

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

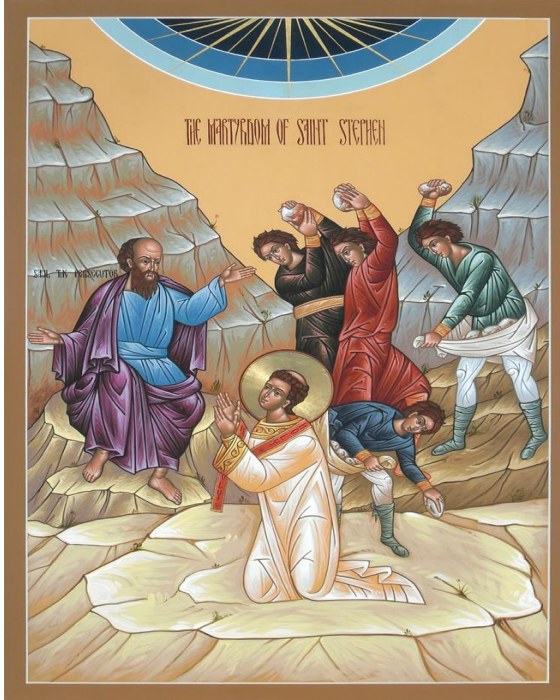
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

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Rectory Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339
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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336
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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 8, 2016 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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".

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| SUNDAY | May 8, 2016 (Mother's Day) |
| 9:00am | Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter |
| 10:30am | Angelina Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri Marie Newell r/b Duane & Pam Heck Albert Side r/b Lynne Vickery-Clark |
| MONDAY | May 9, 2016 |
| 9:00am | Communion Service |
| TUESDAY | May 10, 2016 |
| 9:00am | Louise Cirullo r/b Her Daughter, Anna |
| WEDNESDAY | May 11, 2016 |
| 9:00am | People of the Parish – Living & Deceased |
| THURSDAY | May 12, 2016 |
| 9:00am/Novena | Madeline Tryson (Birthday Remembrance) r/b The Tryson Family |
| FRIDAY | May 13, 2016 |
| 9:00am | Msgr. Eugene J. Kernan r/b People of the Parish |
| SATURDAY | May 14, 2016 |
| 4:30pm | Angelo Rosa r/b Michael Gerst & Kyungsook Choi |
| SUNDAY | May 15, 2016 (Pentecost Sunday) |
| 9:00am | Jimmy Luce r/b Joe & Maria Haas |
| 10:30am | John Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri William Sauer r/b His Family Orfilio Perez r/b Dora Perez |



The Sanctuary Candle this week is

In Memory of Joseph Carter

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 30/May 1, 2016 Offertory Collection: | \$5,192 |
| 2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target: | \$5,000 |
| Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average: | \$4,698 |

Special Collections:

- May 8th:** "Catholic Communications" (Diocese)
 - May 15th:** "Intellectual Disabilities Drive" (Knights)
 - 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 Ciccarone, 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., Helen Huhn, 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 Vивиello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for May 14/15

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: J. Heining, L. Heining, V. Thibault, Sr. Eleanora, *A. Knight

Lectors: J. Melfi, J. Gerst

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, B. McHugh

EM's: R. Davis, R. Leone, M. Bufanio, J. Rosario, *L. Rosario

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, M. Daniels, C. Nicdao

EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, M. Meloni, P. Cioe, *J. Messina

Lectors: M. Miller, M. Turan



On May 14th & 15th the Knights of Columbus will be collecting after the Masses in support of our annual **Intellectual Disabilities Drive**. The proceeds benefit the Special Olympics, Special Education programs in our Catholic schools and schools in our community that serve students with special needs and developmental disabilities. We appreciate the generous support from the parishioners of St Stephens in helping us with our charitable works.

www.kofc.org www.njkofc.org

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

5/9--Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
 5/10--Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 5/11--Wednesday-9am Mass
 5/12--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 5/13--Friday-9am Mass
 5/14--Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
 5/15--Sunday-9am Mass & 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptism



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

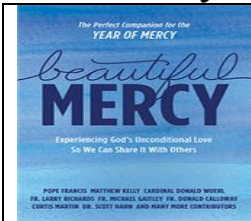
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

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 on **Thursday May 12th @ 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: \$14,625 (27.4%)
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 80 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.

