

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

### Reverend Daniel M. Rocco

Pastor

### Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe

Permanent Deacon

### Mrs. Suzanne Underwood

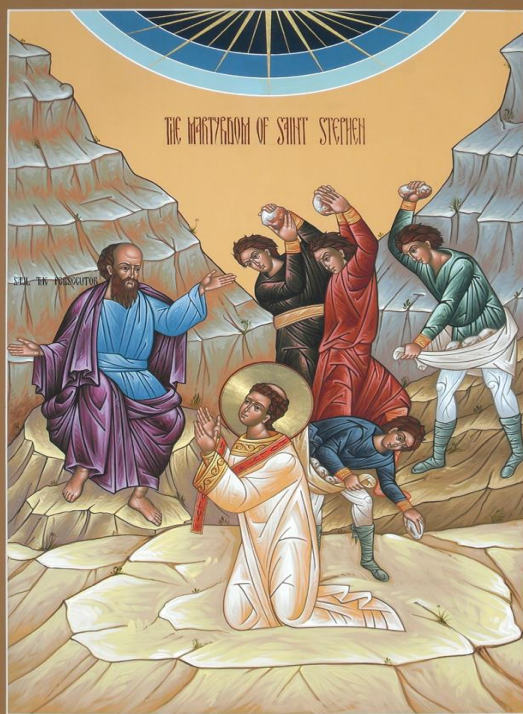
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

### Parish Trustees

Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

### Rectory Office Hours

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



## *Contact Info*

### Rectory Phone

(856) 662-9339

### Rectory Fax

(856) 662-4679

### Emergencies

(856) 261-9336

*(Accidents, Dying or Death)*

### Tribunal Parish Advocate

Deacon Anthony R. Cioe  
(856) 227-2145

### Parish Email:

[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

### Parish Website:

[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 3, 2015 – 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

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2016 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".**

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 4, 2015</b> A Special Intention r/b Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 5, 2015</b> Rev. Msgr. Joseph W. Devlin, JCD r/b The People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 6, 2015</b> Harry Wilson r/b His Wife, Katherine
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>May 7, 2015</b> Lola Tocco r/b Frank Pigliacelli
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 8, 2015</b> Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Stoerlein r/b People of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>May 9, 2015</b> Mary Ann Palmieri r/b Lisa & Robert Giannone
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 10, 2015 (Mother's Day)</b> Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family Sr. Beatrice DeSantis, SSJ r/b The Scavuzzo Family Julian Terzini (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b His Family

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Michael J. Iacovelli.

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.

April 25/26, 2015 Collection:	\$4,408
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,977

Next Special Collection:

**May 17, 2015:**

**"Catholic Communications" (Diocese)**

*(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)*

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## 2015 House of Charity Appeal

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| 2015 House of Charity y-t-d | \$21,575 (40% ) |
| 2015 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 93 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, Eleanor Becker, Joy Bowman, Yolanda Colafrancesco, John Coyle, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Joseph Fagan, Joe Flacco, Nicole Franklin-Sonnie, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Joseph Gerst, Gregory Hayes, Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Denise McHugh, Dorothy McPeak, Neal Norris, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivello, Dolores VonAlex, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.**

