

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

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



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May 19, 2013 – Pentecost Sunday

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 – 7:00pm Vigil

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 2014 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY	May 20, 2013
9:00am	George Robert Eisenhardt (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Family
TUESDAY	May 21, 2013
9:00am	Deacon Ernest Picknally r/b Sen Ho & Mr. Sen Ho
WEDNESDAY	May 22, 2013
9:00am	Deacon Ernest Picknally r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt
THURSDAY	May 23, 2013
9:00am+Novena	Vrisidha Zoto r/b Louis & Diane
FRIDAY	May 24, 2013
9:00am	Elda Ambrosino r/b Tilda Lamaina
SATURDAY	May 25, 2013
4:30pm	Frank Teuber r/b Fay Karr
SUNDAY	May 26, 2013
9:00am	Frank Cianciotti r/b Gloria Camarote
10:30am	John Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri Donato Gallicchio r/b Elizabeth McHugh Rev. Thomas S. Tracey r/b People of the Parish Deacon Ernest Picknally r/b Terry & Joe Scavuzzo & Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Madelina Mignogna.

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 11/12, 2013 Attendance/Collection	637/	\$5,212
May 13/14, 2012 Comparison	653/	\$5,893
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,555

Next Special Diocesan Collection:
6/9/12: "Brazilian Missions"

2013 House of Charity Appeal

2013 House of Charity y-t-d	\$30,522.50 (58%)
2013 House of Charity Goal	\$52,250.00

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 123 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.

Remember Our Sick

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:

Dolly Angelastro, Edith Bielinski, Milton Burns, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Paul Tryson, Cyrol Valentino, Gloria Vendetti, John Vindick, Mary Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for May 25/26

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, Z. Marlin, S. Caban

EM's: A. Cirullo, J. Heining, L. Heining, T. Angstman, *P. Petronis

Lectors: J. Melfi, W. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, M. Conway, J. Mack

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

Lectors: P. Nolte, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: N. Hughes, C. Hughes, J. Bui

EM's: J. Bowman, T. Urgo, D. Urgo, J. Messina, *T. Scavuzzo

Lectors: M. Miller, M. Corbett

Stewardship Reflection for Pentecost Sunday

Stewards Have A Teacher

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name, He 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 and from us. It is good to know that when we are confused by our **Stewardship** responsibilities, we can call on the Holy Spirit to show us the way.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

5/20-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Pastoral Council
 5/21-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 5/22-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm Catholicism DVD Series
 5/23-Thur-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm & 7pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion
 5/24-Friday-9am Mass, School Closed
 5/25-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 5/26-Sunday- 9am Mass & 10:30am Mass, 2pm Fr. Kunzman's 50th

A Message for All the Ladies:



God values you, and  has a plan for your life!

As women, we all have unique circumstances, difficulties, hopes and dreams. But no matter where you are in your journey, God's Word can always offer inspiration, comfort, and support.

St. Stephen Ladies Monday Bible Study
Mondays 1:00-2:30pm in the Stonegate Conference Room
 Questions? Contact Eileen at (856) 662-8046 or email heides@comcast.net.

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 Catholicism DVD Series

This is a 10-week DVD series by Fr. Robert Barron, and will be held at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish Center**, on **Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.** For further info, please call Lily at (856) 786-0567.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Series: "What is Faith?"
7pm in the Parish Center



First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, June 7th, 9:30am-7:00pm.**



"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

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.

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

(Parish Center Meeting Room)

Pastoral Council May 20 @ 7:00pm

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Congratulations and thank you to Joy Bowman and Biagio & Emilia DiNoto on purchasing their pavers!!

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.

SUBMIT ALL FORMS & PAYMENTS TO THE RECTORY

RCIA Ministry

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

- Have you been worshipping 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.

Scrip Fundraising Program

Scrip is available for purchase at the Scrip Table after all weekend Masses and at the rectory during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm (excluding Holy Days & Holidays). Scrip orders may also be submitted to the school and will then be processed via the rectory for later delivery.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

Prayer requests for the month of **May**, please contact **Bernadette @ 854-2928**

St. Stephen's PTO

Upcoming & Ongoing Events

Patronize the Penn Queen Diner & mention St. Stephens at the register for us to receive credit



St. Stephen's Night at the Riversharks

Friday, June 7th, with Fireworks after the game!

The link to purchase tickets is on our website.

