

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

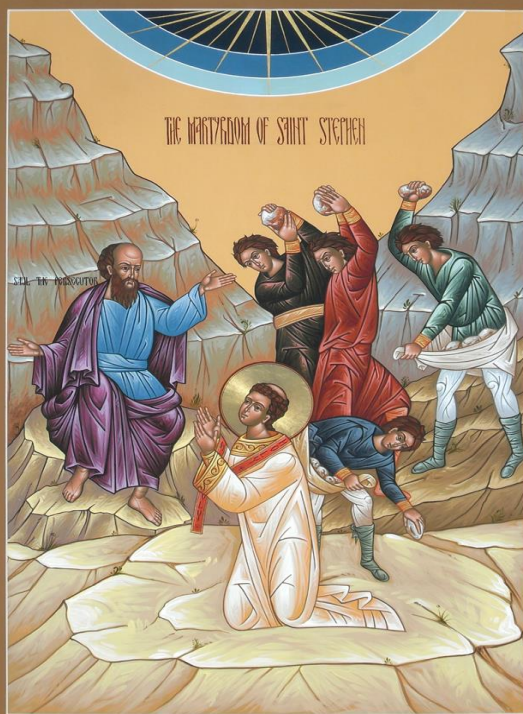
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe**  
Permanent Deacon

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

**Parish Trustees**  
Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

**Rectory Summer Hours**  
Monday thru Thursday  
9:00am-4:30pm



## *Contact Info*

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

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(856) 662-4679

**Emergencies**  
(856) 261-9336  
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**Tribunal Parish Advocate**  
Deacon Anthony R. Cioe  
(856) 227-2145

**Parish Email:**  
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**Parish Website:**  
[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 21, 2015 – The Twelfth 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, 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 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".**

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 22, 2015</b> <i>Communion Service</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 23, 2015</b> Joseph LaFreda r/b His Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 24, 2015</b> Helen LaFreda r/b Her Family
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>June 25, 2015</b> Paul Tryson (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) r/b The Tryson Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 26, 2015</b> Dolores Von Alex r/b Lucille Buffington
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>June 27, 2015</b> Rita Lynch r/b The Pandola Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 28, 2015</b> Norman & Phyllis Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Patricia Griffiths r/b Louise D'Alessandro Dolores Von Alex r/b The Baylor & Pandola Families

**The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
In Memory of Our Deceased Fathers.**

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 13/14, 2015 Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,579</b>
<b>2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:</b>	<b>\$4,954</b>

Next Special Collection:  
**July 12, 2015:**

**"Pastoral Solidarity Fund in Africa" (Diocese)**  
*(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)*

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**2015 House of Charity Appeal**

<b>2015 House of Charity y-t-d</b>	<b>\$23,075 (43% )</b>
<b>2015 House of Charity Goal</b>	<b>\$53,295</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 97 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 Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Donna Jean Vinciquero, Mary Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.**

**Ministry Schedule for June 27/28**

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

*\* Designates Alternate Server*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**  
**Altar Server:** S. Surgner  
**EM's:** V. Thibault, J. Heininger, L. Heininger, C. Pandola, \*A. Knight  
**Lector:** B. Mattia

**Sunday, 9:00am**  
**Altar Servers:** C. Hearn, Q. Nguyen  
**EM's:** R. Davis, L. McHugh, N. Schmidt, E. Nolte, \*S. Marano  
**Lector:** D. Heck

**Sunday, 10:30am**  
**Altar Servers:** O. Albert, C. Aleszczyk  
**EM's:** M. Meloni, T. Link, Geo. Tutwiler, K. Fagan, \*J. Fagan  
**Lectors:** L. Fagan, E. Mattered

**Stewardship Reflection for  
The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
"Stewards Have Faith"**

*"Then he asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?'" – MARK 4:40*



Most of us like to be in control. Loss of control makes us fearful. Try changing your perspective, let God be the pilot! There's an old saying "do you want to make God laugh? Tell him your plans." **Stewards** put their trust in God. He always has a better plan!

