

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
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

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(Accidents, Dying or Death)



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May 18, 2014 – 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

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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	May 19, 2014 Mariellena Feshuk Juliano r/b Elizabeth Hodosheff
TUESDAY 9:00am	May 20, 2014 Loretta Smyth r/b The Kueny Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	May 21, 2014 Rudolph Stumpo r/b Josephine Marzilli
THURSDAY 9:00am	May 22, 2014 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 23, 2014 A Special Intention r/b Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 24, 2014 Carol C. McCarroll r/b Bill & Doris Yeager
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 25, 2014 Lillian Tomarchio r/b Catherine Hartson
10:30am	George Kinsler r/b Terry Carr & Judy Kinsler Daniel Novoa r/b Maria & Joe Haas Msgr. David F. Budney r/b People of the Parish Msgr. Eugene J. Fitzsimmons r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of 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.

May 10/11, 2014 Attendance/Collection	488/	\$5,174
May 11/12, 2013 Comparison	637/	\$5,212
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$5,230

Next Diocesan Special Collections:
6/1/14: "Catholic Communication"
6/8/14: "Brazilian Missions"

2014 House of Charity Appeal

2014 House of Charity y-t-d	\$22,045 (41%)
2014 House of Charity Goal	\$53,295

PLEASE NOTE: If your House of Charity check hasn't cleared yet, rest assured that they were determined to "catch up" last month and your donation should have been deposited. Thanks for your patience.

Thank you to the 97 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, 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 Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex, Ed Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for May 24/25

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, S. Caban, J. Bui
EM's: T. Angstman, V. Thibault, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, *A. Knight
Lector: W. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: J. Mack, O. Graff, C. Hearn
EM's: S. Marano, M. Bufanio, R. Davis, L. D'Alessandro, *L. McHugh
Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, O. Albert, M. Hobbs
EM's: Geo. Tutwiler, J. Messina, T. Urgo, D. Urgo, *T. Link
Lectors: C. Otto, M. Turan

Memorial Day Veterans' Service

Monday, May 26th @ 10am

All are welcome to join us in front of the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center by the War Memorials for a Memorial Day Veterans' Service.

The Parish Directories Have Arrived!

St. Stephen's 2014 Parish Directory is now available for pickup to the 115 families who participated in the photo sessions last Fall at no cost. Directories and a checklist are available after all weekend Masses and in the rectory Monday thru Friday from 9am-4:30pm. Thank you to all who helped make this a wonderful parish remembrance for years to come. (At "press time" May 13th we still had about 40 unclaimed directories).

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

5/19-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study
 5/20-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA
 5/21-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm Choirs
 5/22-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Last Discussion Club
 5/23-Friday-9am Mass
 5/24-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 5/25-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

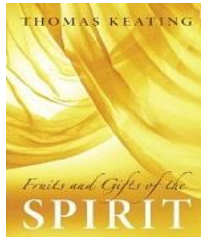
Will Resume in September. Have a great Summer!

Thursday Night

Discussion Club

Concludes May 22nd
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, June 6th, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



REASON #4 for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament: Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth. "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease." (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)

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.

Council & Board Meetings

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

Monday, June 9 Finance Council
Monday, June 16 Pastoral Council

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

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

RCIA Ministry

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

- Have you been worshiping 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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

Prayer requests for the month of May, please contact **Maryann @ 235-1423**.

In Appreciation

Dear Parish Members and School Families,

I want to thank you so very much for the sentiments expressed this past Saturday evening at the parish celebration and many other times during my eight years at St. Stephen School. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Principal of the school and the daily guardian of the staff and children.

When I first came here I thought that it would be for a year or two. Instead, it has been eight of my happiest years in education. The children, families and parishioners that I have met and served along the way have carved a place in my heart forever. You have trusted me and I am honored.

There are not words to express my gratitude to Father Rocco. His friendship and trust are precious gifts that I will treasure.

Thank you, St. Stephen's parishioners, for your financial sacrifice for the children of the school. Your generosity and faith have helped to make many doors open for the children and teachers.

May each of you be blessed by our Lord with good health, happy hearts and peace.

Sincerely,
Pat Higgins, Principal

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## *Camden Catholic News*

### Arts Academy Spring Concert & Art Exhibition

Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m., Grandi Auditorium, free admission. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the talented students of the Arts Academy at CCHS including paintings, drawings, photography and digital media, a dynamic medley from the Broadway Show "In the Heights" and a rousing mash-up from the movie, *Pitch Perfect*, along with other challenging selections.

### Summer Camps at Camden Catholic High School

Introduce your student to "The Irish Experience." Athletic, Arts, and Academic camps and enrichment programs are offered for students entering grades 3 through 9. Visit [www.camdenatholic.org/summercamps](http://www.camdenatholic.org/summercamps) for brochures and registration information.

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Bishop Eustace Summer Programs

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School in Pennsauken, NJ will again offer a variety of summer programs. Our *Eustace Advantage* program consists of two three-week sessions in June and July and reviews and strengthens academic skills for any student entering seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. Please email jmarquart@eustace.org for more information.

Eustace will also host four athletic camps this summer, which will be administered by our Baseball, Crew, Field Hockey, and Boys Soccer teams. For more information on the sports camps, please call the Athletic Director's office at (856) 662-2160, ext. 248. For a more detailed description of the summer offerings, please visit www.eustace.org/summer.

"In the Footsteps of St. Rita"

Patron Saint of Forgiveness,

Reconciliation and Peace

Come and Hear about St. Rita and her virtuous life, full of suffering

and opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation, which all brought her

closer to Our Lord and His Kingdom! Presentation by Deborah

Binder, Development Director, National Shrine of St. Rita



June 3rd, Tuesday

7:00 pm

St. Stephen's Church

Browning Rd, Pennsauken, NJ



St. Stephen's School & Parish Night at Campbell's Field!

Riversharks vs. Long Island Ducks Friday, June 20th, 2014 – 7:05pm



Calling all Bulldogs—come enjoy a fun night with your friends for this last gathering of our school family by watching the 'Sharks take on the Ducks – Hope to see you there!! Questions?? Please contact Denise McHugh 609-315-1929 denise.mchugh15@verizon.net. **Fireworks extravaganza following the game!**

Tickets Only \$12

*\$1.25 processing fee per ticket

\$5 of each ticket will be donated to the St. Stephen's School & Parish

Ticket sales end at 5pm on June 19th

*This code will also give you the opportunity to purchase discounted food vouchers online!

Questions? Contact:
Mark Schieber
856-583-0031

mschieber@riversharks.com

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