Tickets only \$11 (\$5 of which is donated to our school)

Please help support our Wonderful School!!!!

For additional information or any questions, please contact Denise Mc Hugh 609-315-1929 denise.mchugh15@verizon.net or any PTO Board Member.

Knights' Flea Market May 25th

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Spring Flea Market on **Saturday, May 25, from 8:30am to 2:30pm** at Mary Queen of All Saints (formerly St Cecilia's) school- yard. For information, contact Lonnie at 856 662-6049.

Staying Alive Walk

A Campaign to Prevent Suicide

June 2, 2013 - 10 AM

Challenge Grove Park, Cherry Hill, NJ

(Corner of Caldwell and Brace Roads along Borton Mill Road)

Registration \$10.00

Advance Registration Not Required

All Proceeds benefit

CONTACT Community Helplines

For Information Call

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856-795-5073

Calling All Bulbs & Plants!

Please don't discard your Easter plants—we'll re-plant them on our church grounds! All plants may be dropped off at the rectory from 9am-4:30pm Monday thru Friday.



As we approach the Summer Season...

Catholic Reverence and Respect

Mass preparation is just as important, even more so, than any other event on your calendar. Plan ahead as you would any special occasion. Arrive early, taking traffic and parking into consideration. Stay until the Mass is over. The time after Communion and the concluding rites are very important to the communal aspect of the liturgy as a whole.

Realize that attire that is considered appropriate for summer activities like picnics, swimming, pool parties and beach combing, may not be appropriate to wear to Church. The House of the Lord is a special place where we come together in the presence of our Lord and offer our prayer and praise. It is a place of decorum, reverence and dignity. Please use common sense (and an objective point of view) when choosing attire for church. Be comfortable, of course; but be dignified as well. Parents, please be good examples. You know that your children follow your example whether they admit it or not.

Eustace Advantage Program

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School will offer its Eustace Advantage Program this summer. Two three-week sessions in June and July are designed to review and strengthen academic skills for all students entering seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Please visit www.eustace.org/summer or email jmarquart@eustace.org for more information.

Bishop Eustace Athletic Camps

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School is hosting two athletic camps this summer:

- Our baseball team will hold the Scholastic Baseball Camp from June 24 to June 27 for students from the ages of 7 to 14, as well as hitting and pitching camps throughout the summer.
- The field hockey team will host an Elite Week camp from June 24 to June 27 for students going into ninth through twelfth grades. They will also offer an Instructional Camp for students entering sixth through twelfth grades from July 15 to July 18.

For more information, please call the Athletic Director's office at (856) 662-2160, ext. 248, or visit our website at www.eustace.org/summer.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER:

Catholic elementary schools seek PT driver for after school activities and local field trips. Needs a CDL Class B PS1. Perfect for retiree. To inquire call: 856-338-0966.

Parishioner Recognition - May 2013

Anna Cirullo

Anna serves as a Lector at daily Masses and is a member of the Nursing Home Ministry. She is also a devoted member of Arts and Environment. Anna participates in the Ladies' Bible Study group and has undertaken many of the Ministries previously held by Sr. Bernadette. Most importantly, she ministers with humility and grace.

Dorothy Coyle

Dorothy has been a member of St. Stephen Parish for over 50 years. She worked the kitchen and called bingo for many years. She has been the caretaker of the Altar Linens for quite some time and does an exemplary job. A daily Mass attendee, Dorothy is a shining example of the spirit of St. Stephen's.

Keith & Anne Knight

Keith is a member of St. Stephen's since the beginning. He was a longtime Trustee, a past member of Parish Council and present member of the Finance Council. He has been an usher for 43 years and presently is the Head Usher. He also co-chaired the Yard Sale Fundraiser. Anne has been and continues to be a trusted worker in just about every facet of St. Stephen's. Anne is a Eucharistic Minister and caretaker of the Poor Box and Candle Box. Keith and Anne are tireless workers and devoted stewards of St. Stephen's.

Craig Otto

Craig is a past President of Parish Council and served many roles under the pastorates of Msgr. Bottino through Fr. Rocco. He was a member of the Stonegate Board, a participant in the diocesan parish reorganization process, a member of the Finance Council and a Lay Trustee. Presently he serves as a Lector and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Most importantly, Craig served in all these Ministries with humility and sincerity. A constant presence who exemplifies the spirit of St. Stephen's and what it means to be a Christian.