist means Thanksgiving.

The Preface serves to open a dialogue between the priest and the congregation, in which we are exhorted to “lift up our hearts” and to “give thanks to the Lord, our God.” The priest will then offer one of the ninety Preface Prayers on the behalf of all who are present, which gives thanks to God the Father, through Christ his Son, in the Spirit, for His gifts of creation, salvation and sanctification. The assembly then responds with the Preface Acclamation of Holy, Holy, Holy. This is a powerful and ancient psalm of praise and adoration, as it is offered in communion with all the Angels and Saints.

The Acclamation Scripture is from Isaiah (Isa 6:3) and reflects the language of the times. To repeat a word meant to give it more importance or value. Therefore, Holy, Holy, Holy translates to “Holiest.” This language has been continued, and as Matthew tells us (Mt 21:9), we are also acknowledging the three persons in one God.

We should “sing with joy for all of the good God has done for us.” Another word carried over from Hebrew is Hosanna. This word is an acclamation of great adoration and homage.

## Become Engaged

The Preface is a time to give thanks to God for His wondrous bounty toward us all, from our creation through our salvation. Open and lift up your hearts, mindfully offering your thanks for His presence in your life.

Consider all of the gifts you have received from God, our Father as you say the acclamation, acknowledging His greatness, mercy and love, as you honor Him with Hosannas in your heart as well as on your lips.

# SAVE the DATE

St. Stephen Parish  
*Rosary Group*

will host

Our Lady of Fatima  
International Pilgrim Virgin Statue

on

5-5-15 @ 7PM



## Religious Retirement Fund Thank You

Reverend Pastor:

April 13, 2015

In the name of all the religious women of the Diocese of Camden, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to you and all of your parishioners for your generous response to the Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. I received word today that the final figure for this year’s collection is \$171,051.43. This brings the total Diocesan contributions for all the years of the collection to \$5,465,362.68.

As we continue to celebrate this Year of Consecrated Life, your generosity surely helps religious address the many challenges they face as they age. Religious today, as always continue to make an impact on our society. Our commitment to the ministry of our communities, our prayers and spiritual life testify to the faithfulness we promised. Your commitment to us is deeply appreciated.

Please express our gratitude to your parishioners and thank them in our name. Your support is essential to the fund’s continued success. We are most grateful for all they and you do. You can surely rely on the prayers of the over 34,000 religious now over the age of 70 and the ever increasing numbers of religious who will be retiring very soon. May God bless you as only He can!

Gratefully,

**Sr. Mary J. McGarrity, IHM**  
Delegate for Women Religious

## St. Cecilia’s 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Oldies Night with Jerry Blavat

“The Geator with the Heater”

Saturday, April 25, 2015, 7pm-12am

Msgr. Kavanagh Hall, Pennsauken, NJ

Buffet, Beer, Soda, Set-ups, BYOB

50/50 & Silent Auction - Cost is \$35 per person

For Tickets call Jo @ 856-979-9995 or the school @ 662-0149.

Proceeds benefit St. Cecilia School

## ***Jubilee Mass May 5<sup>th</sup>***

**Bishop Dennis Sullivan** will be the principal celebrant at a special Mass honoring Priests in the Diocese of Camden who will celebrate a special jubilee this year. The Jubilee Mass for our Priests will be held on:

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 4:00pm  
Saint Mary Church**

**2001 Springdale Road in Cherry Hill, NJ**

All the people of the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass. Come and celebrate with the priests of our diocese. We celebrate the following Jubilarians, **including one of our own:**

### **25 Years**

**Reverend Joseph J. Adamson  
Reverend Jeevanandama Amalanathan  
Reverend Joseph P. Capella  
Reverend Robert E. Hughes  
Reverend David J. Klein  
Reverend Michael J. McCue, O.S.F.S.  
Reverend Joseph M. Monahan, T.O.R.  
Reverend Joachim Oforchukwu, C.S.Sp.  
Reverend Alfred Onyutha  
Reverend John Perdue, M.SS.CC.  
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco  
Reverend Antony Savari Muthu  
Reverend Matthew R. Weber**

### **40 Years**

**Reverend John A. Cavagnaro  
Reverend Edward T. Fitzpatrick, O.S.F.S.  
Reverend Robert J. Fritz  
Reverend Kenneth P. Hallahan  
Reverend Joseph A. Perreault  
Reverend John J. Vignone**

### **50 Years**

**Reverend Andrew J. Bolcar  
Reverend Robert J. Dunphy  
Reverend Monsignor William P. Graham  
Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan  
Reverend Howard E. Muhlbaier  
Reverend Josef A. Wagenhoffer  
Reverend John P. Ward  
Reverend Robert P. Weber**

### **60 Years**

**Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Coyne  
Reverend Monsignor Felix M. O'Neill**



April 19, 2015

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 St. Stephen Community has assisted us in developing a new vision for our future. Due to your continued giving, we were able to pay off the \$93,000 Catholic School vouchers on behalf of our former students now attending other Catholic Schools as well as paying the expenses of a vacant school building which will exceed \$36,000 this year.

Later this month, the Parish Council and the Finance Board will be sharing with you the results of many months of searching for the best solution for our school campus. We are awaiting Diocesan approvals with regards to the school building and its property.

Thanks to your faithfulness, the future of St. Stephen's is filled with great possibilities. Hopefully, these possibilities will become a reality in the coming months.

With a promise of prayer for your intentions, I am

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor