

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

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Pastor

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Rectory Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Pentecost

Contact Info

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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 15, 2016 – Pentecost Sunday

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 9:00am	May 15, 2016 (Pentecost Sunday) Jimmy Luce r/b Joe & Maria Haas
10:30am	John Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri William Sauer r/b His Family Orfilio Perez r/b Dora Perez
MONDAY 9:00am	May 16, 2016 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	May 17, 2016 Thomas Carlin r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	May 18, 2016 Jane Sullivan r/b William Sullivan
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	May 19, 2016 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 20, 2016 Rev. O. Hugh Stout r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 21, 2016 Philip Franchi r/b Gene & Randi Sheppard
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 22, 2016 (The Most Holy Trinity) Carmen J. Rotondo r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Thomas Clyde r/b The Haas Family Marie Newell r/b David & Donna Kane Rose Cicalese r/b James Cicalese & Steve Ackerman



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of
Louise Cirullo

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.

May 7/8, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$4,450
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,692

Special Collections:

- May 15th:** "Intellectual Disabilities Drive" (Knights)
 - June 12th:** "Brazilian Missions" (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 Alessandrone, 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 Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for May 21/22

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner
EM's: A. Cirullo, C. Pandola, A. Knight, L. Heininger
Lectors: B. Mattia, J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, J. Vales
EM's: M. Miller, E. Nolte, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, *M. Conway
Lectors: P. Nolte, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, C. Gardner, M. Daniels
EM's: J. Messina, T. Mattera, M. Meloni, T. Angstman, *G. Tutwiler
Lectors: C. Aleszczyk, R. Aleszczyk

Stewardship Reflection for Pentecost Sunday

"Stewards Learn Everything"

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." JOHN 14:26

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Our ***Stewardship*** tells us to pray to the Holy Spirit to put the right words in our mouths when challenged about our faith.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

5/16-Mon.-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study, 6:30pm Deacons
 5/17-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Fire Company Meeting
 5/18-Wednesday-9am Mass
 5/19-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion
 5/20-Friday-9am Mass
 5/21-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
 5/22-Sunday-9am Mass & 10:30am Mass, 11:30am Coffee & Pastries



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*

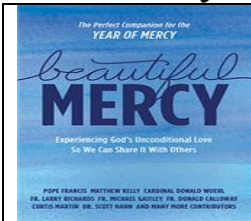
Tuesday Night Rosary

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)

**Wednesday Night CCD Classes
 Will resume in September!**

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue
May 19th @ 7pm in the
 Sister Bernadette Parish Center
 and we'll continue discussing
 Matthew Kelly's latest book
 "Beautiful Mercy".

First Friday Adoration
 The next Exposition & Adoration
 of the Blessed Sacrament will be
Friday, June 3, 2016,
9:45am-7:00pm.



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.

2016 House of Charity Appeal

2016 House of Charity y-t-d: \$16,060 (30.1%)
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 91 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.

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.

1st 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;
or

JoAnn Dinoia ~ 609-387-2928;

joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org

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 Byerley

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

Knights Flea Market June 4th

The Knights of Columbus will be having their semi-annual flea market on Saturday, June 4, (rain date June 18) from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm at St. Cecilia's School parking lot. Spaces are available. For further information, please call Lonnie Monaco at 856-662-6049.

Gloucester Catholic News

Gloucester Catholic Offers Practice HSPT Test
for 7th Graders on May 21, 2016

Gloucester Catholic Junior Senior High School is offering a Pre-High School Placement Test (HSPT) on May 21, 2016 for any current 7th grader considering a Catholic high school education. This practice test will give you the opportunity to take this important test which is used throughout the Diocese of Camden for scholarship consideration and placement. Results of our practice test will be mailed home.

Please call the Gloucester Catholic Guidance office at (856) 456-4400 (ext. 215) to secure a testing spot or email us at guidance@gchsrams.org. The deadline to register is May 13, 2016 and the fee is \$25.00. Only current 7th Graders can take our Pre- HSPT.

Instant Decision Day!

**FINALIZE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL SEARCH...
HERE, at GLOUCESTER CATHOLIC!**

Gloucester Catholic is offering an Instant Decision Day for prospective students on May 21st from 9am-12pm. You will meet with our Admissions Director for an Instant Decision opportunity. You must bring a copy of your transcript/report card (6th, 7th & 8th grades) and any standardized test results.

Interview with our Admissions Director

Tour the GC Campus and

Meet Current Students & Teachers

Learn About Our One-to-One Tablet Program

If you are interested in participating in the Instant Decision Day program, please RSVP to our Admissions Department at tflynn@gchsrams.org.

Camden Catholic News

Irish Experience Summer Camps

Camden Catholic High School offers an array of summer programs for academics, the arts and athletics. From fine art to musical theater to high school prep, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, volleyball, and basketball. Visit www.camdenccatholic.org/summercamps for registration information.

Arts Weekend: May 20-22

Celebrate spring with our incredible arts students! Friday, May 20 Art Show 7-9 p.m., Saturday, May 21 film screenings, Shakespeare readings, small group musical and dance performances 7-9 p.m., Sunday, May 22 Spring Concert 2-4 p.m. FREE!

MILITARY BIBLESTICK

April 21, 2016

Dear Father Rocco,

Thank you and your congregation for your generous donation of \$1,000.00 to the Military BibleStick outreach.

We had no idea, when we launched this program in 2008, of the extent of the need and the hunger for God's Word among our troops and veterans. In fact, the demand continues to grow as chaplains in veteran's hospitals become aware of the Military BibleStick and request them for the people they minister to.

The long-term effects of your investment in these lives will not be known until eternity.

Again, thank you!

'till all have heard,

Troy Carl
Senior Vice President

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,
Come One, Come All
To Coffee and Pastries,
At the Parish Hall!

Sunday, May 22nd
After the 10:30am Mass



Reflections on the Readings for *Pentecost Sunday* *May 15, 2016*

Reading 1 Reflection Acts 2:1-11

Today we celebrate the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of Jesus. They were "filled with the Holy Spirit" and never again would be content to keep their faith to themselves. Now they were all fired up by the Spirit to share the Good News with everyone. Down came the barriers of fear. Down came the language barrier! All the pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem from many nations could instantly understand the disciples. And they, too, were filled with the powerful Spirit of God.

Reading 2 Reflection 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17

Paul's letter today gives us two "proofs" that show we are cooperating with the Holy Spirit. First, we as a community can truly say, "Jesus is Lord." Second, each of us uses his or her gifts for the good of the community. We pull together to help bring about the reign of God among all people.

Gospel Reflection John 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

Once again we are reliving Easter night with Jesus and the disciples. He breathes on them, communicating the gift of the Holy Spirit. They gladly receive Jesus' Spirit and his ministry of forgiving sins. At Pentecost the Spirit will send them forth as living signs that Jesus has overcome sin and death.