

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

### Reverend Daniel M. Rocco

Pastor

### Rev. Mr. Anthony Cioe

Permanent Deacon

### Mrs. Suzanne Underwood

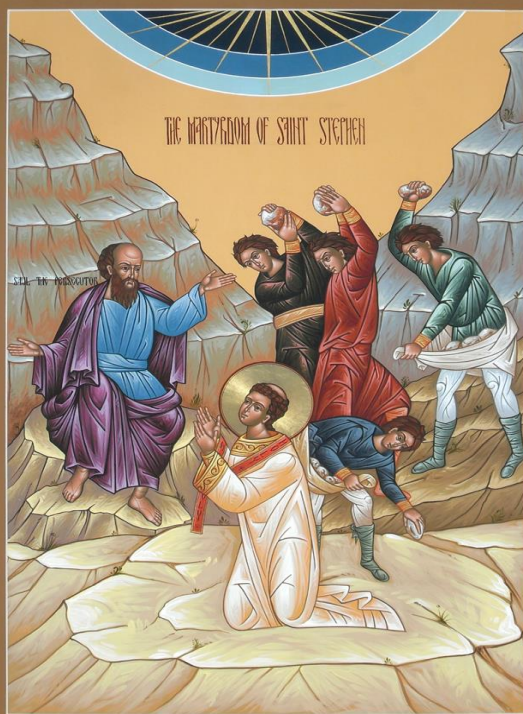
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

### Parish Trustees

Rose Marie Davis  
Orlando Monaco

### Rectory Summer Schedule

Monday thru Thursday  
9am-4:30pm



## *Contact Info*

### Rectory Phone

(856) 662-9338

### Rectory Fax

(856) 662-4679

### Emergencies

(856) 261-9336

*(Accidents, Dying or Death)*

### Tribunal Parish Advocate

Deacon Anthony 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 29, 2014 – Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles***

### Mass Schedule

**Daily:** Monday 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 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.

### **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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

**There will be NO DAILY MASS on MONDAYS during the months of JULY & AUGUST.**

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 30, 2014</b> Good Intentions of School Secretary Tery Mattera
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 1, 2014</b> Michael G. Hagan, Jr. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) r/b People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 2, 2014</b> Joseph Schmidt r/b Cathy Flacco & Helen McFadden
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 3, 2014</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>July 4, 2014 (Independence Day/No Adoration)</b> A Special Intention r/b Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>July 5, 2014</b> Milton Burns r/b Ed & Barbara
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am  10:30am	<b>July 6, 2014</b> John & Marie Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri  Leonardo Faiola r/b Sr. Eleanora & Family Kimberlee Allen r/b The Pang Family Grandparents D'Andrea & Rossi r/b Granddaughter

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Our Deceased Military.

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 21/22, 2014 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>450/</b>	<b>\$4,474</b>
<b>June 22/23, 2013 Comparison</b>	<b>462/</b>	<b>\$4,503</b>
<b>2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection</b>		<b>\$5,588</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average</b>		<b>\$5,200</b>

Next Diocesan Collection:  
7/13/14: "Pastoral Solidarity Fund"

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## 2014 House of Charity Appeal

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| <b>2014 House of Charity y-t-d</b> | <b>\$23,630 (44%)</b> |
| <b>2014 House of Charity Goal</b>  | <b>\$53,295</b>       |

Thank you to the 103 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.

**Note:** If your House of Charity check hasn't cleared and/or if you receive an invoice for a pledge already paid, please be patient and wait for next month's statement...that should be up to date. If not, the House of Charity may be reached at **856-338-0766**.



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, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Nicole Franklin-Sonnie, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Debbi Morrissey, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex, Ed Weingard.**

## Ministry Schedule for July 5/6

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** T. Mason, S. Caban, S. Surgner  
**EM's:** A. Knight, V. Thibault, B. Taylor, P. Antonelli, \*T. Angstman  
**Lector:** R. Taylor

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** C. Hearn, B. McHugh, M. Hobbs  
**EM's:** S. Marano, R. Davis, R. Leone, L. Monaco, \*E. Nolte  
**Lectors:** M. Miller, D. Steinmetz

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** J. Bui, M. Conway, O. Albert  
**EM's:** T. Urgo, D. Urgo, T. Scavuzzo, T. Link, \*W. Delfin  
**Lectors:** M. Turan, C. Aleszczyk

## Stewardship Reflection for Saints Peter and Paul

### "Stewards are Good Disciples"

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." 2 TIMOTHY 4:7

**Stewardship** is not an easy life style. No one promised that it would be. It is counter-cultural to most things in the world today. However, putting God first in all things, living a life of gratitude and being generous with our time, talent and treasure brings tremendous joy to those who are disciplined. Fight the good fight and keep the faith!

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## Rectory Office Summer Hours

**Monday thru Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm**

Our office will be closed 10 Fridays during the summer through August 29.