 <p><b>Summer Schedule</b></p> <p>Effective thru Labor Day</p>	<p><b>Weekend Masses:</b> 4:30pm Saturday, 9am &amp; 10:30am Sunday</p>
	<p><b>Communion Service:</b> 9am Monday</p>
	<p><b>Daily Mass:</b> 9am Tuesday thru Friday</p>
	<p><b>Rectory Office Hours:</b> Monday thru Thursday 9am – 4:30pm</p>

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

6/22-Monday-9am Communion Service  
 6/23-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 6/24-Wednesday-9am Mass  
 6/25-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Wedding Rehearsal  
 6/26-Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed, 5pm Wedding  
 6/27-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 6/28-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

 *Ladies Bible Study* 

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

	<p><b>We are here to pray for you.</b>          Prayer requests for the month of June, contact Linda @ 856-661-8045.</p>
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### 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).



**CHILDREN'S**  
 Liturgy of the Word  
**Will Resume in September**

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](http://Ciarrocca@juno.com).



### First Friday Adoration

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



## 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:**

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](mailto: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**

## Our Lady of Peace Carnival 32 Carroll Avenue in Williamstown, NJ June 22-27 from 6pm-10pm

Featured will be games, rides, amusements, refreshments of all kinds and fun for all ages. On Tuesday & Wednesday from 6pm – closing Family Nights will be held with unlimited rides for \$20 per person. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Rev. Cadmus D. Mazzarella, Pastor*

## Reflections on Today's Readings

The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading 1: Job 38:1, 8-11

#### Reading 1 Reflection

Do you remember Job, who a few Sundays ago was asking God why he was having so many troubles? Today's first reading is part of God's answer. God asks Job to look at the sea and its power. Who created the sea? God asks Job. Not human beings, but God.

Let us pray peacefully in the sight of the sea or a picture of it: You are great, O God, and mighty is your power. I will praise you as long as the seas last and crash on the shore.

### Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

#### Reading 2 Reflection

In this reading Saint Paul continues to help the Corinthians to understand what their response should be to Christ, who died for us. Paul tells them—and us—that the love of Christ for us should call us to love for him. We should no longer live for ourselves, in a self-centered way, but for Jesus Christ who gave his life for us.

As Christians, we are called to return love for love. We show our love for Christ by loving one another.

### Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

#### Gospel Reflection

Put yourself in this scene. You are in a small sailboat with the apostles. A great storm comes up and the waves crash against the boat. Jesus, who must be very tired, stays asleep. The apostles, afraid of drowning, wake Jesus up. "Be still," he tells the storm at sea, and at once there is a great calm. His disciples' mood switches from terror to awe at this sign, which recalls so vividly the words of God in the first reading.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. Your marriage deserves it, and so does your home life. The next weekends are **July 31-Aug 2 and Oct 23-25**. For more information call 609-742-4035 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org)

Visit our website [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org)

# 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage: Priest\_\_\_ Special Permission\_\_\_ Divorced\_\_\_  
Separated\_\_\_ Single\_\_\_ Widowed\_\_\_ Co-Habit\_\_\_  
Other\_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home Name:                      Date of Birth:

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Others Living in the Home:                      Date of Birth:

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# Happ Father's Day

## A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find the courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers who have supported and challenged us; may they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.

We remember fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

## Father's Day Fun Facts

The idea of Father's Day was conceived in Spokane, Washington, by Sonora Dodd while she listened to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran who was left to raise his six children on a farm.

The first presidential proclamation honoring fathers was issued in 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

Currently, there are an estimated 66.3 million fathers in America. About 147,000 fathers in America are "stay-at-home" dads. Nearly 95 million Father's Day cards were given last year in the United States, making Father's Day the fourth-largest card-sending occasion. Neckties are an old standby and lead the list of Father's Day gifts.