

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



*Different Histories...*

*One Faith...*

*Different Ages...*

## *Pastoral Staff*

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor  
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Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

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



## *Contact Information*

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## *April 6, 2014 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

### 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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 April 7, 2014**  
9:00am Viola Negerbon r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta

**TUESDAY April 8, 2014**  
9:00am Susie Furlano (Birthday Remembrance)  
r/b Rosina & Susan Midili

**WEDNESDAY April 9, 2014**  
9:00am Rev. William H. Hart r/b People of the Parish

**THURSDAY April 10, 2014**  
9:00am+Novena People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

**FRIDAY April 11, 2014**  
9:00am A Special Intention r/b Family

**SATURDAY April 12, 2014**  
4:30pm Donato Gallicchio r/b Anne Guchek

**SUNDAY April 13, 2014**  
9:00am Stephen L. Dombrowski r/b Family  
10:30am William Sauer r/b His Wife, Theresa  
Frank & Susie Furlano r/b The Midili Family  
John J. Fitzpatrick, Sr. r/b Bill & Lorraine Jordan  
Deceased Members of the Rocks & Magee Family  
r/b Family

## 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.

March 29/30, 2014 Attendance/Collection	471/ \$5,701
March 30/31, 2013 Comparison	(Easter)
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average	\$5,188

St. Stephen Special Collection: 4/6/14: "Easter Flowers"  
Diocesan Good Friday Collection: 4/18/14: "Holy Land"

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## 2014 House of Charity Appeal

2014 House of Charity y-t-d \$17,505 (33% )  
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 **78 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 Vivello, Anthony Vocale, Ed Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for April 12/13

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Caban, T. Mason, J. Bui

EM's: P. Antonelli, J. Heiningner, L. Heiningner, A. Knight, \*T. Angstman

Lector: J. Melfi

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, J. Mack, O. Graff

EM's: S. Marano, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro, L. McHugh, \*N. Schmidt

Lectors: P. Nolte, D. Heck

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, K. Fagan, L. Fagan

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, T. Mattera, J. Messina, M. Miller, \*P. Cioe

Lectors: M. Miller, E. Mattera



## CONVERSION

Following the Call of Christ  
(Adult Workshop)

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**, during six consecutive Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, concluding on **April 16**.

### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

4/7--Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study  
 4/8--Tue.-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Penance Service, RCIA  
 4/9--Wed.-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 6:30pm Conversion Workshop  
 4/10--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs  
 4/11--Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Lenten Evening of Prayer & Praise  
 4/12--Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass,  
 6pm Disney Raffle & Spaghetti Dinner  
 4/13--Palm Sunday-9am Mass, 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

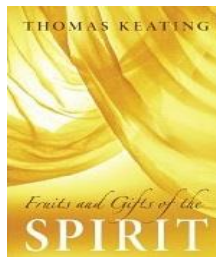
Continue Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.

### Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues April 24<sup>th</sup>

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:45am-6:45pm.**



"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

The Art & Environment Ministry is seeking volunteers to help with the preparation of our church during Holy Week. Perhaps you can find an hour or two to complete your Lenten Mission by volunteering. Please see the sign-up sheets for more information.

**Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>**-Parish Clean-up day (Parish Center, Church and grounds) 9:00 am

**Wednesday-April 16th** Prepare the Repository (Parish Center) 6:30pm

**Friday-April 18th** need two men to help drape the crucifix 8:30am

**Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>**-volunteers to restore the parish center and prepare the church for the Easter Vigil 9:30am

Students needing service hours are welcome to join in.

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

Monday, April 14

Finance Council

Monday, April 28

Pastoral Council

### Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Congratulations and thank you to Knights Of Columbus, Bishop Eustace Assembly 652 (4th Degree) on purchasing their paver. This brings our grand total to \$15,658.47!! 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](http://www.ststephenspennsauken.com)

or by calling Michael Ciarrocca at 856-425-4799.

### 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.

### St. Stephens PTO- Disney Trip Raffle And Spaghetti Dinner April 12<sup>th</sup>

Only \$2.00 per ticket- Tickets going fast!!! Limited amount to be sold....5day/4 night trip to Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. Est. Retail value \$2,500.00. Drawing will be held on **April 12, 2014 @ Chef Mickey's spaghetti Dinner at St. Stephens 6-10pm.**

For Raffle Tickets please contact the rectory office or Denise Mc Hugh 609-315-1929 / [denise.mchugh15@verizon.net](mailto:denise.mchugh15@verizon.net).

### Other PTO events:

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Chic fil A St. Stephens spirit night 5-8 pm.

May 1<sup>st</sup> - Coach Bingo - Details forthcoming...

## South Jersey Catholic Medical Association Retreat Day

A retreat sponsored by the South Jersey Catholic Medical Association will be held on **Saturday, May 3, 2014** at Christ the King Parish, 200 Windsor Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ. Mass at 5pm. Presentation and lite dinner will be in the church hall from 6-9pm.

The topic of the retreat is "Physician Saints in the 20th Century, Responding to the Spirit". St. Giuseppe Moscati, a physician to the poor, presented by Dr. Carman Ciervo, and St. Gianna Beretta Molla, also a physician who died because she refused treatment which would have harmed the baby in her womb, presented by Dr. Joseph Hong. There will be a panel discussion on the topic "How to Become a Spirit Responder".

