

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco

Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe

Permanent Deacon

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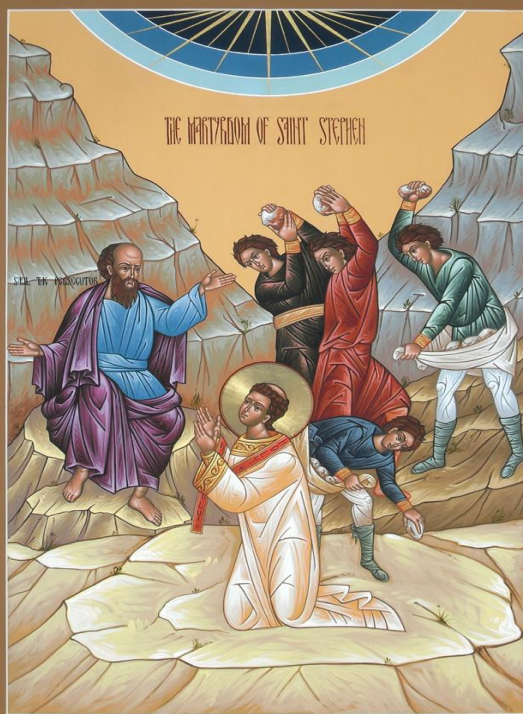
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Rose Marie Davis
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Rectory Summer Hours

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



Contact Info

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Emergencies

(856) 261-9336

(Accidents, Dying or Death)

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Deacon Anthony R. Cioe
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Parish Website:

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.

June 14, 2015 – The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer Communion Services: Monday - 9:00am

Summer Daily Masses: Tuesday thru Friday – 9:00am

Summer Weekend Obligation (no change):

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 2016 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	June 15, 2015 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	June 16, 2015 A Special Intention r/b Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	June 17, 2015 Jennie Zinicola r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	June 18, 2015 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	June 19, 2015 Mary Leone r/b Lucille Buffington
SATURDAY 4:30pm	June 20, 2015 Robert W. Kozempel & John F. Peberdy r/b Gerry Kozempel
SUNDAY 9:00am	June 21, 2015 (Father's Day) Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family John Kerwick r/b His Wife, Son and Family Frank Novello r/b Louise D' Alessandro & Leni Zinicola

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Anthony & Rita Picciano.

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.

June 6/7, 2015 Collection:	\$4,848
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,961

Special Collections:

June 14, 2015: "Brazilian Missions" (Diocese)

July 12, 2015: "Solidarity Fund in Africa" (Diocese)

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

2015 House of Charity Appeal

2015 House of Charity y-t-d	\$22,175 (42%)
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 95 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, Pat Gruber, Gregory Hayes, Chuck Hillwig, Thomas Holmes Sr., John Howard, Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Arlene LaFreda, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, 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 Rozzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Donna Jean Vinciquerro, Mary Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for June 20/21

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: A. Knight, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, *C. Pandola

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, C. Hearn

EM's: M. Miller, M. Bufanio, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, *S. Marano

Lectors: W. McHugh, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, O. Albert

EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, T. Angstman, J. Messina, *T. Mattered

Lector: P. Cioe



I would like to thank all of you for your generous gifts and cards in recognition of my 25th Silver Jubilee. I will attempt to thank each of you personally. For those whose gifts were unsigned, or with only a first name signed, your gift was truly appreciated in the spirit in which it was given!

Peace.

Father Daniel MARIO Rocco



Weekend Masses:
4:30pm Saturday,
9am & 10:30am Sunday

Communion Service:
9am Monday

Daily Mass:
9am Tuesday thru Friday

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday thru Thursday
9am – 4:30pm

Effective thru Labor Day

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 6/15-Monday-9am Communion Service
- 6/16-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 6/17-Wednesday-9am Mass, 1:30pm Knights' Blood Drive
- 6/18-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:30pm Choirs
- 6/19-Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed
- 6/20-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 6/21-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015



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: St. Stephen Parish Center

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

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 Will Resume in September

Thursday Night Discussion Club Will Resume in September

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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.
Prayer requests for the month of June, contact Linda @ 856-661-8045.

Parish Library

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Summer 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).



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.

First Friday Adoration

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



Knights' Blood Drive



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the **Red Cross Summer Blood Drive at St Stephen's Parish Center on Wednesday, June 17, from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm.** Appointments may be set up online at redcrossblood.org, by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or signing up in the back of the church after all Masses. For further information, please call Lonnie Monaco at 856-662-6049.

Do You Have the Gifts to Serve Christ as a Deacon?

