

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

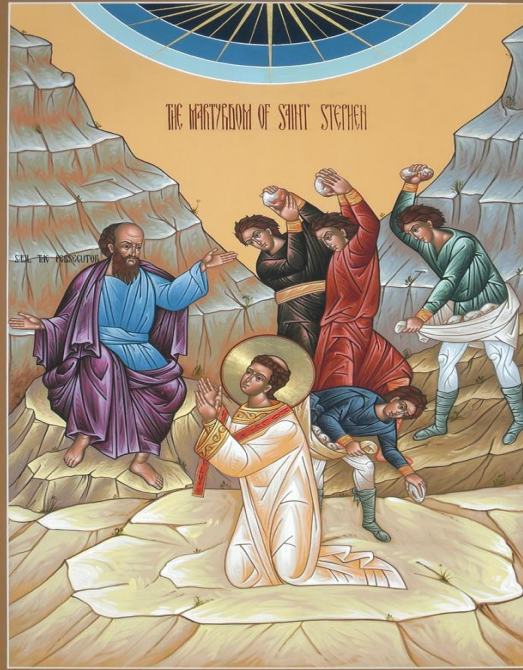
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**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 – Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm  
Friday: 9:30am-3:00pm



## *Contact Info*

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

**Emergencies**  
(856) 261-9336  
(Accidents, Dying or Death)

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

**Parish Email:**  
[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

**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 26, 2016 – The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**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, 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 2017 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>June 26, 2016</b>
9:00am	Kathy Keller r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Thomas Clyde r/b Joanne Sofia MarySue Link r/b The Haas Family
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>June 27, 2016</b>
9:00am	Communion Service
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>June 28, 2016</b>
9:00am	Helen Stella r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>June 29, 2016</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>June 30, 2016</b>
9:00am/Novena	Frank P. Moles, Jr. r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>July 1, 2016 (No Adoration - Holiday Weekend)</b>
9:00am	Betty Picciano r/b Her Husband
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 2, 2016</b>
4:30pm	Betty Picciano r/b Her Husband
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 3, 2016</b>
9:00am	John & Marie Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Helen Huhn r/b Deacon Anthony & Phyl Cioe James A. Ackley r/b Edith Alessi & Family Frank P. Moles, Jr. r/b Terry & Judy



The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
***In Memory of  
The Unborn Children***

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 18/19, 2016 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,849</b>
<b>2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$4,681</b>

Upcoming Special Collections:

- July 17<sup>th</sup>:** "Pastoral Solidarity Fund" (Diocese)
  - July 31<sup>st</sup>:** "Air Conditioning Fund" (St. Stephen)
- (Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

Bulletin articles must be received by Noon on Monday to be reviewed, approved, and formatted for publication. For best results, please submit 10 days before bulletin date.



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 Alessandrini, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccicone, 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., Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Jr., Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Darlene Marcinczyk, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Mary Sonnie, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Esther Tillinghast, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Rita Vitacolonna, Mary Vivillo, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for July 2/3

\* Designates Alternate Server

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Server:** S. Surgner

**EM's:** A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, L. Heiningen, \*J. Heiningen

**Lectors:** P. Nolte, B. Mattia

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** J. Vales, Q. Nguyen

**EM's:** L. Monaco, M. Monaco, M. Bufanio, R. Leone, \*R. Davis

**Lectors:** Joan Rivera, D. Steinmetz

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** M. Conway, C. Gardner, R. Gardner

**EM's:** M. Conway, T. Scavuzzo, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman

**Lector:** J. Messina

## *In Appreciation*

Thank you to Trish Gardner and Bill Tillinghast for heading up our monthly Sunday Coffee & Pastries last weekend. A special thanks also to our Hospitality Ministry headed by Terry Modzier, Anna Cirullo, and Mary Sharon Monaco. It was very nice once again to see all the people gathering in the Parish Center and spending time in conversation and fellowship.

### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 6/27-Monday-9am Communion Service
- 6/28-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 6/29-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 6/30-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 7/1-Friday-9am Mass, No First Friday Adoration (Holiday Weekend)
- 7/2-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 7/3-Sunday-9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

### The Ladies Bible Study will resume September 12<sup>th</sup>. Have a wonderful summer!



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

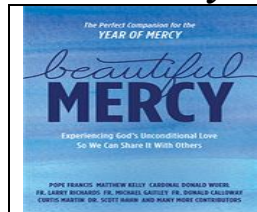
The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The 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

**Registration for 2016-2017 is underway!**

Registration forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The fee is **\$135 per family (\$10 late fee after Labor Day)**. Opening CCD Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:15pm**.

### Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will Resume  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>** in the  
Sr. Bernadette Parish Center  
with the  
**Spiritual Works of Mercy.**

### First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, August 5, 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](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

(This program will be on Summer Break during July & August)

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 June, contact **Diane @ 856-308-8224.**  
In July contact **Betty @ 856-662-6928**

### 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](mailto:gtutg@aol.com)), Beth Picknally Camden ([bethcorkabi@gmail.com](mailto:bethcorkabi@gmail.com)) or Mary Sharon Monaco ([monacofamily4@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).

