

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

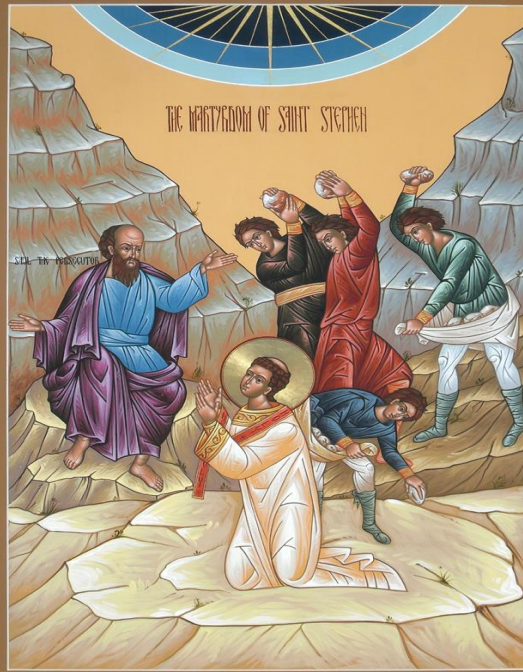
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
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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

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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 17, 2016 – The 16th 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, 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 2017 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	July 17, 2016
9:00am	Jennie Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Ada Barbarito r/b Jim Pennestri Frank P. Moles, Jr. r/b Mary & Walt Burum Julia O'Brien r/b Louise D'Alessandro
MONDAY	July 18, 2016
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	July 19, 2016
9:00am	Wanda Loperfido r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY	July 20, 2016
9:00am	Frank Rosolia (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Family
THURSDAY	July 21, 2016
9:00am/Novena	Madeline Tryson (11 th Anniversary) r/b The Tryson Family
FRIDAY	July 22, 2016
9:00am	Peter Heckers r/b Alex Rende
SATURDAY	July 23, 2016
4:30pm	Milton Burns r/b Ed & Barb Weingard
SUNDAY	July 24, 2016
9:00am	Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family Helen Huhn r/b John & Loretta Christy Joseph Schmidt r/b The Baylor-Pandola Family



The Sanctuary Candle this week is **In Memory of Angelo Sebastian Alessi**

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 9/10, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$4,120
2016-2017 Weekly Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,329

Special Collections:

July 17th: "Pastoral Solidarity Fund" (Diocese)
July 31st: "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 Alessandroni, 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 Viviello, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Barbara Weingard.

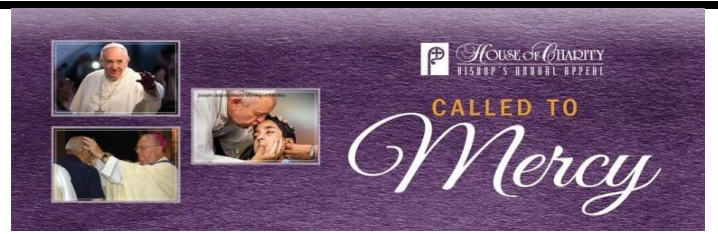
Ministry Schedule for July 23/24

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm
Altar Server: J. Bui
EM's: Sr. Eleanora, A. Rende, A. Knight, V. Thibault
Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am
Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, J. Vales
EM's: M. Miller, E. Nolte, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, *L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers: C. Gardner, C. Nicdao, R. Gardner
EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, J. Messina, G. Tutwiler, *K. Fagan
Lector: P. Cioe



2016 House of Charity Appeal

2016 House of Charity y-t-d:	\$32,310 (61%)
2016 House of Charity Goal:	\$53,295

Thank you to the 98 families that have given generously thus far. If you have not already made a pledge to this year's appeal, we ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support this very important effort. By answering the call to give, you help us to continue the mission that brings love and comfort to so many. Extra pledge cards are available in the lobby of our church.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

7/18-Monday-9am Communion Service, 7pm Diaconate Info Meeting
 7/19-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 7/20-Wednesday-9am Mass
 7/21-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
 7/22-Friday-9am Mass
 7/23-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
 7/24-Sunday-9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

The Ladies Bible Study will resume September 12th. 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

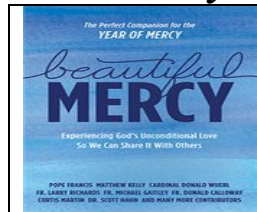
The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The 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 21st at 6:15pm.**

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will Resume
September 8th 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 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 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), Beth Picknally Camden (bethcorkabi@gmail.com) or Mary Sharon Monaco (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.

