

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)



Contact Information

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May 5, 2013 – 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 – 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 6, 2013**
9:00am Harry Wilson r/b His Wife, Katherine
- TUESDAY** **May 7, 2013**
9:00am Deacon Ernest F. Picknally
 r/b The Residents of Stonegate
- WEDNESDAY** **May 8, 2013 (7pm Ascension Vigil)**
9:00am Deacon Ernest F. Picknally
 r/b Mary Jane & Andy Salmonsens
7:00pm Olive A. Brady r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
- THURSDAY** **May 9, 2013 (Ascension Thursday)**
9:00am+Novena Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
7:00pm Deacon Ernest F. Picknally
 r/b St. Stephen's Liturgy Committee
- FRIDAY** **May 10, 2013**
9:00am John Meyer (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Family
- SATURDAY** **May 11, 2013**
4:30pm Rita Weingard r/b Keith Weingard & Family
- SUNDAY** **May 12, 2013 (Mother's Day)**
9:00am Madeline Tryson r/b Her Husband, Paul

10:30am Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter
 Marie Zinicola r/b Charlene Panzone & Joanne Gee
 Margaret Clinton r/b Gary & Donna Ahrens & Family
 Frances Conway r/b The Conway Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of Edward J. Vogt, Jr. & Grandson Eddie.

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 27/28, 2013 Attendance/Collection	497/	\$6,457
April 29/30, 2012 Comparison	557/	\$5,786
Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,500
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,566

Next Special Collection:

5/12/13: "Catholic Communication" (Diocese)

2013 House of Charity Appeal

2013 House of Charity y-t-d \$27,812.50 (53%)
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 108 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:

- 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 11/12

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: Z. Marlin, T. Albert, S. Caban
EM's: A. Knight, A. Pandola, P. Petronis, A. Cirullo, * C. Pandola
Lector: L. Peischl

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, M. Conway, J. Mack
EM's: S. Marano, L. McHugh, M. Miller, T. Modzier, *N. Schmidt
Lector: W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Coar, K. Coar, J. Bui
EM's: J. Bowman, Geo. Tutwiler, Gail Tutwiler, T. Link, *J. Messina
Lectors: C. Otto, P. Cioe



This year's Paschal Candle has been donated by Mrs. Georgette Rocco in memory of Mr. Fred G. Rocco.

EM's & Lectors Meeting May 6th

There will be a meeting and an evening of reflection of all Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors on Monday, May 6th at 7:00 pm in the parish center. Your attendance is appreciated.



In appreciation to Terry Modzier, Maria Haas and Saint Stephen School's 7th & 8th graders for their assistance in setting up Sister Bernadette's reception in the School gym.

A special thank you to Rose Davis for hosting the dinner/reception.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

5/6-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm EM's & Lectors
 5/7-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 5/8--Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm Catholicism, 7pm Ascension Vigil
 5/9--Ascension Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, (Rectory closed)
 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal, 7pm Ascension Mass, 8pm Choir
 5/10-Friday-9am Mass, 5pm Wedding
 5/11--Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 6pm CCD Staff Dinner @ Parish Center
 5/12--Sunday- 9am Mass & 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptismal Class

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

Continues this Wednesday, May 8, 2013

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.

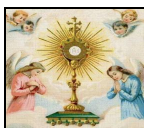
Thursday Night Discussion Club

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.**



Ascension Thursday May 9th

Mass times for this

Holy Day of Obligation are:

Wednesday, May 8th -7pm Vigil
Thursday, May 9th - 9am & 7pm

The Rectory and all Diocesan Offices will be closed Ascension Thursday.

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

(Both in the Parish Center)

May 13 @ 6:30pm

Finance Council

May 20 @ 7:00pm

Pastoral Council

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Congratulations and thank you to **Joe & Patti DeLorenzo, Denise & Thomas McHugh, Lucille Buffington, Marie Hanna, Ed & Barb Weingard, and Earl & Patricia Nolte** for 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

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

**St. Stephen's
Barnes & Noble Book Fair**
Tuesday, May 14th, 4-8pm
Towne Place at Garden State Park

Pick up your summer reading list & books.

Hang out with Bowser the Bulldog.

Make a bookmark at the Craft Table.

Visit with **Dan Gutman**, local author of
"The Baseball Card Adventure Series", from 6-7pm.
Enjoy a delicious Bulldog Smoothie in the Caf .

Can't attend our book fair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online
by entering **Book fair ID 11100815** at checkout.

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble
purchase will benefit our school.

**Vouchers for this Book fair are available at
the rectory, school, and school website.**

**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.

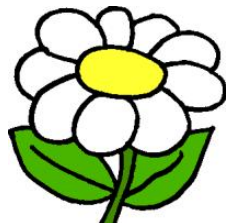
Tickets only \$11 (\$5 of which is donated to our school)

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.

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.



Camden Catholic News

Attention 7th Graders: Camden Catholic Open House
Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m. Tour the school and enjoy getting to
know our students and faculty. Details regarding admissions
dates and procedures for next year will be shared. RSVP 856-
663-2247 ext. 49.

CCHS Class of 1963 is holding its 50th class reunion
on **October 19, 2013** at the Wyndam Hotel in Mt. Laurel.
For more information go to www.CCHSclassof1963.com
or call Jim Bigley at 856 816 6907.

Are you feeling called to share your God-given gifts?