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

6/30-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study  
7/1-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
7/2-Wednesday-9am Mass  
7/3-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena  
7/4-Friday-9am Mass, **Rectory Office Closed Summer Fridays**  
7/5-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
7/6-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

*A Message for All the Ladies:*



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

***Monday Ladies' Bible Study***

**1-2:30pm in the Stonegate Conference Room.**

***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 2014-2015 is underway!**

Forms may be found in the rectory and on our website. The fee is \$135 per family (\$10 discount **if registered by June 30**). Tentative start date is 9/17/14.

***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

**Will Resume in September. Have a great Summer!**



***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

**Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



**REASON #10 for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament:** If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread, because he is calling us to faith, that we may come to him in humility. "The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see." (Pope Paul VI, Credo of the People of God)

***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.

***Council & Board Meetings***

All at 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

**Monday, September 15**

**Pastoral Council**

***Estate Planning***

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.

***Prayer Pavers to Our Lady***

**Congratulations and Thank you to Alex Rende on purchasing a 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.

***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.

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



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

Prayer requests for the month of July, contact **Bernadette @ 854-2928.**

# 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 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\_\_\_ CoHabit\_\_\_  
Other\_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home Name:                      Date of Birth:

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Others Living in the Home:                      Date of Birth:

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# In Appreciation

Many thanks to the **Knights of Columbus Council 3512**, who accomplished the mammoth task of removing all large pieces of furniture from the school classrooms into the school gym this past Sunday. Their timely effort assisted in bringing closure to the school year. This could not have been achieved without their mighty hands and strong backs, but most of all, by their dedication to helping those in need.

In Gratitude,  
**Father Daniel M. Rocco**

## Options for Women Ministry

We are a faith-based and life-affirming organization, strategically located between two abortion clinics in Cherry Hill. We offer free medical and counseling services to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies as well as post-abortion healing counseling.

### **CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS TO SUPPORT OPTIONS FOR WOMEN**

Options is collecting all wearable clothing (no tears or stains), shoes, handbags and backpacks as a year-long fundraising effort. Please bring your bagged donations to Options' clothing bin (located in the corner of our rear parking lot), Monday through Thursday, 9am-4pm. Options is located at 1500 N. Kings Hwy., Suite 110, at the corner of Ormond Ave. (Look for DiGiulio's Shoes.) A receipt will be available for you to take at the time of your donation. These collections have the potential to raise \$800-\$1000 per month for the ministry. Thank you for your continuing donations!

## CONTACT Community Helplines

Substance abuse has become an epidemic throughout ALL of Camden County. In fact, over 170 people have died from an overdose of heroin since the beginning of the year. It is not a problem that is contained in the inner cities. It is a problem that has spread to the suburbs as well. Help is available but many people do not know where to turn.

**CONTACT Community Helplines** provides a 24 hour, 7 days a week, toll-free, confidential hotline (**1-877-266-8222**) for residents of Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem Counties. Highly trained volunteers provide callers with information and referrals to those addicted to alcohol and/or drugs. Support is also provided for the family and friends of the addict. Information is provided for: Detoxification Centers, Inpatient/Outpatient Treatment, Halfway Houses, Intoxicated Driver Programs, Methadone Maintenance Programs, Dual Diagnosis and 12 Step Programs.



## *Pastoral Council Minutes – June 16, 2014*

### **Council Members Present:**

**Joseph Haas, Liz Mc Hugh, Terry Modzier, Earl Nolte, Melanie Lopez, Rich Cesta, Chris Hearn, Dennis Rooney, Janis Melfi, and Father Rocco.**

- ❖ **Opening Scripture reading by Father Rocco at 7PM.**

### **FINAL MEETING OF THE 2013-2014 YEAR**

- ❖ **OLD BUSINESS:**

We recapped the year, socials , fundraisers, pavers to Mary and of course the closing of the school was touched upon.

- ❖ **NEW BUSINESS:**

Our discussion was directed to the invigoration of our parish. We hope to create sessions over the summer inviting any and all parishioners to enter into dialogue on how to become a more dynamic Catholic. The format will follow the principles contained in the book entitled **THE FOUR SIGNS OF BECOMING A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC** by Matthew Kelly. (this book was handed to families by Father Rocco during the Easter Season). We hope that all parishioners have had an opportunity to read this text. Not having read this book will **not** preclude any parishioner from attending these anticipated sessions. All are welcome!!

On a positive note Father Rocco said of our current status, “the parish is on **good financial footing**”. We thank our church members for their generosity in making this possible. Chris Hearn has stepped down as a parish council member after 7 years of faithful service. He will be missed.

At the conclusion of our final meeting Father Rocco presented our president, Joseph Haas, with a large hand carved statue of St Joseph. This was for his hard work and dedication to the council and to our parish. **Thank you, Joe!**

- ❖ Meeting Adjourned @ 8:05 PM
- ❖ Closing prayer by Father Rocco
- ❖ Next PPC meeting at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish** Center on: **SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 @ 7PM**

Respectfully submitted,

*Janis Melfi*  
*Secretary of St Stephen 's PPC*