## Ministry Schedule for May 9/10

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

*\* Designates Alternate Server*

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Server:** S. Surgner

**EM's:** Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, J. Heining, L. Heining, \*V. Thibault

**Lector:** B. Mattia

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** Q. Nguyen, B. McHugh

**EM's:** E. Nolte, T. Modzier, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro, \*S. Marano

**Lector:** J. Messina

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** O. Albert, T. Albert

**EM's:** T. Link, P. Cioe, T. Scavuzzo, T. Angstman

**Lectors:** E. Mattered, L. Fagan

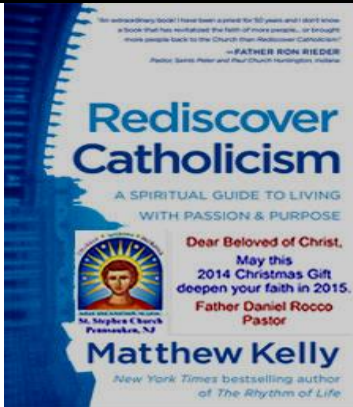
## A Mass of Remembrance & Healing

will be celebrated by Monsignor Michael Mannion on **Monday, May 11th** – 7:00pm at St. Joseph Church in Sea Isle City for those who have suffered the loss of a child of any age through miscarriage, still-birth, abortion, SIDS, illness, disease, or any untimely death. We encourage and welcome all members of the family and friends affected by the loss of this beloved child to join in this Mass of celebration for the precious life that touched ours briefly, yet stays in our hearts forever! (Please bring a picture or special remembrance of your child. Roses will be available for those who have lost their child before birth.) For more information, please call: Betty at 609-425-3553 or email at [elizpearce@comcast.net](mailto:elizpearce@comcast.net).

### *This Week @ St. Stephen Parish*

5/4-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Bible Study  
 5/5-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary & Our Lady of Fatima Statue  
 5/6-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm Closing CCD Mass  
 5/7-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club  
 5/8-Friday-9am Mass  
 5/9-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 5/10-Sunday-9am Mass w/ First Communion, May Crowning,  
 10:30am Mass, 11:45am Baptismal Training

### *Thursday Night Discussion Club* Continues May 7, 2015 @ 7pm.



Please join us as we continue to discuss "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly, the book we were generously gifted with this Christmas. Let's start the new year learning more about God's love and the gift of our Catholic faith. A good resolution for 2015 can be "to become a better version of myself" and help others as they journey to become all God calls us to be. The discussion club needs your voice, see you Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center. **Extra copies** of "Rediscover Catholicism" are available in the Rectory. They are free to all Parishioners and \$5 if you'd like to purchase one **for a friend**.

## *Parish Library*

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Spring 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 donate spiritual and religious books to the collection, please drop them off at the Parish center in the Library. 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).

### *First Friday Adoration*

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, June 5, 2015, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



## *Art & Environment*

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**.



Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, lively discussions, and fun!

**When: Mondays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Where: Stonegate Main Conference Room**

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.  
 Phone: 662-8046 email: heides@comcast.net

*"The woman who walks with God always reaches her destination"*

### *St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You*



**We are here to pray for you.**  
 Prayer requests for the month of May, contact **Betty @ 856-662-6928**.

### *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**



**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.

### *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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).

# May CAP Schedule

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

**CAP 1** teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

**CAP 2** is called *No More Bullies, No More Victims* and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

**CAP 3** is called *Cyber-Empowerment* and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere.

**Each presentation is 90 minutes.**

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1, 2 or 3 when they renew their CAP.

The following sessions will be offered in **May**:

### CAP Phase 1

- Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 7:00pm, Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit, Mullica Hill
- Saturday, May 23, 2015, 10:00am, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Camden, Cathedral Hall
- Thursday, May 28, 2015, 7:00pm, Saints Peter & Paul, Turnersville, Parish Center

### CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention NO CAP 2

### CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment

- Thursday, May 7, 2015, 7:30pm, Christ the King School, Haddonfield, Lower level of the church

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (856) 583-6165 or email [Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org) to register. **Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.**

**The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website @ [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org)**

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER  
PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY.**

# This Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> !!!

# SAVE the DATE

St. Stephen Parish  
**Rosary Group**  
 will host  
 Our Lady of Fatima  
 International Pilgrim Virgin Statue  
 on  
**5-5-15 @ 7PM**



- Tuesday, May 5th @ 7:00 PM**
- Opening song
  - Welcome
  - Our Lady of Fatima's Peace Plan
  - Scapular enrollment and consecration prayer
  - The Rosary
  - Litany to Our Lady
  - Closing song

- Wednesday, May 6th**
- 9:00 AM Mass
  - Quiet time during the day for prayer and private visitation.
  - 6:30 PM CCD Closing Mass

The statue was sculpted by Jose Thedim based on a description by Sr. Lucia, one of the seers, who saw Our Lady from May through October in 1917 at Fatima, Portugal. **This is the first time it has visited South Jersey.**

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## **The Encounter Series: Seeking Christ in the Poor and Vulnerable**

Inspired by Pope Francis' call to build a "culture of encounter" that reaches out to those living on the margins of society, the Diocese of Camden's Encounter Series will feature three different experiences meant to engage your heart, head, and hands as we strive to put our faith into action. The series includes a retreat day (**May 5**), an informative lecture (**May 11**), and a day of hands-on community service in Camden (**May 16**). All adults welcome. For more information and to register for one, two, or all three experiences, visit [www.camdendiocese.org/encounter](http://www.camdendiocese.org/encounter) or contact Colleen Mayhew at 856.583.6118.