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, 12th until the weekend of September 10th and 11th. The Children's Choir will resume again with a rehearsal for current and new members on September 15th. 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

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. *If you are struggling in your marriage, attending a Retrouvaille program could be the best gift you give to your spouse, and family!* Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. **The next program begins on the weekend of August 12-August 14 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The deadline for registering for this weekend is July 31. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential. When accessing information online, be sure to use Pennsylvania and Delaware Valley as your destination.

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week: July 24 – 30, 2016

LOVE + MERCY + LIFE

Opening the Heart of Marriage with Natural Family Planning
Fertility awareness with natural family planning (NFP) is a healthy, effective, ecological way for couples to understand their shared fertility and to plan or postpone pregnancy. NFP can help couples who are having difficulty achieving a pregnancy.

Natural Family Planning Course

Thursdays: August 11, Sept. 8 and Oct. 6, 2016

7:15 – 9:30 PM in Voorhees, NJ

Register online by August 4: www.ccli.org

If the dates and location don't fit your schedule, sign up for the **Self-Paced Online NFP Course** and learn natural family planning at your convenience.

The online course has a certified teaching couple presenting lessons by video module and has received very good reviews from learner couples. www.ccli.org

For more information: Mark and Cecilia
@ 856-753-1906 or sj.nfp@comcast.net

Stewardship Reflection **“Stewardship Evangelization”**

*“...I am a minister in accordance with God's **stewardship** given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.” COLOSSIANS 1:25B*

Believe it or not, **Stewards** are called to evangelize – to continuously grow in our knowledge and relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our Faith with those closest to us, like our family and friends.

Mary Undoer of Knots **Young Adult Ministry**

Our ministry, which is affiliated with Christ The King, in Haddonfield, has a special devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots.

For those of you unfamiliar with Mary Undoer of Knots, she helps undo the knots in our lives. For instance, if your struggling with a difficult decision, you can pray to her for guidance.

Mary Undoer of Knots is also one of Pope Francis' favorites. Now that I helped to shed some light on Mary Undoer of Knots,

I hope you will join us at our next event:

7-30-2016 (Saturday) Mini-Golf & Ice Cream Social

A fun summer night is planned at Pleasant Valley Mini-Golf, which is located on Rte 73, in Voorhees, NJ at 7 PM. We will gather in front of the mini-golf counter. Immediately following mini-golf, we will go to Sundaes, which is also located on Rte 73 for ice cream.

If you know any Catholic young adults 21 to 40 years old looking to learn more about their faith, volunteer some of their time, or looking to meet new friends, please invite them to join us. Please RSVP to me if you plan to come to one of our events!

Rosanne - persistent21@verizon.net

Announcing the Infant Jesus Parish (Woodbury Heights, NJ)

Women's Club trip to Radio City Music Hall to see the

Christmas Spectacular

Sunday, November 20, 2016 - Buses will depart St. Margaret's School Parking Lot at 8:00 AM arriving in New York City at 10:00 AM. You will have time on your own and attend the 2:00 PM Show at Radio City Music Hall. You are asked to be in line a half hour before the show and the show lasts 90 minutes. The bus will depart New York City immediately following the show approximately 4:00 PM. We will arrive back at St. Margaret's School Parking Lot at approximately 6:00 PM. Cost for transportation and show is \$125.00 and is due at time of reservation. Seats are located in the Orchestra and are limited so don't delay! Cost includes orchestra show ticket, motor coach and bus driver gratuity. For reservations or info please email **Neen Raspa at neenie@comcast.net or call 856-468-6430.**

***NOTE: The Meeting on Monday July 18th will take place right here in St. Stephen's Parish Center!**



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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

We are grateful for the support of the House of Charity Bishop's Annual Appeal