

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)



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April 28, 2013 – The Fifth 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 29, 2013 Deacon Ernest F. Picknally r/b The Meyer Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 30, 2013 Deacon Raymond Ellis r/b Pat & Sue Marchese
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	May 1, 2013 Deacon Ernest F. Picknally r/b Frank Pigiaccielli
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	May 2, 2013 Mary Jo Stedrak (3 rd Anniversary May 3 rd) r/b Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 3, 2013 (First Friday Adoration) Deacon Ernest F. Picknally r/b The Staff & Students of St. Stephen School
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 4, 2013 Anthony Kalvaitis (4 th Anniversary May 1 st) r/b His Wife, Rose
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 5, 2013 Jennie Zinicola r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
10:30am	Julian Terzini r/b Family Olive A. Brady r/b People of the Parish Frances Baranowski r/b Mary & John Hull Rev. Donald F. Trinkle r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Anthony & Mildred Moffa.

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 20/21, 2013 Attendance/Collection	550/	\$5,691
April 22/23, 2012 Comparison	552/	\$6,181
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,545

Special Collections:

- 4/28/13: "Catholic Home Missions" (Diocese)
- 5/12/13: "Catholic Communication" (Diocese)

2013 House of Charity Appeal

2013 House of Charity y-t-d	\$24,262.50 (46%)
2013 House of Charity Goal	\$52,250.00

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 99 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 Pigiaccielli, 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 Vivello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for May 4/5

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, H. Atchison, K. Sullivan
EM's: T. Angstman, P. Antonelli, T. Veneziani, L. Heininger, *J. Heininger
Lectors: R. Taylor, D. Heck

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, O. Graff, J. Mack
EM's: S. Marano, L. Monaco, R. Davis, L. D'Alessandro, *R. Leone
Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, M. Corbett

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, Z. Marlin, C. Hughes
EM's: P. Cioe, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, W. Delfin, *L. Solano
Lector: M. Turan, L. Fagan

EM's & Lectors Meeting May 6th

There will be a meeting and an evening of reflection of all **Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors on Monday, May 6th at 7:00 pm in the parish center.** Your attendance is appreciated.

Catholicism Adult Study Program

Continues this Wednesday, May 1, 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.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

4/29--Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study
 4/30--Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Fire Dept. Meeting
 5/1--Wednesday-9am Mass, **6:15pm CCD Closing Mass,**
6:15pmCatholicism Series
 5/2--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6&7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion
 5/3--First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
 5/4--Saturday-9am Men's Group, **11am First Communion,**
 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass,
 5/5--Sunday- **9am Mass & May Crowning,** 10:30am Mass,
Dedication of Prayer Pavers to Our Lady before the 9am Mass.

A Message for All the Ladies:



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
Mondays 1:00-2:30pm in the Stonegate Conference Room
 Questions? Contact Eileen at (856) 662-8046 or email heides@comcast.net.

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 Closing Mass ***And Ongoing Catholicism DVD Series*** **May 1st @ 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)

May 13 Finance Council
May 20 Pastoral Council

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Congratulations and Thank You to Wilfredo & Agnes Delfin, Edmund & Estelle Ciccarone, Melanie & Daniel Conway, Joyce Monsees, Efren & Bethlehem Nicdao, Don & Tina Urgo, and Nick Picciano on purchasing their Pavers.

Dedication will be before the 9:00am Mass MAY 5TH

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.

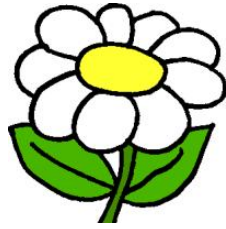
St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.
 Prayer requests for the month of **April**, please contact **Bernice @ 662-4641.**
For May call Bernadette @ 854-2928

Calling All Bulbs & Plants!

Please don't discard your Easter plants—we'll re-plant them on our church grounds! All plants may be dropped off at the rectory from 9am-4:30pm Monday thru Friday.



St. Stephen's PTO

Upcoming & Ongoing Events

The winner of the Walt Disney World Trip is **C. Cruz from Philadelphia.**

Thank you for all who purchased Raffle tickets to support St. Stephens. It is greatly appreciated!!!
St. Stephens PTO

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



St. Stephen's Night at the Riversharks

Friday, June 7th, with Fireworks after the game!

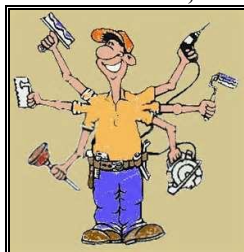
The link to purchase tickets is on our website. Tickets only \$11 (\$5 of which is donated to our school) Please help support our Wonderful School!!!!

For additional information or any questions, please contact Denise Mc Hugh 609-315-1929 denise.mchugh15@verizon.net or any PTO Board Member

Part-time Maintenance Position

St. Stephen School ~ 8am-12Noon

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



Camden Catholic News

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! \$45 ticket includes buffet dinner with wine and beer; for tickets contact Liz McHugh 856-486-4787 or Debbie Rodgers at 856-428-3517 or go to www.camdenatholic.org.