Local Host Families are needed for South Korean and Chinese
international students attending **Camden Catholic High School**
for the 2013/2014 school year, tuition paid. They are motivated
learners with a wide variety of interests. These F-1 visa students
speak English, are fully insured, & have their own pocket money
for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board &
receive a generous monthly hosting stipend & a fulfilling
experience. Contact Cecelia LaPlaca with Nacel Open Door (www.nacelopendoor.org/ipsp) at 215-584-7751 or
cecelpalaca@gmail.com.

Catholic Communication
Collection May 12th

On May 12th our parish will take up the Collection for the
Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection
communicates the Good News through Catholic social media
activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, TV, radio and
print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese, so
please be generous in this collection.

Mass of Remembrance May 13th

A Mass of Remembrance & Healing will be celebrated by
Monsignor Michael Mannion on Monday, May 13th at 7:00pm
at St. Joseph Church in Sea Isle City. All members of the family
and friends who have suffered the death of a child of any age
through miscarriage, still-birth, abortion, SIDS, accident or any
untimely death are invited to attend.

Join us for this special time of comfort, hope, and healing.
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, call Betty at 609-425-3553.

Look at the Calendar!

It's time for that 5-year tune-up! We would never expect a car
to run smoothly forever without a tune-up, so why do we expect
our marriage relationship to keep running smoothly without a
little maintenance? The **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**
weekend gives married couples the tools to keep their
relationship in top running condition.

For more info about the **June 21-23 or September 20-22**
weekends Call Bob & Michelle 609-827-7117 now to find out
how to schedule that tune-up or go on line www.mesj.net.

Jubilee Mass for Priests May 7th

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 7, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

**Saint Peter Celestine Church
(Christ Our Light Parish),**

402 N. Kings Highway, Cherry Hill

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 Charles Conaty**
- Reverend Wilson Kidangan Paulose**
- Reverend Jose Manjakunnel**
- Reverend Gerard C. Marable**
- Reverend Thomas A. Newton**
- Reverend Joseph T. Szolack**

40 Years

- Reverend Patsy C. Amabile**
- Reverend Francis W. Danella, OSFS**
- Reverend James T. Dever, OSFS**
- Reverend Francis X. Devlin, OSA**
- Reverend Alvaro Diaz**
- Reverend Albert E. Harshaw**
- Reverend Walter A. Norris**
- Reverend Terry M. Odien**
- Reverend Michael P. Rush**

50 Years

- Reverend Marjan L. Bober**
- Reverend Monsignor William P. Brennan**
- Reverend Monsignor James P. Curran**
- Reverend Monsignor Thomas B. Fitzsimmons**
- Reverend Richard T. Kunzman**
- Reverend Edward B. Rosinski**
- Reverend Thomas S. Tracey**

Rejoice with Fr. Gerard Marable as he celebrates his Silver Jubilee of ordination to the Priesthood on **June 7-8, 2013**, beginning with a Jazz Vesper Service on Friday evening, June 7th at 7 pm, followed by a light reception at St. Bartholomew Worship Site of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, 751 Kaighn Avenue, Camden. Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Saturday, June 8th at 12 noon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 642 Market Street, Camden, followed by a Reception at Cathedral Hall from 2 to 6 pm. Donation: \$35.00 per person (which includes gift).

For tickets, contact Bonnie Tilghman at St. Bart's Office at (856) 365-0573 or Debbie Carroll at St. Joan of Arc Rectory at (856) 962-8642 before May 24th deadline.

Thank You from Sr. Bernadette

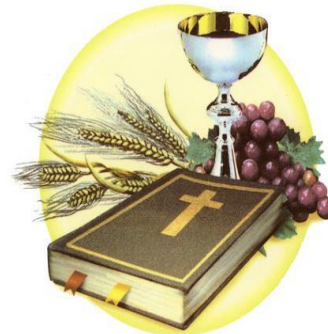
Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the wonderful day I spent at St. Stephen's last Saturday, April 27th. It was so good to see many of you, but I'm sorry I couldn't go to the Masses on Sunday to see the rest of you. The Parish Center Dedication was as beautiful as the weather that day (thanks to our deceased members who watch over us). My family and I loved the reception & dinner held afterwards in the school. I'm sorry I forgot to introduce my Aunt Gert who is 93 years old, and her daughter, Sister Trudy Helder, the principal at Christ Our King in Morrell Park in Philadelphia, PA for the past 25 years. The children of my 100-year old Aunt Ann, who passed away 2 weeks ago, were also able to attend. God Bless each and every one of you who made all of this possible.

Sincerely Yours,

Sister Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ

Our First Holy Communicants



The following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 4th.

We wish to thank Deacon Anthony & Philomena Cioe, Mrs. Pat Higgins, teachers Mrs. Annette Powers and Mrs. Terry Scavuzzo, our Children's Choir, Mr. Anthony Leone, and all those who helped make this celebration a blessed day. Please keep these children in your prayers:

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| Joseph Belsito | Michelle Ciarrocca |
| Francis Coar | Juan Colon |
| Morgan Daniels | Loghan Kane |
| Joseph Kroberger | Jaymie Miller |
| Jason Miller | Liam Quemel |
| Maison Robinson | Tristen Schneider |
| Jack Schuler | Alexis Tepper |
| Michael Tepper | Peter Tepper |
| Sarah VonHofen | |