Undergarments Drive

For Men & Women

We are having an **Undergarments Drive for the Homeless in Camden** in association with the Cathedral in Camden.

Who: Men & Women

When: From Now until May 21

Where: Labeled Box in Church Vestibule

Why: To participate in the 3rd Corporal Work of Mercy: "Clothe the Naked"

How: You may purchase undergarments for men and/or women or if you wish to donate money, please make your check payable to: **St. Stephen Church with "Undergarments for Homeless"** in the MEMO.

For further information,
please call Esther Nunez at (856) 506-1278.

1st Annual Taste For Life Fundraiser

To Benefit the Riverside Good Counsel Home
Specialties from 14+ renowned restaurants.

Food, fun and music while supporting Moms & Babies.

May 15, 2016: 1-4pm at The Marian House,
507 South Kings Highway, Cherry Hill, NJ

Cost: \$40.00

Tickets: Karen Downey ~ 856-220-3366; mae1105@aol.com;
or

JoAnn Dinoia ~ 609-387-2928;
joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org

A Closer Walk With God

Asking for the Infusion of the Holy Spirit
in the Presence of Jesus Christ.

Pentecost Sunday, May 15th

St. Rose of Lima Church

300 Kings Hwy in Haddon Heights

Presenter: Fr. Joseph Byerley

You are invited to a guided, yet personal mediation event that helps one to powerfully know God's peace.

1st Meditation Talk: Loving God with Mary's Heart

2nd Meditation Talk: Holy Spirit – The Sanctifier

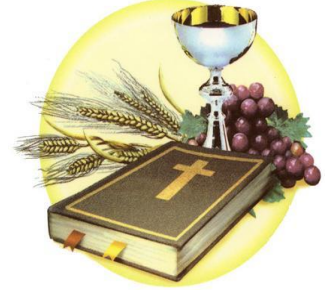
This is a Free Event

Our First Communicants

The following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 1st & 8th.

We wish to thank our CRE **Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**, our Sacramental Prep teacher **Mrs. Terry Scavuzzo**, and all those who helped make this celebration a blessed day. Please keep these children in your prayers:

Kevin Conway
Michno Conway
Isabella Costello
Marissa Daniels
Braeden Kane
Anthony Loyola
Matthew Loyola



Hear Ye, Hear Ye,
Come One, Come All
To Coffee and Pastries,
At the Parish Hall!

Sunday, May 22nd
After the 10:30am Mass



OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH

CARNIVAL

MAY 18 -21

Thursday is Family Night ~ All Rides \$20
701 Little Gloucester Rd. Blackwood, NJ 08012

Happy Mother's Day!



*We're pleased to present the
"Immaculate Heart Rosary Lapel Pin"
to all Mothers and Mothers-to-be this year.*

Gracious God,

We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other.

**Today, loving God,
we pray for our Mothers:**

- who cared for us when we were helpless.
- who comforted us when we were hurt.
- whose love and care we often took for granted.

Today we pray for:

- those who are grieving the loss of their mother.
- those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her.
- those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love.
- those families separated by war or conflict.

Lord, give them special blessings.

Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be. **Amen.**

Jubilee Mass May 10th

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 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist Church
344 Kresson Road, 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 Michael J. Coffey
- Reverend Matthew J. Hillyard, O.S.F.S.
- Reverend Sungheum John Kim
- Reverend Jaromir Michalak
- Reverend Piotr Szamocki

40 Years

- Reverend John E. Bruni
- Reverend Anthony R. DiBardino
- Reverend Paul D. Harte
- Reverend Glenn R. Hartman
- Reverend Anthony J. Manuppella
- Reverend Robert T. McDade, M.SS.CC.
- Reverend Michael P. Orsi

50 Years

- Reverend William J. Bleiler
- Reverend Daniel A. DiNardo
- Reverend Robert M. Gomes
- Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. McIntyre
- Reverend Monsignor Victor S. Muro
- Reverend Anthony Patrizio

60 Years

- Reverend Alfred J. Hewett

70 Years

- Reverend Stanislaus J. Kolton