The Office of the Diaconate is hosting "Information Meetings" throughout the Diocese. If think you are being called to serve Christ as a Deacon, please consider attending an information meeting. **The schedule is as follows:**

- Thursday June 18th 7:00 PM – St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, 1417 New Road, Newfield
- Monday June 22nd 7:00 PM – Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, 1655 Magnolia Road, Vineland
- Wednesday June 24th 7:00 PM – Incarnation Parish, 240 Main Street, Mantua
- Thursday June 25th 7:00 PM – Our Lady of the Angels, 35 E. Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House
- Tuesday June 30th 7:00 PM – Our Lady of Peace Parish, 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown
- Wednesday July 8th 7:00 PM – St. Stephen Parish, 6306 Browning Road, Pennsauken

For more information, please call the Office of the Diaconate at 856-583-2858 or email: michael.carter@camdendiocese.org.

Low Income, Unemployed, Age 55 and Over?

The Experience Works Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is accepting applications. Program applicants must be age 55 or older, unemployed, have incomes of \$14,363 per year or less for a family of one (\$19,388 for a family of two), and live in Camden County.

For more information, call Jessica Rosa, 1-877-314-7383 or 856-614-3148



Pilgrim Information Session

with Dube Travel

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

St. Joan of Arc Church

(Pedata Hall)

100 Willow Bend Rd., Marlton NJ 08053

RSVP: Greg Coogan (856)583-6122

gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org



For more information or to register contact your diocesan contact in the Office of Young Adult Ministry.

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11 day Pilgrimage includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare • Ground Transportation • Hotel Accommodations • Most Meals • WYD Registration Fee

Welcome

We've noticed many new visitors attending Mass who've generously contributed to our church. Please consider registering as there are many benefits to being officially registered at St. Stephen's:

- To Arrange for the Reception of the Sacraments
- To Receive Certificates of Eligibility to act as a Sponsor
- To Become more intimately involved in our Parish Ministries
- To Begin receiving Offertory Envelopes to track contributions

St. Stephen Parish Registration Form

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(This form may be mailed OR placed in the Offertory Basket at Mass)

Family Last Name: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Current Date: ____/____/____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Husband's 1st Name: _____

DOB: ____/____/____ Religion: _____

Wife's Name (1st & maiden): _____

DOB: ____/____/____ Religion: _____

Marriage: Priest___ Special Permission___ Divorced___
Separated___ Single___ Widowed___ Co-Habit___
Other_____

Children at Home Name:	Date of Birth:
_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____

Others Living in the Home:	Date of Birth:
_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____



MARRIAGE AND THE SUPREME COURT



USCCB Nationwide Bulletin Insert

Spring 2015

The Supreme Court is now considering whether states can define marriage as the union of one man and one woman, and whether a state that does so must recognize a "marriage" contracted out-of-state by two persons of the same sex.

The Court is expected to rule on both questions by the end of June. A broad, adverse ruling would redefine marriage in the law throughout the entire country, changing thousands of laws regarding marriage, family and children and threatening religious freedom in numerous ways. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has urged the Supreme Court to uphold the right of states to define marriage as the union of husband and wife and to recognize only such unions, all for the good of society and particularly for children.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

PRAY, FAST, SACRIFICE

The Bishops have encouraged Catholics to participate in a Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty. Visit www.usccb.org/pray to learn more and commit to praying and fasting for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

The difference is the difference.

Men and women are equal and different. Sexual difference is essential to marriage and raising children. Ignoring or removing "the difference is... the problem, not the solution" (Pope Francis).



The Bishops have also called for a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21-July 4 focusing on the Freedom to Bear Witness. Visit www.FortnightforFreedom.org.

Mothers and fathers matter.

They aren't interchangeable. While single parents and others raising children often make heroic sacrifices and deserve support, society should also affirm every child's basic, natural right to come from and be raised in the loving marital union of his or her own father and mother.

ADVOCATE FOR MARRIAGE

Don't be afraid to talk about it.

Be a witness for the truth of marriage. Take advantage of opportunities to speak about it kindly with family, friends, neighbors or co-workers. Be prepared for false charges of discrimination and to respond with the following truths in charity.

Protecting marriage matters to everyone.

Law is a teacher, and redefining marriage in the law teaches that one sex is interchangeable with the other, and that either a mother or a father is dispensable as a parent. It teaches that marriage is whatever "consenting adults" say it is, and that adults have a "right" to children they did not conceive. These are simply false.

LEARN MORE

What is marriage?

Marriage is the permanent and exclusive union of one man and one woman, for the good of the spouses and for the procreation and education of children. One man, one woman, for life.

Visit www.MarriageUniqueForAReason.org for more resources on the authentic meaning of marriage. For resources for engaged couples and married couples, visit www.ForYourMarriage.org and www.PorTuMatrimonio.org.