

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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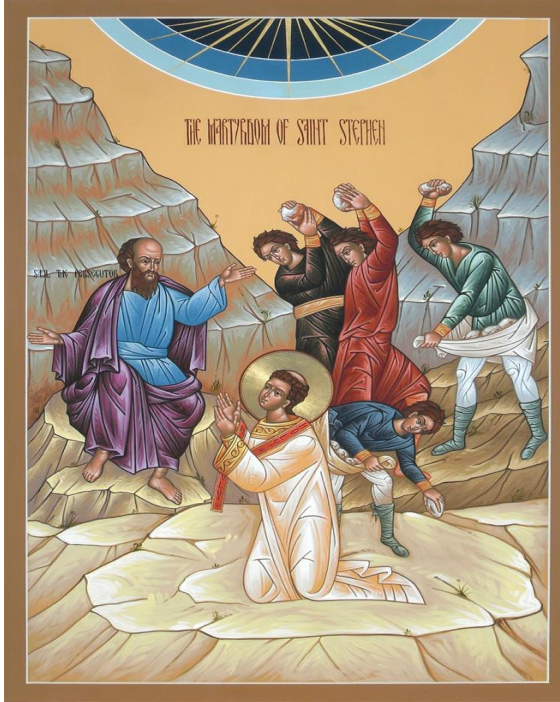
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Pastor

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Permanent Deacon

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Rectory Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
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(856) 662-4679

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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 24, 2016 – The Fifth 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	April 24, 2016
9:00am	Thomas Fallon (2 nd Anniversary) r/b Elaine & Sean Connor
10:30am	Neal Norris (April 25 th Birthday Remembrance) r/b People of the Parish Richard Cesta r/b Duane & Pam Heck
MONDAY	April 25, 2016
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY	April 26, 2016
9:00am	Leo Skomsky r/b Elizabeth Hodosheff
WEDNESDAY	April 27, 2016
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY	April 28, 2016
9:00am/Novena	Thomas Stanley r/b Mary Jane & Andy Salmonsens
FRIDAY	April 29, 2016
9:00am	Mmgr. Eugene J. Kernan r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY	April 30, 2016
4:30pm	Jean Burns r/b Ed & Barb Weingard
SUNDAY	May 1, 2016
9:00am	Michael Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Marie Newell r/b Maryann Bufanio Frank Macellaro r/b Frank Pigliacelli



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 16/17, 2016 Offertory Collection: \$5,367
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target: \$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average: \$4,686

Special Collections:

April 24th: "Catholic Home Missions" (Diocese)
May 8th: "Catholic Communications" (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, Arthur Alessandrone, 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, Rick Taylor, 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 30 / May 1

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: B. Taylor, V. Thibault, A. Knight, L. Heininger, **Sr. Eleanora*

Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, Q. Nguyen

EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, M. Bufanio, R. Leone, **R. Davis*

Lectors: M. Miller, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Gardner, M. Daniels, C. Nicdao

EM's: J. Messina, T. Mattera, K. Fagan, J. Fagan, **M. Meloni*

Lector: M. Turan

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewards Share their Love"

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."
JOHN 13:34

It is easy to love someone when they love us back. But it takes courage for *Stewards* to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone who doesn't look like me.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 4/25-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
- 4/26-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 4/27-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 4/28-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
- 4/29-Friday-9am Mass
- 4/30-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 5/1-Sunday-9am Mass (First Communion) & 10:30am Mass

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

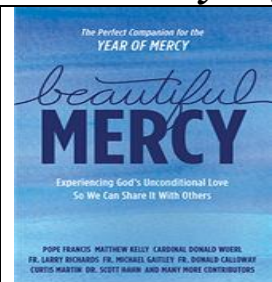
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

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 27th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue this **Thursday April 28th @ 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.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,
Come One, Come All
To Coffee and Pastries,
At the Parish Hall!

Sunday, April 24th
After 10:30 Mass



2016 House of Charity Appeal

2016 House of Charity y-t-d: \$14,625 (27.4%)

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 80 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.

