

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
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

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



Contact Information

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April 27, 2014 – Divine Mercy Sunday (Second 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

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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	April 28, 2014 Rudolph Stumpo r/b Catherine Flacco & Joanne Tierney
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 29, 2014 Robert M. Roselli, Sr. r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 30, 2014 Rudolph Stumpo r/b Fran Kinsey
THURSDAY 9:00am	May 1, 2014 Salvatore & Catherine Pigliacelli r/b Son, Frank
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 2, 2014 (First Friday Adoration) Mary Jo Stedrak r/b Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 3, 2014 Milton Burns r/b Rick & Bernice Taylor
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 4, 2014 Madeline Salvo (1 st Anniversary) r/b Bob & Angie Pino
10:30am	Mary Gundersen r/b Edith Alessi Rev. William H. Hart r/b People of the Parish Anthony Kalvaitis (5 th Anniversary May 1 st) r/b His Wife, Rose Kalvaitis

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.

Easter 2014 Collection (<i>thus far</i>)	\$14,385
Easter 2013 Comparison	\$18,017
April 12/13, 2014 Attendance/Collection	510/ \$5,794
April 13/14, 2013 Comparison	<i>unknown</i> / \$5,771
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average	\$5,235
Next Diocesan Collection: 4/27/14: "Catholic Home Missions"	

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2014 House of Charity Appeal

2014 House of Charity y-t-d \$18,710 (35%)
2014 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 85 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:

Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Nicole Franklin-Sonnie, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex, Ed Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for May 3/4

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Surgner, J. Bui, S. Caban

EM's: T. Angstman, P. Antonelli, A. Pandola, C. Pandola, *P. Petronis

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: O. Graff, C. Hearn, M. Conway

EM's: S. Marano, R. Davis, L. Monaco, R. Leone, *T. Scavuzzo

Lectors: D. Heck, M. Miller

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, L. Fagan, J. Mack

EM's: T. Link, T. Mattera, L. Solano, M. Meloni, *K. Fagan

Lectors: M. Turan, E. Mattera

Stewardship Reflection

"Good Stewards Welcome"

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" JOHN 20:19B

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. Good **Stewards** make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

4/28-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Pastoral Council
4/29-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA
4/30-Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 6:30pm Conversion Workshop
5/1 - Thursday-9am Mass, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
5/2 - First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
5/3 - Saturday-9am Men's Group, 11am First Communion,
3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
5/4 - Sunday-9am Mass, May Crowning, 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, April 30th @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

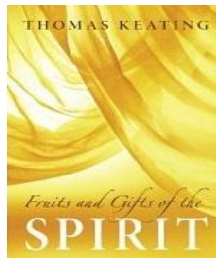
Continues May 1st

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, May 2nd, 9:45am-7:00pm.



REASON #1 for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament: "You are greatly needed! "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration." -Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Canae)

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.

Conversion Adult Workshop

"Following the Call of Christ"

What makes one's life successful? Money? Power? Popularity? Most philosophies of the well-lived life are based on having something, but the Christian perspective is that it is better to be something. In this workshop we will be exploring the conversion of six ordinary biblical figures: Bartimaeus, the Rich Young Man, Matthew, Jonah, the Woman at the Well, and the Journey of the Magi. These stories, presented by Fr. Robert Barron on DVD will be offered in the Parish Center, Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, concluding on April 30.

Council & Board Meetings

All at 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

Monday, April 28

Pastoral Council

Monday, May 12

Finance Council

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Congratulations and Thank You to Frank Pigiacci for purchasing yet ANOTHER Paver!!

7 additional pavers have been ordered since completing the walkway. We are preparing our spring update order; if you are considering purchasing a paver, please do so as soon as possible to be included!!! Remember - 60 to 80% (size dependent) of all subsequent orders are profit to the St Stephen Community!!!

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.

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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you. Prayer requests for the month of April, please contact Linda @ 661-8045. For May, call Maryann @ 235-1423.

SPRING SING '14

A FREE CONCERT PRESENTED BY

THE COLLINGSWOOD COMMUNITY CHORUS

Directed By

DALE L. CAREY

Tuesday, May 13 Before 7:28 pm

SCOTTISH RITE AUDITORIUM
315 WHITE HORSE PIKE
COLLINGSWOOD 08108

FOR MORE INFORMATION : 856.854.6024

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### **GOD'S CALL!**

God calls. We respond. If you're a lay woman or man who hears God's call to return to study for

- MA in Theology – in person or online
- MS in Church Management
- MS in Education – Catholic School Leadership
- Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction
- Graduate Certificate in Catholic School Leadership
- Completion of an Undergraduate Degree
- Undergraduate Certificates in Religious Education, Youth Ministry, or Pastoral Ministry – in English or Spanish

... the Diocese of Camden has good news for you. The Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program can assist you in answering that call and can make study affordable as well.

