

# 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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## *June 16, 2013 – The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 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 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".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 17, 2013</b> Joseph Carter r/b His Wife & Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 18, 2013</b> Mary Heaney (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b Terry & John Modzier
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 19, 2013</b> Deacon Ernest Picknally r/b Kathy Brown
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>June 20, 2013</b> Msgr. Francis A. Spreceac r/b People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 21, 2013</b> Madelina Salvo r/b Matthew Randisi
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>June 22, 2013</b> Frank Teuber r/b Shannon & Michael Myles
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 23, 2013</b> Verna Kerstetter r/b Duane & Pam Heck
10:30am	Norman & Phyllis Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri Deacon Ernest Picknally r/b The Mattera Family Rev. Thomas S. Tracey r/b People of the Parish Msgr. Dan Sullivan r/b Maryann Bufanio

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of William Sauer.

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.

<b>June 8/9, 2013 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>471/</b>	<b>\$4,896</b>
<b>June 9/10, 2012 Comparison</b>	<b>491/</b>	<b>\$4,159</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$5,500</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$5,509</b>

Next Special Collection:  
8/11/13: Air Conditioning (Church)

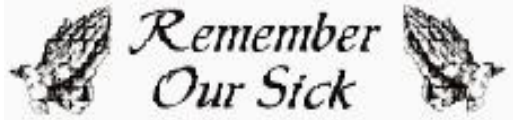
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## 2013 House of Charity Appeal

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| <b>2013 House of Charity y-t-d</b> | <b>\$31,752.50 (61%)</b> |
| <b>2013 House of Charity Goal</b>  | <b>\$52,250.00</b>       |

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 131 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, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigiacci, Rosemarie Rosolia, Theresa Sauer, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Paul Tryson, Gloria Vendetti, John Vindick, Mary Vivello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.**

## Ministry Schedule for June 22/23

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** M. Ciarrocca, M. Ciarrocca, H. Atchison

**EM's:** L. Heining, A. Knight, P. Petronis, A. Cirullo, \*J. Heining

**Lector:** L. Peischl

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** O. Graff, J. Bui, Z. Marlin

**EM's:** S. Marano, L. Rosario, J. Rosario, M. Miller, \*N. Schmidt

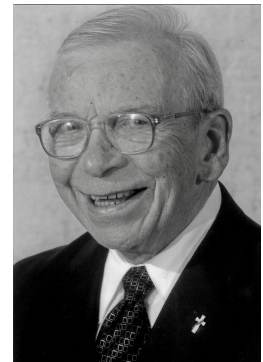
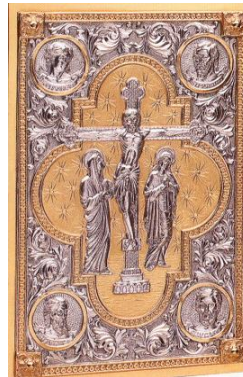
**Lectors:** J. Messina, D. Steinmetz

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** C. Aleszczyk, K. Coar, K. Coar

**EM's:** J. Bowman, P. Cioe, T. Urgo, L. Solano, \*D. Urgo

**Lectors:** Ry. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk



## Memorial for Deacon Ernie

You may have noticed that we now have special cover for our Book of the Gospels. This was purchased in memory of Deacon Ernie. We felt that it was an appropriate gift seeing that he proclaimed the Gospel as a Deacon here at St. Stephen's for well over a decade. We are still accepting contributions toward this memorial. Checks may be made payable to "St. Stephen Church" with "In Memory of Deacon Ernie" in the memo line.

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

6/17-Monday-9am Mass, 7pm Pastoral Council  
 6/18-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 6/19-Wednesday-9am Mass  
 6/20-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena  
 6/21-Friday-9am Mass  
 6/22-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass,  
**5:30pm Farewell Reception for Sr. Philomena Gini**  
 6/23-Sunday- 9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

*A Message for All the Ladies:*



God values you, and  has a plan for your life!

