

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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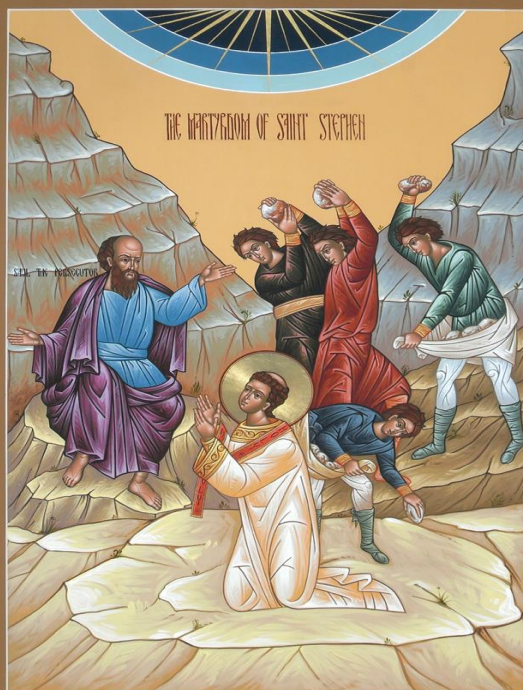
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Rectory Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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(856) 662-9339

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(856) 261-9336

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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.

July 12, 2015 – The Fifteenth 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	July 13, 2015 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	July 14, 2015 Josephine Finkelstein r/b Gary & Maureen Moyer
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	July 15, 2015 Nick Simone r/b Gary & Maureen Moyer
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	July 16, 2015 Joseph Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
FRIDAY 9:00am	July 17, 2015 Frank Rosolia r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
SATURDAY 4:30pm	July 18, 2015 Sandra Johnson r/b Rick & Bernice Taylor
SUNDAY 9:00am	July 19, 2015 Jennie Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Ada Barbarito r/b Jim Pennestri Dolores Von Alex r/b Maria & Joe Haas Frank Rosolia r/b Fanny DiBenedetto & Family Susie Furlano (5 th Anniversary) r/b Rosina & Susan Midili and Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of William A. Huhn.*

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.

July 4/5, 2015 Collection:	\$4,300
June 27/28, 2015 Collection:	\$5,106
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,300

Special Collections:

July 12, 2015: "Pastoral Solidarity Fund in Africa" (Diocese)

September 13, 2015: "Holy Father's Peter Pence" (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 | \$23,175 (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 98 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.

# Remember Our Sick

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 Vinciquerro, Mary Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.**

## Ministry Schedule for July 18/19

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, L. Heining, \*J. Heining

Lector: J. Melfi

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, C. Hearn

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, M. Bufanio, E. Nolte, L. McHugh, \*R. Davis

Lector: J. Gerst

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: O. Albert

EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, \*T. Link

Lectors: Rh. Aleszczyk, C. Aleszczyk

## Stewardship Reflection for The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### "Stewardship Freedom"

*"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." (MARK 6:8)*

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, as **Stewards**, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.



**Weekend Masses:**  
4:30pm Saturday,  
9am & 10:30am Sunday  
**Communion Service:**  
9am Monday  
**Daily Mass:**  
9am Tuesday thru Friday  
**Rector's Office Hours:**  
Monday thru Thursday  
9am - 4:30pm

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

- 7/13-Monday-9am Communion Service
- 7/14-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 7/15-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 7/16-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 7/17-Friday-9am Mass, Rector's Office Closed
- 7/18-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 7/19-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015



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***

**Registration for 2015-2016 is underway!**

Forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The fee is **\$135 per family (\$10 discount if registered by July 31<sup>st</sup>)**. Opening CCD Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

***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***



**We are here to pray for you.**  
Prayer requests for the month of July, contact Maryann @ 856-477-2789.

***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](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).



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  
PAVER UPDATE!!!***

**The cut off for the fall update will be Sunday, August 1st. Please return any pending orders to the Rectory. Thank you for your support!!!**

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).

### **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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Healing Mass July 15th

St. Thomas Parish in Brigantine - July 15 - 7:00 p.m. - dedicated to Father Michael J. McGivney - celebrated by Msgr. Michael Mannion and concelebrated by Fr. Bill Vandegrift and Msgr. Joe Mannion; assisted by Deacon Len Long - Those in attendance will have the opportunity to be prayed over with a first class relic of Fr. Michael J McGivney. In March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Fr. McGivney "Venerable" For more information call Deacon Len Long (609) 335-6470.

