

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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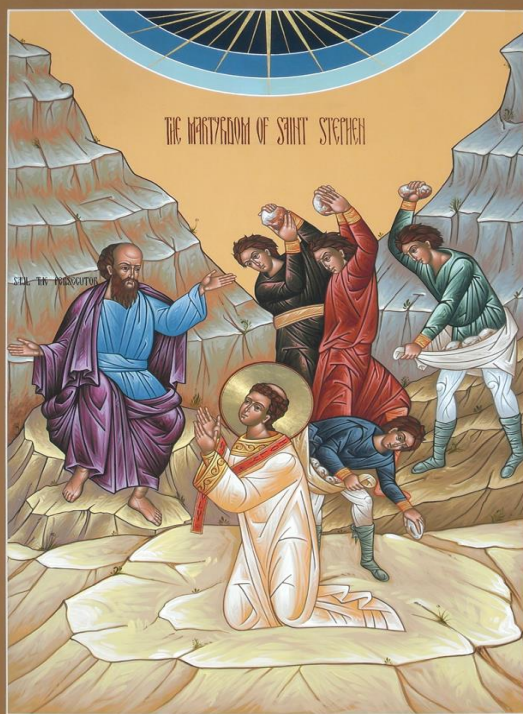
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Rectory Summer Hours
Monday thru Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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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 28, 2015 – The Thirteenth 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 29, 2015 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	June 30, 2015 Kathleen Stehm (Birthday Remembrance) r/b A Friend
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	July 1, 2015 Dolores Von Alex r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	July 2, 2015 Betty Picciano (1 st Anniversary) r/b The McHugh Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	July 3, 2015 (Holiday - No Adoration) John Kerwick r/b His Wife, Son & Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	July 4, 2015 (Independence Day) Francis Swider r/b The Pandola Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	July 5, 2015 John & Marie Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Dolores Von Alex r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt Frank Rosolia r/b Frank Pigliacelli

The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of Louise Pigliacelli.*

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 20/21, 2015 Collection:	\$5,297
2014-2015 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Collection Average:	\$4,960

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

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| 2015 House of Charity y-t-d | \$23,075 (43% ) |
| 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 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 July 4/5

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

*\* Designates Alternate Server*

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: Sr. Eleonora, A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, \*V. Thibault

Lector: R. Taylor

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, C. Hearn

EM's: L. Monaco, M.S. Monaco, R. Davis, M. Miller, \*L. McHugh

Lector: D. Steinmetz

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, C. Aleszczyk

EM's: J. Fagan, K. Fagan, T. Link, T. Mattera, \*J. Messina

Lector: L. Fagan

## Stewardship Reflection for The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *"Stewards Seek Equality"*

*"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." - 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14*



Not only are we responsible for our own lives, but we are responsible for the lives of those around us. Not only is it important that we grow, nurture and share our gifts, but we should teach our children *Stewardship* and encourage others to do the same.

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|  <p><b>Summer Schedule</b></p> <p>Effective thru Labor Day</p> | <p><b>Weekend Masses:</b><br/>4:30pm Saturday,<br/>9am &amp; 10:30am Sunday</p> |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Communion Service:</b><br/>9am Monday</p>                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Daily Mass:</b><br/>9am Tuesday thru Friday</p>                           |
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***This Week @ St. Stephen Parish***

6/29-Monday-9am Communion Service, 6:30pm Deacons Mtg.  
 6/30-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 7/1-Wednesday-9am Mass  
 7/2-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena  
 7/3-Friday-9am Mass, *Rectory Closed*  
 7/4-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 7/5-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**

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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>We are here to pray for you. Prayer requests for the month of July, contact Maryann @ 856-477-2789.</p>
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Parish Library

For the summer months, the Parish Library will be open following Masses when volunteers are available. Watch for the "Library is Open" sign. The Library is also open whenever the Parish Center is open for other activities. We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. **Parents:** consider stopping by with your children for some **summer reading** from our children's section. 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.



The American Red Cross and Knights of Columbus thank all those who participated in our recent blood drive at Saint Stephen's Parish Center. We collected 25 units, exceeding our goal of 22. Our next blood drive will be held at Saint Stephen's Parish Center in late December.

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First Friday Adoration

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



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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:**

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.