## Caregiver Needed

Seeking Caregiver to stay overnights Sun – Thur 6:30PM to 8AM for elderly woman with special needs son. Primarily needed for light household needs, dinner and bedtime assistance. **Please contact Donna at 610-724-3194.**

## Music Ministry Notes Summer 2016

Dear Parishioners,

As we look forward to the summer months, I wanted to update you on our Music Ministry plans for the future. The Adult Choir will be taking their break from Sunday, June, 12<sup>th</sup> until the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The Children's Choir will resume again with a rehearsal for current and new members on September 15<sup>th</sup>. More information will be published later in the summer. We will also be looking for new members for all of our musical groups. Please let me know if you are interested. You can reach me by way of the Parish Office. Our music ministry will continue to provide music for all Masses over the summer. You may see some new musical combinations and new faces. Please continue to join in praising God with our musicians and singers.

Thank you for your continuing support.  
Nancy Werner-Kaiser/Music Director

## Our Lady of Peace Carnival June 27 – July 2

Our Lady of Peace/St. Mary's Church in Williamstown will hold its Annual Carnival from Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm to 10pm on the Church grounds. Featured will be games, rides, amusements, refreshments of all kinds, and of course, fun for all ages. On Tuesday and Wednesday from 6pm to closing, Family Night will be held with unlimited rids for \$20 per person. We look forward to seeing you there!



Do you or someone you love need care at home?

Contact the Diocese of Camden's Home & Parish Healthcare Services Resource and Referral Help Line

**1-888-26 VITALity (1-888-268-4825)**

A Free and simple Gateway to Help at Home for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities seeking to remain healthy, safe, and secure in their homes.

### The VITALity HELP-LINE:

- + Provides information and access into Community, Health and Medical Services.
- + Arranges for Care Coordinators to visit you at your Home to help you navigate the complex healthcare insurance and provider system.

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## Stewardship Reflection for The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time "Stewards Serve Others"

*"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love."*

-GALATIANS 5:13

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to *Stewardship*. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

## Reflections on the Readings for The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time June 26, 2016

### Reading 1 Reflection - 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Today we hear the dramatic story of the prophet Elijah appointing his successor. At God's command, Elijah chooses Elisha to take his place. Elijah throws his cloak, the symbol of his prophet's vocation, over Elisha's shoulders. With no questions asked, Elisha immediately says farewell to his family and destroys his oxen and plow. He drops everything to follow God's call.

### Reading 2 Reflection - Galatians 5:1, 13-18

When Elisha gave up everything to do God's will, he must have felt truly free. In our second reading, Paul reminds the Galatians that Christians have been called to live in freedom. Those who have accepted Christ follow his example of love. Those who listen to the "flesh"? whatever urges them to act against God's will?are still slaves. They act against their own best interests when they listen to the voice of selfishness.

### Gospel Reflection - Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. He is preparing himself to face suffering and death. He forgives the Samaritans who refuse to welcome him, showing his disciples how to behave toward their enemies. He then responds to three different people who want to follow him. Does he say, "Come with me and all will be well?" Not at all. Jesus tells them right up front that the cost of becoming his disciple is high. That cost may include giving up home, family, and means of income.



# DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Office of the Diaconate



## INFORMATION MEETINGS

**Thursday, June 30th – 7:00 pm**

St. Thomas the Apostle  
331 8th Street South – Brigantine

**Thursday, July 7th – 7:00 pm**

Our Lady of the Angels  
35 East Mechanic Street – Cape May Court House

**Tuesday, July 12th – 7:00 pm**

Our Lady of Peace Parish  
32 Carroll Avenue – Williamstown

**Wednesday, July 13th – 7:00 pm**

Diaconate Center  
15 N. East Avenue, Vineland  
(former Sacred Heart High School)

**Monday, July 18th – 7:00 pm**

Saint Stephen Parish  
6306 Browning Road – Pennsauken

**Wednesday, July 20th – 7:00 pm**

Saint Mary Parish  
2001 Springdale Road – Cherry Hill

**Wednesday, August 3rd – 7:00 pm**

Holy Family Parish  
226 Hurffville Road – Sewell

**Tuesday, August 16th – 7:00 pm**

Saint Joseph Parish  
44th and Landis Avenue – Sea Isle City



**Do You Have the Gifts  
To Serve Christ as a Deacon?**

- † *Do you see in yourself the gifts needed for helping others?*
- † *Are you drawn to pray and listen to the Word of God?*
- † *Do you participate actively in Church ministry?*

If you can answer these questions with a confident

**YES!**

perhaps you should learn more about the deacon's ministry in the Catholic Church.



You are cordially invited to attend an information meeting. Wives are invited & encouraged to attend.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:**

Contact: Linda Decosta - 856.583.2858 - [linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org](mailto:linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org)

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