For more information, contact JoLynn Krempecki, Director of Lay Ministry Formation (Office of Lifelong Faith Formation), at 856-583-6116 or [JoLynn.Krempecki@camdendiocese.org](mailto:JoLynn.Krempecki@camdendiocese.org).

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REGISTER NOW!

REBUILT "Making Church Matter"

Fr. Michael White and Brian Crook, pastor and senior staff member at the Church of the Nativity, will share with us their practical and proven ideas and ways to make your parish better.

Thursday, May 1, 2014, 12:00 – 4:00

CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH,
Vineland, NJ

Registration: \$15.00 per person (\$60 for groups of 5)

For more information or to register, contact Debbie at 856-583-6123 or dcutter@camdendiocese.org

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### **Pennsauken Fire Department's Annual Memorial & Prayer Service**

Sunday, May 4, 2014 @ 1:30pm  
Mary, Queen of All Saints, Pennsauken, NJ

## **Jubilee Mass May 6<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 6, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Saint Bernadette Church**  
**(Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Parish)**  
**1421 New Road, Northfield**

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 Hugh J. Bradley  
Reverend Edward M. Friel  
Reverend Patrick B. McStravog, OSA

### **40 Years**

Reverend Massimo S. Fasciglione  
Reverend Monsignor William A. Hodge  
Reverend Donald F. Reilly, OSA  
Reverend Paul C. Wise

### **50 Years**

Reverend Patrick J. Brady  
Reverend A. Robert Cairone  
Reverend Neal F. Dante  
Reverend Francis P. Gaffney  
Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante  
Reverend Francis J. Gramigna  
Reverend Overton J. Jones  
Reverend Jerome C. Romanowski  
Reverend Monsignor Leonard G. Scott



## ***Finance Council Meeting Notes*** **April 14, 2014**

In Attendance: Fr Daniel Rocco, Rita Vogt, Rose Davis, Keith Knight, Rick Taylor, and Lonnie Monaco

Fr. Rocco opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with a Scripture reading.

Fr. Rocco shared the good news with the council members that St Stephen Parish had today signed a two-year lease agreement with the International Academy of Camden Charter School, effective July 1, 2014. Working with the diocese, Fr. Rocco was able to ensure that the St Stephen School building will continue to operate as a center of learning for at least the next 2 years. (The present lease agreement has an option to extend for a third year.) Proceeds from the lease, along with the increased giving by our parishioners, and the Msgr. O'Connell Scholarship fund, will allow St Stephen Parish to provide a \$1000 voucher to each of the estimated 90 to 102 students who will be continuing their education in nearby Catholic schools, provide a much needed replacement of the school boiler, and pay off most, if not all, of our school debt to the diocese over the next 3 years. Funds from the House of Charity, fundraisers, and donations will be used to pay teacher insurance and the continuing monthly parish funding of the school through June 2014.

**Parish Finances:** Members of the Finance Committee reviewed the parish financial statements, including the balance sheet as of March 31, 2014 and the profit and loss statement for the months of July 2013 through March 2014. **Income:** While Ordinary income for July 2013 through March 2014 remains lower than projected in the budget, we continue to see a slight increase over each of the last 3 months compared to the same time last year. Ordinary income represents collections taken in at weekend and holy day Masses. **Expenses:** During the months of July 2013 through March 2014, the parish was \$44,674 over budget, in large part due to the Catholic School subsidy. Utility costs were nearly on budget. **Assets and Liabilities:** As of March 31, 2014, the parish had \$21,707 in the operating account, \$218 in the reserve account, and \$31,603 in the Msgr. O'Connell Scholarship Fund (which may not be used for ordinary parish expenses). All parish accounts payable were current as of the end of March.

Fr. Rocco closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:28 PM.

The next Finance Council meeting will take place on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center meeting room.

Respectively submitted,  
Lonnie Monaco  
April 15, 2014



### **DEAR PARISHIONERS,**

We wish to extend to you an invitation to our upcoming Spring Social to be held on **SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014**, following the 4:30 PM mass. This will be a catered affair which will include wine, beer and other non-alcoholic beverages. There will also be a disc jockey for your dancing pleasure. It will take place in the school auditorium. Ticket price is \$20 per person.

The occasion of our social is bittersweet in that in addition to saying hello to spring, we are saying goodbye to our St. Stephen school community. A community of Catholic educators that has been in existence since 1962.

Please join us to honor those who have been an integral part of this history. We will also be honoring some parishioners as part of our annual recognition ceremony.

Take a walk back in time through these halls that have housed so many wonderful memories.

**Your Parish Council President,  
Joseph Haas**

*Tickets are on sale at the Rectory  
and after all Weekend Masses.*