***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](mailto: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 CCD Classes***  
**Registration for 2013-2014 is underway!**

Forms may be found in the rectory and on our website. The fee remains at **\$125 per family**. A \$10 discount is awarded for early registrations (\$115) before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

***Thursday Night***  
***Discussion Club***  
 ON SUMMER HIATUS  
 UNTIL SEPTEMBER.



***First Friday Adoration***  
 The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

### ***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***

**Pastoral Council June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**

### ***Prayer Pavers to Our Lady***

**Congratulations and Thank You to St Stephen's Student Council 2012-2013 on purchasing their paver!!**

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](http://www.ststephenspennsauken.com)

or by calling Michael Ciarrocca at 856-425-4799.

**SUBMIT ALL FORMS & PAYMENTS TO THE RECTORY**

### ***RCIA Ministry***

#### ***Interested in Becoming Catholic?***

--Have you been worshipping 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.**

### ***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).

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



**We are here to pray for you.**

Prayer requests for the month of **June**, please contact **Michael @ 662-2543.**

## **Camden Catholic Hosts "An Irish Summer"**

### **2013 Camp Dates and Details**

Experience the finest athletic and academic programs in the state at Camden Catholic High School's varied summer camps, hosted by accomplished faculty and a veteran coaching staff. What better way to prepare yourself for the next level than participating at CCHS Summer Camp. Read on for additional details and contact information for registration.

#### **Athletic Camps**

##### **Boys Basketball**

Week 1: June 25-28  
Week 2: July 1-5 (off on July 4th)  
Week 3: July 8-11  
9am-12pm - \$100  
Entering Grades 4-9  
CONTACT Coach Jim Crawford  
jrcrawford@camdenatholic.org

##### **Baseball**

June 24-28 - 9am-3pm - \$200  
Entering Grades 4-9  
CONTACT Coach Bob Bergholtz  
bbergholtz@hotmail.com

##### **Girls Basketball**

July 15-18, 9am-12pm, \$125, Ages 8-14  
CONTACT Coach Chrisy Palladino  
cpalladino@camdenatholic.org

##### **Field Hockey**

Session 1: June 17-20  
Session 2: June 24-27  
6:30pm-9pm, \$150, Entering Grades 4-9  
CONTACT Maureen Nelson mocasserly@gmail.com

##### **Girls Soccer**

July 15-July 19, 9am-12pm \$100, Entering Grades 6-9  
CONTACT Coach Varsay Lewis vlewis@camdenatholic.org

Any further questions, please contact Athletic Director Marlene Grimes mgrimes@camdenatholic.org 856-663-2247, ext. 55.

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### **St. Martin of Tours Reunion August 24<sup>th</sup>**

St. Martin of Tours Parish in Northeast Philadelphia will hold its eighth annual Tours at the Shore reunion for alumni, friends and current and former parishioners on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Keenan's Irish Pub, 113 Olde New Jersey Ave. in North Wildwood, N.J. Tickets cost \$30 and include domestic bottled beer, wine, soda and food. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call St. Martin's at 215-535-2962.

## **Camden Catholic Arts Academy Summer Courses**

Digital, media, visual, and performing arts courses are offered.

**-Music:** July 8th-July 25th, \$350, Ages 11-18: 9am-12pm, Monday – Thursday

**-Theatre:** July 8th-July 25th, \$350, Ages 6-18: 9am-12:30pm, Monday – Thursday

**-Fine Art:** July 8th-August 1st, \$350 per class  
Ages 11-18: 9am-12pm, Monday & Wednesday, Art for the Beginner  
Ages 14-18: 9am-12pm, Tuesday & Thursday, Expressive Drawing & Painting, AP Studio Art I (ages 15-18 only)

**-Digital Art:** July 8th-August 1st, \$350 per class  
Ages 11-18: 9am-10:30am, Monday – Thursday, Art & the Computer: Graphic Design  
Ages 11-18: 10:45am-12:15pm, Monday – Thursday, 1-2-3 Click: Digital Photography

### **CCHS Theatre Arts Summer Camp**

WHERE: Camden Catholic High School, 300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002  
WHEN: July 8-25, 2013, 3 week session, Monday thru Thursday 9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.  
WHO: All students, WHAT: "Annie, Jr."  
DIRECTORS: Nancy Werner-Kaiser/ Jeff Bruckner (Arts Academy Faculty) COST: \$325.00

This Summer Camp is designed for those students who are interested in the Creative and Performing Arts, particularly Theatre Art. Students will spend three weeks engaging in the basics of dramatic performance including the following: theatre skills such as character interpretation, vocal production, and stage presence, as well as choreography, costuming, make-up, and other aspects of theatrical production.