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.

Are you feeling called to share your God-given gifts?

Local Host Families are needed for South Korean and Chinese international students attending **Camden Catholic High School** for the 2013/2014 school year, tuition paid. They are motivated learners with a wide variety of interests. These F-1 visa students speak English, are fully insured, & have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board & receive a generous monthly hosting stipend & a fulfilling experience. Contact Cecelia LaPlaca with Nacel Open Door (www.nacelopendoor.org/ipsp) at 215-584-7751 or cecelaplaca@gmail.com.

SSJ Golf Tourney May 13th

The Sisters of Saint Joseph, Philadelphia will be hosting their 9th Annual Golf Tournament at the Atlantic City Country Club on Monday, May 13, 2013. Breakfast, Lunch and Golf Fees included in the entry price of \$150.00 per person, or \$600.00 for a foursome. Sponsorship opportunities are available from \$200-\$5,000. Contact the Development Office with any questions- development@ssjphila.org or 1-800-482-6510.

Bible Conference June 21-22

The National Catholic Bible Conference is Returning to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia!

Have you ever wondered how to make sense of the Bible? Do you wish you could sit down with the Scriptures and hear the voice of God speaking to your heart? Do you want to learn an authentically Catholic approach to reading the Bible and sharing its wisdom with others? If so, there's a conference for you ...

On June 21 and 22, the National Catholic Bible Conference will return to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. The theme of this year's event is "Scripture and the New Evangelization."

At the conference, you will have the unique opportunity to glean insight and encouragement from gifted Catholic speakers and biblical scholars, including Bishop Authur J. Serratelli, Scott Hahn, Jeff Cavins, Mary Healy, and Michael Barber. Registrations are currently being taken, with an early-bird special available until April 30. For more information on the conference and to register, please visit CatholicBibleConference.com or call 1-888-842-2853.

Jubilee Mass for Priests May 7th

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 7, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.
Saint Peter Celestine Church
(Christ Our Light Parish),
402 N. Kings Highway, 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 Charles Conaty
Reverend Wilson Kidangan Paulose
Reverend Jose Manjakunnel
Reverend Gerard C. Marable
Reverend Thomas A. Newton
Reverend Joseph T. Szolack

40 Years

Reverend Patsy C. Amabile
Reverend Francis W. Danella, OSFS
Reverend James T. Dever, OSFS
Reverend Francis X. Devlin, OSA
Reverend Alvaro Diaz
Reverend Albert E. Harshaw
Reverend Walter A. Norris
Reverend Terry M. Odien
Reverend Michael P. Rush

50 Years

Reverend Marjan L. Bober
Reverend Monsignor William P. Brennan
Reverend Monsignor James P. Curran
Reverend Monsignor Thomas B. Fitzsimmons
Reverend Richard T. Kunzman
Reverend Edward B. Rosinski
Reverend Thomas S. Tracey

Rejoice with Fr. Gerard Marable as he celebrates his Silver Jubilee of ordination to the Priesthood on **June 7-8, 2013**, beginning with a Jazz Vesper Service on Friday evening, June 7th at 7 pm, followed by a light reception at St. Bartholomew Worship Site of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, 751 Kaighn Avenue, Camden. Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Saturday, June 8th at 12 noon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 642 Market Street, Camden, followed by a Reception at Cathedral Hall from 2 to 6 pm. Donation: \$35.00 per person (which includes gift).

For tickets, contact Bonnie Tilghman at St. Bart's Office at (856) 365-0573 or Debbie Carroll at St. Joan of Arc Rectory at (856) 962-8642 before May 24th deadline.

Bishop Sullivan to Celebrate Mass in Support of Immigrant Families

Join Bishop Sullivan and Catholics from all over the Diocese of Camden for a special bilingual Mass in Support of Immigrant Families on **Friday, May 3, at 7:30 pm at Divine Mercy Parish in Vineland.** (23 West Chestnut Ave., Vineland, NJ 08360).

As our leaders in Washington take up the important cause of immigration reform, come and pray together for all immigrant families, especially those that are part of our Catholic community here in South Jersey.

Diocese of Camden's "Justice for Immigrants Sunday" on May 4-5 Parishes throughout the Diocese of Camden will observe "Justice for Immigrants Sunday" with prayer and action on behalf of all immigrants and comprehensive immigration reform. You are invited to pray the prayer printed below during a moment of reflection after Mass, or with friends and family. Also, consider participating in the Justice for Immigrants postcard campaign. At church on May 4 or 5, sign postcards to our Representatives and Senators in Washington, urging them to pass immigration reform that respects the dignity of all people.

A Prayer For Immigrant Justice

*Blessed are You, Lord God,
King of all creation.
Through Your goodness,
we live in this land
that You have so richly blessed.
Help us always to recognize our
Blessings come from You
and remind us to share them
with others, especially those who come
to us today from other lands.
Help us to be generous, just, and welcoming,
as You have been and are generous to us.*