

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

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



Contact Information

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May 4, 2014 – The Third 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.

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 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".

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| MONDAY 9:00am | May 5, 2014 Vittorio & Teresa Tomaselli r/b Daughter |
| TUESDAY 9:00am | May 6, 2014 Harry Wilson r/b His Wife, Katherine |
| WEDNESDAY 9:00am | May 7, 2014 A Special Intention r/b Family |
| THURSDAY 9:00am | May 8, 2014 People of the Parish - Living & Deceased |
| FRIDAY 9:00am | May 9, 2014 Mary Jo Stedrak r/b Family |
| SATURDAY 4:30pm | May 10, 2014 Joseph Carter r/b His Wife Dot & Family |
| SUNDAY 9:00am | May 11, 2014 (Mother's Day) Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter, Rose Marie |
| 10:30am | Angelina Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri Kimberlee Allen r/b Ken & Karen Fantozzi Claude Richardson r/b Carol & Children |

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Msgr. J. Francis Flaherty.

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.

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| April 26/27, 2014 Attendance/Collection | 441/ | \$4,891 |
| April 27/28, 2013 Comparison | 497/ | \$6,457 |
| Easter 2014 Collection | | \$14,810 |
| Easter 2013 Comparison | | \$18,017 |
| 2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection | | \$5,588 |
| Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average | | \$5,227 |

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

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2014 House of Charity Appeal

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| 2014 House of Charity y-t-d | \$21,920 (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 week and your donation will soon be deposited. Thanks for your patience.

Thank you to the 96 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:

- 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, Debby 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 10/11

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Caban, T. Mason, J. Bui
EM's: A. Knight, Sr. Eleanora, V. Thibault, B. Taylor, *A. Cirullo
Lectors: L. Heininger, J. Heininger

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, J. Mack, C. Aleszczyk
EM's: S. Marano, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, *M. Miller
Lector: P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Hughes Boys
EM's: J. Bowman, J. Messina, Geo. Tutwiler, T. Urgo, *D. Urgo
Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, P. Cioe

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

It's with great pleasure to express my gratitude to the members of the Art & Environment Ministry, parishioners who volunteered along with the ministries of the Knights of Columbus, Ushers, Building and Grounds, Deacons Al, Anthony and Fr. Rocco for their help and guidance during Lent, Holy Week and this Easter season.

To the parishioners, thank you for remembering your family and friends with your flower donations, which enhances our church during this special liturgical season.

Maria Haas
Art & Environment Ministry

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

5/5-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study
5/6-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
5/7-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD
5/8-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
5/9-Friday-9am Mass
5/10-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass,
6pm Spring Social/School Farewell/Parishioner Recognition
5/11-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptism

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

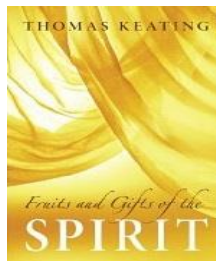
Continue Wednesday, May 7th @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night

Discussion Club

Continues May 8th
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 #2 for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament: This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love."
-Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Canae)

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, May 12 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.**

SPRING SING '14

A FREE CONCERT PRESENTED BY

THE COLLINGSWOOD COMMUNITY CHORUS

Directed By

DALE L. CAREY

Tuesday, May 13 Before 7:28 pm

SCOTTISH RITE AUDITORIUM
315 WHITE HORSE PIKE
COLLINGSWOOD 08108

FOR MORE INFORMATION : 856.854.6024

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### ***CCHS Road to College Program*** ***for 6th and 7th Graders*** **May 13 at 7 p.m. at CCHS** (300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill)

Learn more about preparing for the High School Placement Test, tour CCHS, and hear from Mr. James Plunkett, Executive Director of Admissions at LaSalle University, about properly planning your high school academic course to be ready for college. Register at [www.camdenatholic.org/roadtocollege](http://www.camdenatholic.org/roadtocollege) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

### **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.

Jubilee Mass May 6th

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 6, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
Saint Bernadette Church
(Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Parish)
1421 New Road, Northfield

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:

25 Years

Reverend Hugh J. Bradley
Reverend Edward M. Friel
Reverend Patrick B. McStravog, OSA

40 Years

Reverend Massimo S. Fasciglione
Reverend Monsignor William A. Hodge
Reverend Donald F. Reilly, OSA
Reverend Paul C. Wise

50 Years

Reverend Patrick J. Brady
Reverend A. Robert Cairone
Reverend Neal F. Dante
Reverend Francis P. Gaffney
Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante
Reverend Francis J. Gramigna
Reverend Overton J. Jones
Reverend Jerome C. Romanowski
Reverend Monsignor Leonard G. Scott



In Appreciation

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Parish of Saint Stephen, I would like to thank all of you for your generosity this Easter as well as throughout the entire Liturgical Year. During this time of major transitions within our parish, your sacrificial offerings have enabled us to meet our final obligations to our St. Stephen's School Community and has assisted us in developing a new vision for our Faith Community.

As you read in last Sunday's bulletin, we have made substantial progress in establishing our school building as a financial resource in order to eliminate the debt incurred by the school, thereby freeing the parish to focus on its deeper, spiritual mission.

Your sharing of your gifts with the community of faith here at St. Stephen Church is a concrete, visible sign of your living your call to discipleship in Christ.

With a promise of prayer for your intentions, I am
Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor



DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We wish to extend to you an invitation to our upcoming Spring Social to be held next **SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014**, following the 4:30 PM Mass. This will be a catered affair which will include wine, beer and other non-alcoholic beverages. There will also be a disc jockey for your dancing pleasure. It will take place in the school auditorium. Ticket price is \$20 per person.

The occasion of our social is bittersweet in that in addition to saying hello to spring, we are saying goodbye to our St. Stephen school community. A community of Catholic educators that has been in existence since 1962.

Please join us to honor those who have been an integral part of this history. We will also be honoring some parishioners as part of our annual recognition ceremony.

Take a walk back in time through these halls that have housed so many wonderful memories.

**Your Parish Council President,
Joseph Haas**

*Tickets are on sale at the Rectory
and after all Weekend Masses.*