## ***Jubilee Mass May 5<sup>th</sup>***

Bishop Dennis Sullivan will be the principal celebrant at a special Mass honoring Priests in the Diocese of Camden who will celebrate a special jubilee this year. The Jubilee Mass for our Priests will be held on:

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 4:00pm  
Saint Mary Church**

**2001 Springdale Road in Cherry Hill, NJ**

All the people of the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass. Come and celebrate with the priests of our diocese. We celebrate the following Jubilarians, **including one of our own:**

### **25 Years**

**Reverend Joseph J. Adamson  
Reverend Jeevanandama Amalanathan  
Reverend Joseph P. Capella  
Reverend Robert E. Hughes  
Reverend David J. Klein  
Reverend Michael J. McCue, O.S.F.S.  
Reverend Joseph M. Monahan, T.O.R.  
Reverend Joachim Oforchukwu, C.S.Sp.  
Reverend Alfred Onyutha  
Reverend John Perdue, M.SS.CC.  
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco  
Reverend Antony Savari Muthu  
Reverend Matthew R. Weber**

### **40 Years**

**Reverend John A. Cavagnaro  
Reverend Edward T. Fitzpatrick, O.S.F.S.  
Reverend Robert J. Fritz  
Reverend Kenneth P. Hallahan  
Reverend Joseph A. Perreault  
Reverend John J. Vignone**

### **50 Years**

**Reverend Andrew J. Bolcar  
Reverend Robert J. Dunphy  
Reverend Monsignor William P. Graham  
Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Morgan  
Reverend Howard E. Muhlbaier  
Reverend Josef A. Wagenhoffer  
Reverend John P. Ward  
Reverend Robert P. Weber**

### **60 Years**

**Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Coyne  
Reverend Monsignor Felix M. O'Neill**

## ***WHY DO WE ... Offer the Lord's Prayer at Mass?***

Praying the Lord's Prayer as a community has been mandated in public prayers from the earliest centuries of the Church. At one time these words given to us by Jesus, were prayed by the priest only on behalf of the congregation. Today we are welcome to join in this prayer which is truly a summary of all the Gospels. In the Roman Catholic Mass, The Our Father and the Doxology are separated into two distinct prayers, instead of the combined version of many Protestant faiths.

During the Our Father, the priest will hold his arms extended, palms up, offering the prayer to God. There are several acceptable postures for the congregation. The traditional posture for prayer of hands together over the heart, arms extended to God, or families joining hands are all appropriate, as long as the posture supports the reverence of this prayer.

The sign of peace has its origins in the very early Church, but was removed by the Council of Trent, as the practice had become removed from its purpose. Three hundred years later it was re-instituted as a reminder that we are a community and that we are all equal in God's eyes. As we offer a sign of peace to our neighbor, it is not our peace that we offer, but the peace of Christ. A kiss to a family member, a handshake or just simple eye contact, accompanying the words "Peace be with you" is appropriate. The wish should be offered solemnly to your immediate surrounding neighbors. In this sign of peace, we demonstrate our reconciliation with one another, in keeping with God's command to love your neighbor, before we approach the altar to receive Christ.

### **Become Engaged**

Most of us have prayed the Our Father since we were small children. Over time the beautiful message of this prayer can be lost to rote recitation. When you pray the Our Father, focus on the words, perhaps by changing which word is given emphasis, or focusing on one or two particular lines of prayer each time. This can help to keep the message fresh and relevant to you. As you focus on the words, a line or two may feel especially pertinent to your life at this time. Offer it to God in recognition of your need for Him in your life.

Offer the peace of Christ to your neighbor honestly and generously. As Christ comes to help heal our hearts, the sharing of His peace can help to heal the unseen pain and lessen the burden of those around us.