Registration for the retreat should be sent to the South Jersey Catholic Medical Association, 1845 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103. The cost is \$15 for advance registration and \$20 the day of the retreat. Join the association and the membership fee of \$30 will include the cost of the retreat. There is no fee for Association members.

**For further information, interested parties  
can call 856-342-4125 or email  
Katherine.Boyer@camdendiocese.org.**

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

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

## Open Your Heart and Home!

Local Host Families needed for South Korean and Chinese international students attending **Camden Catholic High School** for the upcoming 2014/2015 school year, tuition paid.

They are motivated learners with a wide variety of interests. These F-1 visa students speak English, are fully insured, and 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) at 215-584-7751 or  
cecelaplaca@gmail.com.**

## 1978 Camden Catholic Class Reunion

Camden Catholic's Class of '78 is having their 36<sup>th</sup> reunion.  
If interested in attending, please contact  
Dave Clement at [clems4ever@aol.com](mailto:clems4ever@aol.com)  
or Donna Romani at [graceinthemud@gmail.com](mailto:graceinthemud@gmail.com).

## COME HELP US CELEBRATE

St Joseph's Church, 1010 Liberty Street, Camden, NJ 08104  
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014

It is with great joy that we celebrate the canonization of POPE JOHN PAUL II. The day will begin with the DIVINE MERCY PRAYER AT 9:30AM followed by a Procession into the 10:00 AM Mass concelebrated by His Excellency Bishop Dennis Sullivan.

A 5 course luncheon will follow at 12:30 PM at  
THE MERION, Rt.130 South, Cinnaminson, NJ  
Make your luncheon choice at the table. Cost \$60.00.  
Entertainment will be by the Polish-American String Band.

**Call Connie at 856-456-9120 for further information or  
send check made out to St. Joseph Church at the above  
address. Write Pope John Paul II on the memo line.**

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) COURSE

Wednesdays: April 23, May 14, June 18, 2014  
7:15 – 9:45 PM Voorhees, NJ

Register online at: <http://register.ccli.org/> and enter zip code.  
Deadline for registration: April 16th  
Online Virtual and Home Study NFP courses are also available  
at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). For more information: 856-753-1906 or  
[sj.nfp@comcast.net](mailto:sj.nfp@comcast.net).

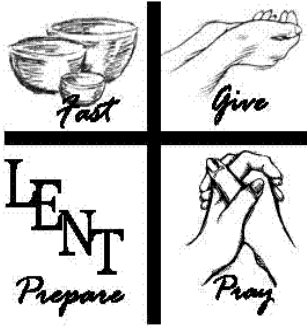
## www.live-the-love.org

Has anyone ever clearly explained for you WHY the Catholic Church does not approve of contraceptives and sterilization? For most, the answer is NO. Learn more about your faith and discover a method of family planning that is healthy and effective for body and soul.

## Is your marriage tearing you apart?

If there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are frustrated, hurt or angry with each other, if you are considering separation or divorce, **Retrouvaille** can help. Retrouvaille is a French word meaning "rediscovery" and it helps couples put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. It begins with a weekend experience in which husbands and wives are helped to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple.

The next program will be held at the Malvern Retreat Center in Malvern, PA on **April 25 - 27**. You will be asked to make a donation to cover the expenses of lodging, food and materials, but no couple is ever denied the chance to heal and renew their marriage because they are facing financial difficulties.  
For more information or to register for the weekend, you can either call 800-470-2230 or visit the web site [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)



# LENT 2014

## “Returning to God”



4/6/2014	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent-Third Scrutiny (RCIA)
4/8/2014	Tuesday	Penance Service at 7:30 PM following the Rosary at 7:00 PM
4/11/2014	Friday	Evening of Lenten Prayer & Praise at 7:00 PM
4/13/2014	Sunday	<b>Passion Sunday</b> - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
4/17/2014	Thursday	<b>Holy Thursday</b> -Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
4/18/2014	Friday	<b>Good Friday</b>
		Reading of Psalms - Noon - 2:45 PM
		Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM
4/19/2014	Saturday	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
		Rehearsal for Easter Vigil-9AM
		Blessing of Food - Noon
		Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM
4/20/2014	Sunday	<b>Easter Sunday</b> - Mass - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

### ***8th Annual Camden Catholic Hall of Fame Inductions***

Next Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 7pm.  
Followed by an elegant cocktail reception.

Tickets are \$45 per person in advance and \$55 at the door.

[www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame](http://www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

#### **2014 Inductees for Academics & Arts**

Jack Carty '47  
Pasquale “Pat” Del Signore '52  
Charles Grandi '69  
(St. Stephen Alumnus)  
William Lanza '66  
Elizabeth Tirrell Mazzeo '77  
Dennis McGonigle '78  
(St. Stephen Alumnus)  
Robert Viggiano '54  
Joseph Clarke, Sr. '32  
(posthumous)

#### **2014 Inductees for Athletics**

Joseph DiPietro '76  
Kristina Branca Gozdan '86  
Barbara Patterson '73  
John Sigmund '96  
David Slattery '82  
William Wheeler '86  
Ralph Bantivoglio '56  
(posthumous)  
**Teams**  
1974 Wrestling  
1990 Girls Soccer  
1929 Boys Basketball

### ***CHRISM MASS 2014***

**Bishop Sullivan** invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, **April 15, 2014** at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion on which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

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**St. Stephen's 2014 Parish Directory** is slated to be ready for distribution to the 115 families who participated "sometime in May". The Directory is free to all who participated.