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REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call **1-800-964-6588**

Reflections on Today's Readings
The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 - Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Reading 1 Reflection

This reading shows God to be the Lord of life, not of death. God made human beings in his own likeness—that is, eternal. But spiritual death occurs when we are separated from God. True justice is the gift of constant closeness to God.

We are called to reflect God's image and justice in our lives. The good we do today will last forever. Being happy and full of life and hope gives God glory and praise.

Reading 2 - 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Reading 2 Reflection

In this reading Saint Paul reminds the Corinthians why they should be generous. He tells them that Jesus made himself poor so that they could become rich in gifts like faith, understanding, and love and concern for others. For this reason they should help others in need and perhaps one day receive charity from others in return.

Christians, followers of Christ, care for one another. We do not just seek our own physical or spiritual well-being and forget others. We take joy in sharing with others from our abundance and can look to others likewise to help us if we are in need.

Gospel - Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

Gospel Reflection

Imagine the grief of the father of the little girl who is dying. The story is told almost like a play. First, Jairus, the girl's father, comes to Jesus for help; but before he can reach her, people come to say that she has died. Then Jesus goes to the house of Jairus. Jesus takes the girl's hand and says, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" Immediately she stands up and begins to walk around. Imagine the party in Jairus' home that night! Like the crowd in this scene, we may be inclined not to accept the word of Jesus at times. We may think we know better. But Jesus will still remind us of the need to trust him and to have no fear.

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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

Visit our website wwme-southjersey.org

Diminishing Father's Role Hurts Society **By Parishioner Alex Rende - Courier Post - June 21, 2015**

Here it is, Father's Day, and a chance to show our love, gratitude and appreciation for one of the most important people in our lives — our fathers. For most of us, he is the person working behind the scenes, quietly providing us with the support and stability we take for granted every day. Unfortunately, for many of us, he has become the invisible person in the house.

We are either working or at school during the day and may briefly interact during dinner and then are off to some activity, wherever our busy lifestyles take us. Not much time to ask, "How was your day?" or "I am having this problem, what do you think?"

We do not realize until years later, and often too late, the kind of relationship we could have had with him. In spite of this, he still manages to be an important influence in our lives. If we are fortunate enough to still have him, we should promise ourselves to really get to know who this person is who is doing so much for us and asks for almost nothing in return. This in no way is meant to diminish the role of our mother as an equal partner of the parental team and the huge benefit of having both present and cooperating in raising children. The significance of not having both present, however, is painfully emphasized by what has happened to our society because of the gradual loss of the traditional two-parent family over the last several decades.

This has resulted in many children growing up without fathers and with, in many cases, tragic results. The numbers don't lie. Eighty percent of all males behind prison walls, who in most cases were school dropouts, are the product of broken families or families that never were. Growing up without a father places a child at a huge disadvantage. Not in every case, of course, and the true story of Dr. Ben Carson in the movie "Gifted Hands" is an inspiring account of what a heroic effort by a single mother can accomplish. However, she did not start out as a single mother but was forced into it by circumstances.

In addition to the problems faced by fatherless children trying to grow up to be responsible adults, a huge financial burden is placed on society by having to provide the many programs, from the time the child is born and into adulthood, trying to compensate for the missing parent. In many ways, society has seriously diminished, if not eliminated entirely, the role of the father by its endless passive and gratuitous accommodations to the corrupt and immoral never-married-mother lifestyle and we are paying a terrible price for it.

A recent letter to the Courier-Post lamented the changes that have occurred in Camden over the last 50 years. For example, neighborhoods that are unlivable and expensive school systems that are barely functional. How did this happen? It is no mystery. This decline parallels precisely the increase in single-mother families over that same period. However, we refuse to accept reality and insist on playing "The Emperor Has No Clothes." We dare not mention the real problem and so we tolerate millions of children nationwide condemned to grow up without fathers. To paraphrase a campaign slogan of a few years back, "Yes, stupid, it's the family!"

"Sermons Are Lived"

Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."

Today, I asked my mentor, a very successful business man in his 70's, what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said, "Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing."

Today, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, "Why?" She replied, "So you can help me save the planet." I chuckled again and asked, "And why do you want to save the planet?" Because that's where I keep all my stuff," she said.

Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.

Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often."

Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.

Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "We can share it."

**The best sermons are lived, not preached...
BUT great preaching is a blessing too!**

**"Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle,
and the life of the candle will not be shortened.
Happiness never decreases by being shared."**