Undergarments Drive

For Men & Women

We are having an **Undergarments Drive for the Homeless in Camden** in association with the **Cathedral in Camden.**

Who: Men & Women

When: From Now until May 21

Where: Labeled Box in Church Vestibule

Why: To participate in the 3rd Corporal Work of Mercy: "Clothe the Naked"

How: You may purchase undergarments for men and/or women or if you wish to donate money, please make your check payable to: **St. Stephen Church with "Undergarments for Homeless" in the MEMO.**

For further information, please call Esther Nunez at (856) 506-1278.

Collegium Center Events

*You are invited to these free events!!
All are welcomed, so bring a friend.*

The Collegium Center for Faith and Culture, 301 White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035 Light Refreshments are served. Doors open at 6:30. For more info contact Brenda at 856-534-0400 or olvbquinn@aol.com

Fri. May 6, 7:00pm "Humility, the Road to Mercy" - Deacon Bob Hamilton - Humility and Mercy go hand in hand. The road to defeating pride is practicing Mercy and the road to being merciful is being humble. Come hear Deacon Bob Hamilton connect these virtues and give us practical ways of practicing both.

Deacon Bob is a highly energetic, practical presenter, who always uses humor to help get his point across. This promises to be a dynamic presentation that you won't want to miss!! All are invited!!!

Mon. May 23, 7:00pm - "Holy Land Pilgrimage in pictures" - Laurie Power & Brenda Quinn - See where Jesus walked as we share our experiences in Nazareth, Bethlehem, Cana, Galilee, Capernaum, Jericho and Jerusalem.

1st Annual Taste For Life Fundraiser

To Benefit the Riverside Good Counsel Home

Specialties from 14+ renowned restaurants.

Food, fun and music while supporting Moms & Babies.

May 15, 2016: 1-4pm

The Marian House,

507 South Kings Highway, Cherry Hill, NJ

Cost: \$40.00

Tickets: Karen Downey ~ 856-220-3366;

mae1105@aol.com; or

JoAnn Dinoia ~ 609-387-2928;

joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

WANTED:

St. Peter School in Merchantville seeks to hire a principal for the 2016-2017 school year. Candidates must have an advanced degree in education, and a minimum of five years teaching experience, preferably in a Catholic school. Please submit cover letter and resume by **April 30, 2016** to: camdendiocesepincipalsearch@gmail.com.

Reading Reflections
5th Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2016

Reading 1 Reflection
Acts 14:21-27

This account of Paul's and Barnabas' first missionary journey reminds us that those who first planted the Church on foreign soil did not have an easy time of it. They had to travel great distances by sea and by land. After they had founded Christian communities in several cities along the way, they had to return to those same cities to build up the believers' morale. Why? Because there was harsh opposition to this upstart new religion.

Reading 2 Reflection
Revelations 21:1-5a

If today's reading from Revelation sounds like a dream, that may be because it symbolically represents a dream most human beings share. That dream looks forward to a final union with God and the end of every suffering people have ever endured--no more starving children; no young people ruined by drugs or alcohol; no divided families or abusive parents; no broken hearts or cries in the night.

Gospel Reflection
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Jesus is saying farewell to his friends at the Last Supper. He tells them that he will soon be "glorified." They still do not really get the message about his death and resurrection. They love him too much to face the reality of his crucifixion. So Jesus gathers them close and says, "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer." He tells them how they are to keep his presence alive within them after he is physically absent. "Love one another," he says.

Jubilee Mass May 10th

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 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist Church
344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill

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...

25 Years

Reverend Michael J. Coffey
Reverend Matthew J. Hillyard, O.S.F.S.
Reverend Sungheum John Kim
Reverend Jaromir Michalak
Reverend Piotr Szamocki

40 Years

Reverend John E. Bruni
Reverend Anthony R. DiBardino
Reverend Paul D. Harte
Reverend Glenn R. Hartman
Reverend Anthony J. Manuppella
Reverend Robert T. McDade, M.S.S.C.C.
Reverend Michael P. Orsi

50 Years

Reverend William J. Bleiler
Reverend Daniel A. DiNardo
Reverend Robert M. Gomes
Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. McIntyre
Reverend Monsignor Victor S. Muro
Reverend Anthony Patrizio

60 Years

Reverend Alfred J. Hewett

70 Years

Reverend Stanislaus J. Kolton