

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
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May 25, 2014 – The Sixth 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".

There will be NO DAILY MASS on MONDAYS in the months of JULY & AUGUST.

MONDAY 9:00am	May 26, 2014 (Memorial Day) Philomena & Anthony Gini r/b The Gini Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	May 27, 2014 Roger Daujeumont r/b His Sister
WEDNESDAY 9:00am Daily 7:00pm	May 28, 2014 (7pm Ascension Vigil) Rogert Daujeumont r/b The Rocco Family People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY 9:00am	May 29, 2014 (Ascension Thursday Holy Day) People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 30, 2014 A Special Intention r/b Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 31, 2014 Marie Melchiorre r/b Cindy (Baylor) Pandola
SUNDAY 9:00am 10:30am	June 1, 2014 Lillian Tomarchio r/b Tilda Lamaina Alfred DiFrank r/b Rosina Midili & Family Msgr. David F. Budney r/b People of the Parish Daniel Novoa r/b Louis & Mary Ann Meloni Thomas Fallon r/b Chris & Nancy Fallon

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Our Deceased Military.

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 17/18, 2014 Attendance/Collection	449/	\$4,586
May 18/19, 2013 Comparison	487/	\$4,957
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$5,216

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 31/June 1

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Surgner, T. Albert, T. Mason

EM's: L. Heining, J. Heining, A. Pandola, B. Taylor, *C. Pandola

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, B. McHugh, O. Graff

EM's: S. Marano, R. Leone, N. Schmidt, T. Modzier, *L. D'Alessandro

Lectors: D. Heck, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Hughes Boys

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, L. Solano, T. Mattera, M. Meloni, *W. Delfin

Lectors: Ry. Aleszczyk, C. Aleszczyk

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.



Ascension Thursday May 29th

Mass times for this

Holy Day of Obligation are:

Wednesday, May 28th -7pm Vigil

Thursday, May 29th - 9am Mass

The Rectory and all Diocesan Offices will be closed

Ascension Thursday & Friday May 30th.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

5/26-Monday-9am Mass, 10am Veterans' Memorial Day Service, School & Rectory closed Memorial Day
5/27-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm RCIA
5/28-Wednesday-9am Mass, 7pm Ascension Vigil
5/29-Ascension Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 5pm Confirmation
5/30-Friday-9am Mass (Rectory & Diocese closed May 29 & 30)
5/31-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
6/1---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

Registration for 2014-2015 is underway!

Forms may be found in the rectory and on our website. The fee is \$135 per family (\$10 discount if registered by June 30). Tentative start date is 9/17/14.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will Resume in September. Have a great Summer!



First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

Friday, June 6th, 9:45am-7:00pm.



REASON #5 for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament: Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to him! "Christ is reserved in our churches as the spiritual center of the heart of the community, the universal Church and all humanity, since within the veil of the species, Christ is contained, the invisible heart of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the center of all hearts, by him all things are and of whom we exist." (Pope Paul IV, Mysterium Fidei)

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

Congratulations and Thank You to **Lorraine Cuccinotta for purchasing her paver!!!**

FINAL CALL FOR SPRING UPDATE!!!

We will be placing our Spring Update order by June 15th, so if you have been considering purchasing a paver, please send it in now to be included. Thank you everyone for your support to the project and the Knights of Columbus!!!

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 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.

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 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

Finance Council Meeting Minutes May 12, 2014

In Attendance: Fr Daniel Rocco, Rose Davis, Keith Knight, Rick Taylor, Deacon Anthony and Lonnie Monaco

Fr. Rocco opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with a Scripture reading.

Fr. Rocco began discussions on the State of New Jersey's decision to rescind the waiver that would have allowed the International Academy of Camden Charter School to use the school building for 2 years, with an option on a third year, thereby nullifying the July 1, 2014 lease agreement. The parish will send a letter to the diocese this week for permission to seek other prospective tenants or buyers. After the school year has ended, we will begin the process of selling the contents of the school. This will help to make the building maintenance easier, and expedite its conversion process once a new tenant/owner is found.

St Stephen parish is still required to provide a \$1000 voucher to each of its qualified students who will continue their Catholic education, make payments on the teachers' pension and insurance, and pay down the school debt. These expenses are expected to raise the school debt to \$550,000.00 by June 30, 2014. In addition, one year after we close St Stephen school, (we had requested a 3-year delay from the diocese), the diocese will require that St Stephen parish make payments to an assigned Catholic School. This additional expense is unknown at this time.

The Star Herald has notified the parishes within its coverage area that it will no longer mail issues to all registered members of those parishes. Instead, each parish will be asked to submit a list of names of those parishioners who should continue to receive the newspaper. This will result in a cost savings to St. Stephen parish, as the number of issues will decrease.

We are working with the diocese for the repair of the church roof. Most of the cost will be covered by the diocese.

Parish Finances: Members of the Finance Committee reviewed the parish financial statements, including the balance sheet as of April 30, 2014 and the profit and loss statement for the months of July 2013 through April 2014. **Income:** While Ordinary income for July 2013 through April 2014 remains lower than projected in the budget, we continue to see a slight increase over each of the last 4 months compared to the same time last year. Ordinary income represents collections taken in at weekend and holy day Masses. **Expenses:** During the months of July 2013 through April 2014, the parish was \$46,271 over budget, in large part due to the Catholic School subsidy. Utility costs were nearly on budget. **Assets and Liabilities:** As of April 30, 2014, the parish had \$28,332 in the operating account, \$219 in the reserve account, and \$31,681 in the Msgr. O'Connell Scholarship Fund (which may not be used for ordinary parish expenses). All parish accounts payable were current as of the end of April.

Fr. Rocco closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:18 PM.

The next Finance Council meeting will take place on Monday, June 09, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center meeting room.

Respectively submitted,
Lonnie Monaco
May 14, 2014



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

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



POWERED BY APEX IT GROUP

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

Your Group's Code: Stephens2014
*This code will also give you the opportunity to purchase discounted food vouchers online!

Questions? Contact:
Mark Schieber
856-583-0031
mschieber@riversharks.com

- Log onto www.riversharks.com and select "Riversharks Fundraising Log-In" on the right-hand side
- Enter your group's unique code
- Select "Buy"
- Choose your seats and complete your order
- Root for the Riversharks!



Race for Education
Monday, June 9, 2014
Saint Stephen School
6300 Browning Road
Pennsauken, NJ



From _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Dear _____

Message _____

On Monday, June 9th, 2014, Saint Stephen Catholic School will be holding their final fundraiser. All students will be celebrating the 52 wonderful years that the school provided an outstanding Catholic education by walking 52 times around the school building to commemorate each year of learning. The funds from this race benefit the students. I hope you will be able to sponsor me. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please fill out the form below if you can help. Thank you.

ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

I am enclosing a donation of:

\$5.00 \$10.00 \$15.00 \$20.00 \$25.00 Other

(Please make your check out to Saint Stephen School. Please note your cancelled check will be the record of your contribution. Thank you!)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please drop off or mail your contribution to:

Saint Stephen School, 6300 Browning Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog!!!