

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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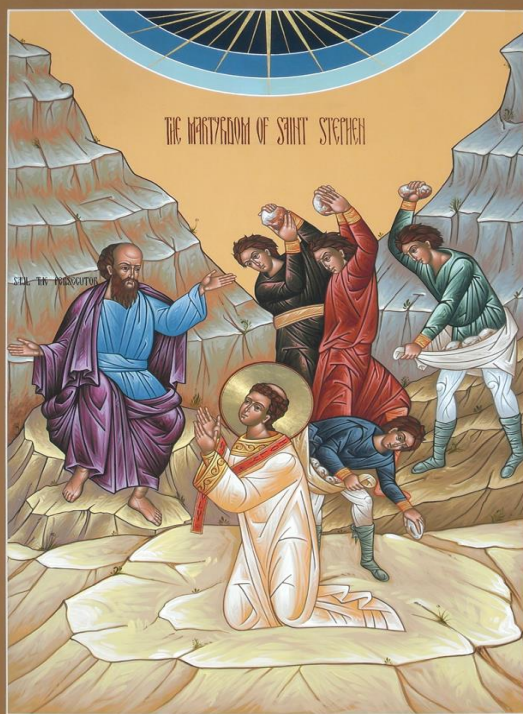
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Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
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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(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 5, 2015 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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	April 6, 2015 NO MASS / RECTORY CLOSED
TUESDAY	April 7, 2015 9:00am Louise Pigliacelli (Birthday Remembrance April 5 th) r/b Her Husband, Frank
WEDNESDAY	April 8, 2015 9:00am People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY	April 9, 2015 9:00am+Novena Michael R. Iacovelli r/b Jim & Janice Rotondo
FRIDAY	April 10, 2015 9:00am Maryann Lamaina r/b M/M John Messina
SATURDAY	April 11, 2015 4:30pm Catherine Maurer r/b Family
SUNDAY	April 12, 2015 9:00am Amelia Camardo r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
	10:30am Marguerite Boyle r/b Rosina Midili Robert J. Norris r/b Edith Alessi William Sauer r/b Family Patricia M. Bielec r/b Brian & Linda Yeager

The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of The Buondonno Family.*

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.

March 28/29 Offertory Figures will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on 3/27/15.
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target: \$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average: \$4,979

Next Special Collection:

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

2015 House of Charity Appeal

2015 House of Charity y-t-d \$20,040 (38%)
2015 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 82 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, Diane Fesko, 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 Pigliacelli, 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 11/12

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: J. Heininger, L. Heininger, A. Knight, A. Cirullo, *C. Pandola

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, C. Hearn

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, R. Leone, L. McHugh, M. Miller, *S. Marano

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: T. Albert, K. Fagan

EM's: P. Cioe, D. Urgo, T. Urgo, T. Angstman, *M. Meloni

Lectors: C. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

Stewardship Reflection for Easter Sunday *"Stewards Fulfill His Plan"*

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2

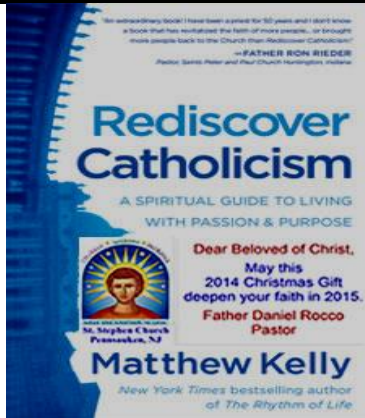
On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! **Stewards** pray daily and listen for God's response on how we should use our gifts to fulfill His plan.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 4/6--Monday-NO MASS, Rectory Closed, 11am Bible Study
- 4/7--Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 4/8--Wednesday-9am Mass, NO CCD Classes
- 4/9--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 4/10--Friday-9am Mass
- 4/11--Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 4/12--Sunday-9am & 10:30am Mass, 11:45am Baptismal Training

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues April 9, 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 9th 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

Note: The Parish Library will be closed Easter Weekend.

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.

“Take Time”

*Take Time to THINK...
It is the source of power.*

*Take Time to PLAY...
It is the secret of perpetual youth.*

*Take Time to READ...
It is the fountain of wisdom.*

*Take Time to PRAY...
It is the greatest power on earth.*

*Take Time to LOVE & BE LOVED...
It is a God-given privilege.*

*Take Time to BE FRIENDLY...
It is the road to happiness.*

*Take Time to LAUGH...
It is the music of the soul.*

*Take Time to GIVE...
It is too short a day to be selfish.*

*Take Time to WORK...
It is the price of success.*

*Take Time to DO CHARITY...
It is the key to heaven.*

***Never Give Up.
Great Things Take Time!***

From the Parishioner Recipe Archives of 2002!

"Pizza Rustica" (aka "Easter Sausage Pie") Submitted by Edith Alessi



INGREDIENTS:

9" Pie Dough, top and bottom
1/2 Cup Shredded Mozzarella cheese
1/2 Cup Shredded Swiss cheese (imported preferred)
1/4 Cup Grated Locatelli cheese
1 Cup Ricotta cheese
2 Links Italian sausage, cooked & sliced
2 Sliced Hard boiled eggs
1/2 Cup Thin-sliced (& diced if preferred) Proscuitto
2 Raw Eggs, beaten
1/4 Cup Milk

Note: The amount of these ingredients you use may vary depending on your preferences. Please feel free to experiment with this Italian classic!

STEPS:

1. Starting at the bottom of the pie pan, evenly distribute layers of the Swiss, Proscuitto, Hard boiled eggs, Ricotta, Sausage, and Mozzarella.
2. Pour mixture of 2 eggs and milk over all ingredients, top with Locatelli
3. Apply top layer of pie dough, cut slits, brush with milk or olive oil.
4. Bake at 325 degrees for 50 minutes to 1 hour or until knife comes out clean
5. Try other ingredients like onions (green/red), sliced olives, mushrooms, etc...

Many more time-tested Parishioner Recipes are still available on our website at

<http://www.ststephenspennsauken.com/recipes.html>

**Christ Is Risen!
Blessed Easter!
Please Remember:**

*We're Still Here
Between Easter
and Christmas.*

Continue Your Journey in
***Rediscovering
Catholicism!***