

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

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(Accidents, Dying or Death)



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June 8, 2014 – Pentecost Sunday

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: 3rd Sunday @ 9:00am

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm

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, 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 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 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.

MONDAY 9:00am	June 9, 2014 For the Staff, Faculty & Students of St. Stephen Roman Catholic School
TUESDAY 9:00am	June 10, 2014 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	June 11, 2014 A Special Intention r/b Family
THURSDAY 9:00am	June 12, 2014 Jennie Zinicola r/b Teresa & Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	June 13, 2014 Laila Leone r/b Georgette, Daniel, & Linda Rocco
SATURDAY 4:30pm	June 14, 2014 John F. Peberdy & Robert W. Kozempel r/b Gerry Kozempel
SUNDAY 9:00am	June 15, 2014 (Father's Day) Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter, Rose Marie
10:30am	Stephen L. Dombrowski r/b Family William Sauer r/b His Wife, Theresa Msgr. Eugene J. Fitzsimmons r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Msgr. Joseph F. O'Connell.

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.

May 31 / 1, 2014 Attendance/Collection	402/	\$4,589
June 1 / 2, 2013 Comparison	473/	\$5,761
2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$5,206

Diocesan Special Collections:

6/8/14: "Brazilian Missions"

7/13/14: "Pastoral Solidarity Fund"

2014 House of Charity Appeal

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

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.



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, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vивиello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex, Ed Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for June 14/15

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Caban, T. Mason, J. Bui

EM's: A. Pandola, C. Pandola, P. Antonelli, A. Cirullo, *Sr. Eleanora

Lectors: J. Heininger, L. Heininger

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, C. Aleszczyk, M. Conway

EM's: S. Marano, T. Modzier, N. Schmidt, L. D'Alessandro, *M. Miller

Lectors: P. Nolte, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Hughes Boys

EM's: P. Cioe, J. Messina, W. Delfin

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, E. Mattera

Pentecost Sunday Stewardship Reflection

"Stewards are given the Holy Spirit"

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the some benefit." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and let Him in! Open your heart and be grateful for all the gifts God has given us. Regardless of your circumstance, God has given us all blessings. What we do with those gifts will determine our eternal fate. The **Stewardship** of generously sharing your gifts with those that are less fortunate certainly puts us on the path to Heaven.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

6/9-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Finance Council
6/10-Tuesday-9am Mass, 6pm Graduation Mass, 7pm Rosary
6/11-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6pm Choirs
6/12-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Wedding Rehearsal
6/13-Friday-9am Mass, 5pm Minuto-Werner Wedding
6/14-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
6/15-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptism

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 1st, 9:45am-7:00pm.



REASON #7 for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament: You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus! "Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)

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, June 9 Finance Council
Monday, June 16 Pastoral Council

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

FINAL CALL FOR SPRING UPDATE!!!

We will be placing our Spring Update order **by June 15th**, so if you have been considering purchasing a paver, please send it in now to be included. Thank you everyone for your support to the project and the Knights of Columbus!!!

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 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 June, please contact **Bernice @ 662-4641**.



Race for Education

Monday, June 9, 2014

Saint Stephen School

6300 Browning Road

Pennsauken, NJ



From _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Dear _____

Message _____

On Monday, June 9th, 2014, Saint Stephen Catholic School will be holding their final fundraiser. All students will be celebrating the 52 wonderful years that the school provided an outstanding Catholic education by walking 52 times around the school building to commemorate each year of learning. The funds from this race benefit the students. I hope you will be able to sponsor me. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please fill out the form below if you can help. Thank you.

ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

I am enclosing a donation of:

___\$5.00 ___\$10.00 ___\$15.00 ___\$20.00 ___\$25.00 ___Other

(Please make your check out to Saint Stephen School. Please note your cancelled check will be the record of your contribution. Thank you!)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please drop off or mail your contribution to:

Saint Stephen School, 6300 Browning Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog!!!

A Closer Walk with God

Sunday June 8, 2014-Pentecost, 2pm – 3:30pm

Silent Spiritual Meditation, Reflection & Adoration

Using the works of our great saints

Praying for the Infusion of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
in the Presence of Jesus Christ

St. Rose of Lima Church (Main Church)

300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, New Jersey 08035

Presenter: Fr. Byerley

Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of Your Faithful

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**For Men & Women in need of healing from
the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion:**



**2014
June 27-29**

**Diocese of Camden
Rachel's Vineyard
Retreat Weekend**

John Paul II Retreat Center, Vineland, NJ

For more information or to register:

Contact Margarita Moran

856-691-2299

projectrachel.pjzrc@verizon.net

All information is kept strictly confidential.

2014 GARDEN FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 6 from 10 AM - 6 PM

Little Servant Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

1000 Cropwell Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Available Bus Service, Homemade Polish Food,

American Fare & Beverages, Live Entertainment,

White Elephant Sale, Variety Booths, Children's Games,

50-50 & Special Prizes

Donations kindly requested:

Clean Household Items, Small Electronics, Books & Recordings,

Brica-brac, Baskets, Sports Goods,

Clothing & Children's Toys

No Computers, Bedding, Large Furniture

Volunteers are needed.

Please contact: Rosemarie Grabowski,

Co-Chairperson, 856-235-1521

or: Little Servant Sisters, 856-424-1962



St. Stephen's School & Parish Night at Campbell's Field!

Riversharks vs. Long Island Ducks Friday, June 20th, 2014 – 7:05pm



POWERED BY APEX IT GROUP

Calling all Bulldogs—come enjoy a fun night with your friends for this last gathering of our school family by watching the 'Sharks take on the Ducks – Hope to see you there!! Questions?? Please contact Denise McHugh

609-315-1929 denise.mchugh15@verizon.net

Fireworks extravaganza following the game!

Tickets Only \$12

*\$1.25 processing fee per ticket

\$5 of each ticket will be donated to the St. Stephen's School & Parish

Ticket sales end at 5pm on June 19th

1. Log onto www.riversharks.com and select "Riversharks Fundraising Log-In" on the right-hand side

2. Enter your group's unique code



Your Group's Code:
Stephens2014

3. Select "Buy"

4. Choose your seats and complete your order

5. Root for the Riversharks!

*This code will also give you the opportunity to purchase discounted food vouchers online!

Questions? Contact:

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