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### **Pilgrimage of Mercy Holy Land**

**February 11-20**  
**\$3,699 p/p double**

### **Holy Land, Assisi and Rome**

**February 11-26**  
**\$5,198 p/p double**

During the upcoming Jubilee of Mercy, explore the richness of our Catholic Faith as you visit the shrines of the Holy Land and experience the great Mysteries of the Life, Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

Allow the Sacred Scriptures to come to life in a new and profound way. Tour includes roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia or Newark; eight nights' accommodations at two first class hotels (Tiberias and Jerusalem); air-conditioned motor coach; tour escort throughout; Mass daily; breakfast and dinner with wine included; and sightseeing in accord with the itinerary. Complete your tour with a visit also to Assisi, the home of Saint Francis and inspiration for our Holy Father, and Rome where you may pass through the Holy Doors opened at each of the four major basilicas and experience special graces in this Jubilee Year.

For more information or to register please email [anna.summers@camdendiocese.org](mailto:anna.summers@camdendiocese.org) or call 856.583.2807 or go directly to the tour registration page at [www.pilgrimimages.com/camdendiocese](http://www.pilgrimimages.com/camdendiocese).

## **Reflections on Today's Readings** **The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Reading 1 - Amos 7:12-15** **Reading 1 Reflection**

The person who points out the wrongs others are doing seldom wins any popularity polls. Amos was a poor shepherd and harvester of figs when God called him to be a prophet. When Amos prophesied that Israel's king would be killed and the people sent into exile if they did not repent, he became very unpopular. The priest Amaziah evicted him and told him never to return.

Amos makes it clear that he did not seek the prophet's job. He simply did what God required of him. His story encourages us to be open to the prophets in our midst who call us back to God.

### **Reading 2 - Ephesians 1:3-10** **Reading 2 Reflection**

Good parents, teachers, and preachers provide us with genuine praise as well as corrective guidance. Saint Paul did both well. In this reading, he helps us count our blessings and recognize our good spiritual qualities. In fact, he assures us that in Christ God has given us every spiritual blessing. These blessings include holiness, goodness, wisdom, and love.

Paul assures us that we are part of God's plan to unite everything in heaven and on earth under Christ's reign. We participate in this plan by using our spiritual gifts for the benefit of all.

### **Gospel - Mark 6:7-13** **Gospel Reflection**

If you and a partner were sent to several different schools to talk about your faith, what worries might you have? When Jesus sent his apostles out two by two, he warned them that some people would not welcome them. He insisted that they take to the road without food or money, trusting in God and the goodness of their hosts. If people would not provide for them or listen to their message, they were to move on to the next place.

But those who accepted the apostles were rewarded. The sick were healed, the possessed were freed of demons, and sinners were reconciled.

## “The New School Prayer”

Now I sit me down in school  
Where praying is against the rule  
For this great nation under God  
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If scripture now the class recites,  
It violates the Bill of Rights.  
And anytime my head I bow  
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,  
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.  
The law is specific, the law is precise.  
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall  
Might offend someone with no faith at all.  
In silence alone we must meditate,  
God's name is prohibited by the State.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,  
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.  
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.  
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

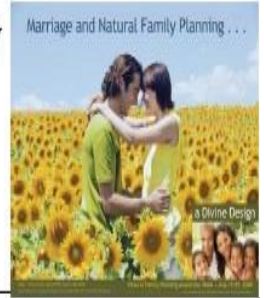
We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,  
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.  
It's 'inappropriate' to teach right from wrong,  
We're taught that such 'judgments' do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,  
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.  
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,  
No Word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,  
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.  
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:  
Should I be shot; My soul please take!

Amen.

## Discover How to Plan your Family NATURALLY With Natural Family Planning (NFP)



### Coming in August 2015: New Online NFP Course



A self-paced, online Natural Family Planning course from [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)

- Online video segments, educational slides and interactive quizzes
- A Certified NFP Teaching Couple presenting
- Learning couples take the course at their own pace and at their convenience
- Personal chart consultation and course materials are included
- Reduced introductory pricing

### Option 1 – NFP Onsite Course with the Couple to Couple League (CCL)

- For current NFP Course list and registration: [register.ccli.org](http://register.ccli.org)

The courses are a series of 3 classes spaced a month apart.

The course fee includes classes, materials, and personal chart consultation.

### Option 2 – NFP Regional Courses with a variety of NFP methods

- For a list of courses, descriptions and registration: [AllianceNFP.com](http://AllianceNFP.com)

### Option 3 – Virtual NFP Courses with the Couple to Couple League:

- Live, online courses the same as Option 1. To register: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) (“Search/Register for Class;” enter zip code and check the box on the left “Include Virtual Classes in search results.”)

Virtual and onsite CCL courses are available in English and Spanish.

Questions? 856-753-1906 or [sj.nfp@comcast.net](mailto:sj.nfp@comcast.net)



Natural Family Planning is healthy, effective, ecological, economical; it respects life, enhances communication and is relationship building. NFP is true family planning as it can be used to plan or postpone pregnancy.

[www.live-the-love.org](http://www.live-the-love.org)