On the final day of class, students will perform in a theatrical presentation that will showcase the skills that they acquired during the camp. Please fill out the registration information below and return it as soon as possible. Space is limited and students will be accepted on a "first come" basis. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Theatre Arts Faculty/Camp Director @ 856-663-2247, ext. 101. Thank you and see you at the Theatre! Complete & return the below information with check (payable to CCHS) to CCHS, Attn: Theater Arts Summer Camp, 300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002.

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### **Summer Service Hours**

Tasks include painting yellow curbs around Church and School, possible treatment of the road surface and painting lines for parking lot and handicap area. Grounds beautification, trimming plants and bushes and edging paths. All services will be under the supervision of our buildings and ground person Ray Costner. Most of this work can be done by both boys and girls. **Interested students may call the rectory at 856-662-9338, ext. 6 and ask for Jim Rotondo or Ray.**



# MARRIAGE AND THE SUPREME COURT



USCCB Nationwide Bulletin Insert

May-June 2013

For the first time in our nation's history, the Supreme Court is considering two cases about whether or not marriage should be redefined to include two persons of the same sex. These cases involve the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and California's Proposition 8, both of which define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The Court is expected to rule on both cases by the end of June. A broad negative ruling could redefine marriage in the law throughout the entire country, becoming the "Roe v. Wade" of marriage. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has joined with many other organizations in urging the Supreme Court to *uphold* both DOMA and Proposition 8 and thereby to recognize the essential, irreplaceable contribution that husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, make to society, and especially to 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* during this Year of Faith. Visit [www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty](http://www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty) to learn more and commit to praying and fasting for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

The Bishops have also called for a second *Fortnight for Freedom* June 21-July 4. Visit [www.Fortnight4Freedom.org](http://www.Fortnight4Freedom.org).

Please consider contributing time, talent, and/or treasure to local or national efforts seeking to protect the unique meaning of marriage.

### ADVOCATE FOR MARRIAGE

#### Lead messages

Be a witness for the truth of marriage in word and action. Take advantage of opportunities to speak about marriage's unique meaning in conversation with friends, family, neighbors or co-workers. *Share the truth in love.*

Everyone has inviolable dignity and deserves love and respect. There are many ways to protect the basic human rights of all, but redefining marriage serves no one's rights, least of all those of children.

*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.** (See Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes*, no. 48).

The difference *is* the difference. Men and women *matter*. They are equal but different. Sexual difference is essential to marriage.

Mothers and fathers matter. They aren't interchangeable. Every child has a basic, natural right to come from and be raised in the loving marital union of his or her own father and mother.

Protecting marriage matters to everyone. It's Catholic social teaching 101: *pro-woman, pro-man, pro-child*. Redefining marriage in the law says many false things: women - mothers - are dispensable; men - fathers - are dispensable; what adults want trumps what a child deserves and has a basic right to.

### LEARN MORE

Visit [MarriageUniqueForAReason.org](http://MarriageUniqueForAReason.org) for more resources on the authentic meaning of marriage as the union of one man and one woman. For resources for engaged couples and married couples, visit [ForYourMarriage.org](http://ForYourMarriage.org) and [PorTuMatrimonio.org](http://PorTuMatrimonio.org).

# Sister Philomena Gini Farewell Reception

Saturday June 22nd  
after the 4:30 pm Mass



We will be having an informal reception for Sr. Philomena Gini as a "farewell" to a beloved nun and a long time parishioner as she departs St. Stephen's parish.

All are welcome to join us!

*Light refreshments will be served.*



# Saint Stephen SCHOOL

*Developing scholars, leaders and friends in faith*

## 2013-2014

## REGISTRATION

Saint Stephen School is accepting new students for the 2013-2014 school year. We have a few openings left. Please call the office at 856-662-5935 if you would like to make appointment to see the school and meet our wonderful students and teachers. We look forward to you and your friends becoming part of the Saint Stephen's school family.