

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

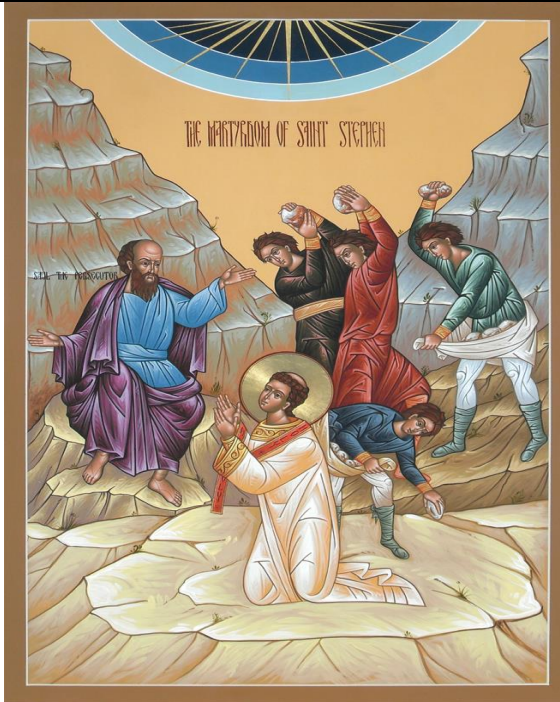
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339
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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336
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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.*

May 1, 2016 – The Sixth 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	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
MONDAY	May 2, 2016
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	May 3, 2016
9:00am	Leo Skomsky r/b Ashley Skomsky
WEDNESDAY	May 4, 2016
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY	May 5, 2016 (Ascension Thursday)
9:00am/Novena 7:00pm	Jacqueline Catino r/b Loving Husband, Carl Victoria & Daniel Steinmetz, Sr. r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz
FRIDAY	May 6, 2016 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am	Msr. Eugene J. Kernan r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY	May 7, 2016
4:30pm	Anthony Kalvaitis (7 th Anniversary May 1 st) r/b His Wife, Rose Kalvaitis
SUNDAY	May 8, 2016 (Mother's Day)
9:00am	Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter
10:30am	Angelina Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri Marie Newell r/b Duane & Pam Heck Albert Side r/b Lynne Vickery-Clark



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of
Ida Petulla

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 23/24, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$4,683
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,686

Next Special Collection:

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 Alessandroni, 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 Vивиello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for May 5/7/8

** Designates Alternate Server*

Ascension Thursday, 7:00pm

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: P. Cioe, E. Nolte, R. Davis, M. Meloni, L. D'Alessandro

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, J. Melfi

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, A. Cirullo, C. Pandola, *V. Thibault

Lectors: R. Taylor, B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, J. Vales

EM's: M. Conway, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, *E. Nolte

Lectors: Jared Rivera, D. Heck

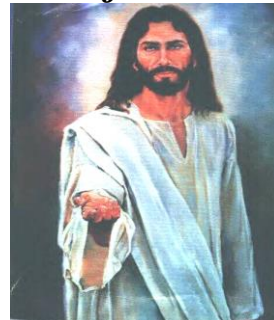
Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, M. Daniels, C. Nicdao

EM's: M. Miller, T. Scavuzzo, G. Tutwiler, M. Meloni, *T. Angstman

Lectors: J. Messina, P. Cioe

A SPECIAL INVITATION Just for You!



You are cordially invited to come into the silence and spend one hour with Our Lord during our **First Friday Adoration May 6, 2016.**

Jesus said to

His Apostles,

"Could you not watch one hour with me? "

He is asking us

the same question today.

Won't you say "YES"

to His invitation?

RSVP to Rosemarie Leone

@ 856-662-0035.

Ascension Thursday May 5th



Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation are:
Thursday, May 5th
9am Mass & 7pm Mass
The Rectory and all Diocesan Offices will be closed
Ascension Thursday & Friday May 6th.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 5/2-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
- 5/3-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 5/4-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Closing Mass
- 5/5-Ascension Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Mass
- 5/6-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 5/7-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 5/8-Sunday-9am Mass & 10:30am Mass (May Crowning)

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

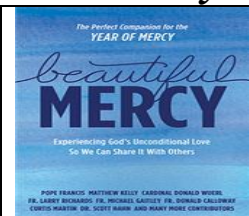
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

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)

CCD Closing Mass

Wednesday, May 4th @ 6:15pm

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue on **Thursday May 12th @ 7pm** in the Sister Bernadette Parish Center and we'll continue discussing Matthew Kelly's latest book "Beautiful Mercy".

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 May, contact Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.

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.

Our Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you to **Trish Gardner** and **Bill Tillinghast** for heading up our first monthly **Sunday Coffee & Pastries** last weekend. A special thanks also to our Hospitality Ministry headed by **Terry Modzier** and **Mary Sharon Monaco**. It was very nice to see all the people gathering in the Parish Center and spending time in conversation and fellowship. Hopefully we will continue this new communal adventure in the years to come.

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**Knights of Columbus,  
Council 3512  
Hoagie Sale**

As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 & \$6.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **May 7 & 8**. For info call 856-227-4980.

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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.

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## 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.**

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Merion Mercy Summer Programs

Merion Mercy Academy offers summer academic, sports, and enrichment programs for boys and girls entering grades 6 - 12.

Please visit our website at www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms for more information.

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.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> 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 at The Marian House,**

**507 South Kings Highway, Cherry Hill, NJ**

**Cost: \$40.00**

Tickets: Karen Downey ~ 856-220-3366;

[mae1105@aol.com](mailto:mae1105@aol.com); or

JoAnn Dinoia ~ 609-387-2928;

[joann\\_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org](mailto:joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org)

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A Closer Walk With God

*Asking for the Infusion of the Holy Spirit
in the Presence of Jesus Christ.*

Pentecost Sunday, May 15th

St. Rose of Lima Church

300 Kings Hwy in Haddon Heights

Presenter: Fr. Joseph Byrley

You are invited to a guided, yet personal mediation event that helps one to powerfully know God's peace.

1st Meditation Talk: Loving God with Mary's Heart

2nd Meditation Talk: Holy Spirit - The Sanctifier

This is a Free Event

Reading Reflections
6th Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2016

Reading 1 Reflection
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Perhaps you have seen it coming. In recent weeks, our readings from the Acts of the Apostles have shown a growing split between Jews and Gentiles in the early Christian community. Many Jewish Christians in Jerusalem felt that the Gentile believers should be required to fulfill the law of Moses. So Paul and Barnabas went on a peacemaking mission to Jerusalem, where they met with Peter and the others. Together they chose a delegation to return to Antioch with a "peace treaty" letter. In it they assured all Gentiles that the Holy Spirit approved of them as members of the Church. They would not be required to abide by the Mosaic Law.

Reading 2 Reflection
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Christian artists would never run out of symbols if they went looking in the Book of Revelation. Our reading today is filled with symbols that gleam and sparkle. The author envisions the gathering of all Christ's faithful ones in the heavenly Jerusalem. It shines like a diamond; its unsurpassed beauty flows from those who have persevered in faith. Its foundation stones are beautifully inscribed with the names of the apostles. And, most magnificent of all, God is the temple in this shining city. And Jesus is the lamp glowing over all.

Gospel Reflection
John 14:23-29

In the gospel today, Jesus continues to speak about love. Those who live will experience God's love in their lives and the gift of peace that only Christ can give. Jesus also promises to send the Paraclete, or the Comforter, to his disciples. The Paraclete is the Holy Spirit, who will guide the Church for all time. Jesus' followers will not be left on their own.

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