

St. Stephen Parish

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Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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www.StStephensPennsauken.com

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 22, 2016 – The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

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 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
MONDAY 9:00am	May 23, 2016 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	May 24, 2016 MarySue Link r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	May 25, 2016 Patrick J. Cunning r/b St. Stephen's Rosary Prayer Group
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	May 26, 2016 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 27, 2016 Rev. O. Hugh Stout r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 28, 2016 Emery G. Breon r/b Kathy Smith
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 29, 2016 (Feast of Corpus Christi) Neal Norris r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Albert Capaldi r/b Rosina Midili MarySue Link r/b People of the Parish



The Sanctuary Candle this week is

In Memory of MarySue Link

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 14/15, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$4,479
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,687

Next Special Collection:

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 Alessandroni, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccicone, 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., 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 28/29

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: J. Heininger, V. Thibault, Sr. Eleanora, A. Cirullo

Lectors: Joan Rivera, J. Gerst

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, B. McHugh

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, R. Leone, R. Davis, J. Rosario, *L. Rosario

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, C. Gardner, C. Nicdao

EM's: J. Fagan, K. Fagan, T. Urgo, D. Urgo, *T. Scavuzzo

Lectors: M. Miller, J. Messina

Memorial Veterans' Service

Next Sunday, May 29th

after the 10:30am Mass



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

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

5/23-Mon.-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study, 6:30pm Deacons
 5/24-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 5/25-Wednesday-9am Mass
 5/26-Thurs.-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club, 7:15pm Choir
 5/27-Friday-9am Mass
 5/28-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
 5/29-Sunday-9am Mass & 10:30am Mass, 11:30am Memorial Service



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

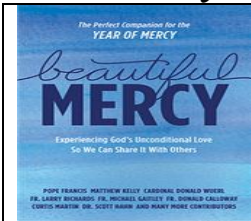
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

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 26th @ 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.



EVANGELIZING through MERCY

PASTORS, PASTORAL ASSOCIATES,
PASTORAL COUNCILS, PARISH EVANGELIZATION TEAMS,
PARISH STAFF AND PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.


Guest Speaker: **Fr. John E. Hurley, CSP**

Former Executive Director for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Evangelization. During the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Fr. Hurley is commissioned by Pope Francis to be a Missionary of Mercy.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016
7pm - 9pm
Saint Joseph Parish
606 Shore Road, Somers Point, NJ 08244

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016
7pm - 9pm
Our Lady of Peace Parish
32 Carrol Ave, Williamstown, NJ 08094

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016
7pm - 9pm
Saint Charles Borromeo Parish
176 Stagecoach Road, Sicklerville, NJ 08081



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Please contact us for registration or more information:
856-583-6170 or norma.guzman@camdendiocese.org

Congratulations Joseph!

Congratulations to parishioner **Joseph Allen** for receiving an award this past May 18th and being recognized by the Pennsauken Police Department for **“outstanding contributions to public safety throughout the year”**. Thank you for your efforts in making our community safer!

Knights Flea Market



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.

Knights Blood Drive



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the **Red Cross Summer Blood Drive** at **St Stephen's Parish Center** on **Wednesday, June 15**, from **1:30 pm to 6:30 pm**. Appointments may be set up online at redcrossblood.org, by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or signing up in the back of the church after all Masses. **For further information, please call Lonnie Monaco at 856 662-6049.**

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.camdencatholic.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!**



6TH ANNUAL MASS FOR THE
**UGANDAN
MARTYRS**

Remembrance of the 24 Ugandan Martyrs

**CELEBRANT & HOMILIST
REV. GRACE MANANO**

RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN THE ADJACENT BUILDING TO THE CHURCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
JAMES E. ANDREWS | BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
DIRECTOR OFFICE OF LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION
858-583-6184 OR 6121 | JAMES.ANDREWS@CAMDENOCIOCESE.ORG

**JUNE 4, 2016
11:00AM**

**SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH
6306 BROWNING ROAD
PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109**



Reflections on the Readings for
Holy Trinity

Sunday

May 22, 2016

Reading 1 Reflection-Proverbs 8:22-31

In this reading from Proverbs, God's Wisdom is pictured as a separate being who was with God at the creation. Wisdom works with God as a "craftsman" and "plays" with God's people on earth. For the Israelites, Wisdom was first a quality of God. Then they came to see wisdom as God's companion. Centuries later, Christians, looking back at the Old Testament for signs of Jesus, saw him as the Wisdom of God. This is part of the gradual and sometimes mysterious way that God is revealed to us.

Reading 2 Reflection - Romans 5:1-5

How does our faith in Jesus change us? Our letter today lists several ways. Through Jesus, we grow in harmony with God and receive the grace to live for God's reign. We have the virtue of hope, which is like a candle that is not blown out by the cold wind of hard times. And we have the Spirit living in our hearts, keeping God's love alive in us.

Gospel Reflection - John 16:12-15

Today's gospel continues with Jesus' advice and instructions to the disciples at the Last Supper. He promises that the Spirit will be there to guide his followers to the truth. The Spirit will speak in Jesus' name, just as Jesus speaks in the Father's name. Each of these three Persons in one God belongs to the other. We call this mystery of God's identity the Blessed Trinity.