

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

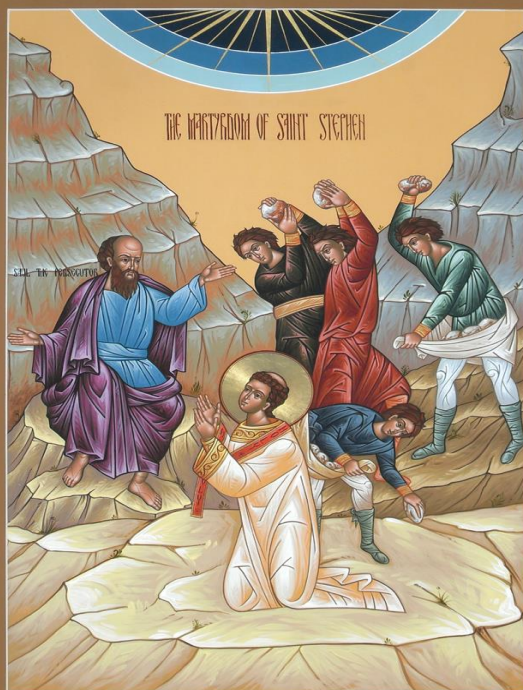
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Rose Marie Davis
Keith Knight

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



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

Emergencies
(856) 261-9336
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Parish Website:
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 19, 2015 – The Sixteenth 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 20, 2015 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	July 21, 2015 Madeline Tryson (10 th Anniversary) r/b The Tryson Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	July 22, 2015 T. J. Maher (20 th Anniversary) r/b The Monaco Family
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	July 23, 2015 Frank Rosolia r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz
FRIDAY 9:00am	July 24, 2015 Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
SATURDAY 4:30pm	July 25, 2015 Frances Blumenstein r/b Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	July 26, 2015 Mary Ellen Gerst r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Gloria Vendetti r/b Her Husband, Anthony William Sauer r/b His Family Douglas Klein r/b People of the Parish Frank Bufanio (10 th Anniversary) r/b His Wife, Maryann

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of T. J. Maher.

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 11/12, 2015 Collection:	\$4,355
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,328

Next Special Collection:

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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| <b>2015 House of Charity y-t-d</b> | <b>\$23,175 (43%)</b> |
| <b>2015 House of Charity Goal</b>  | <b>\$53,295</b>       |

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.



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 25/26

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

*\* Designates Alternate Server*

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, B. Taylor, C. Pandola, \*A. Cirullo

Lector: B. Mattia

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: Q. Nguyen

EM's: T. Modzier, N. Schmidt, L. D'Alessandro, M. Conway, \*L. Rosario

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, P. Nolte

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, K. Fagan

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, J. Messina, Geo. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, \*T. Mattered

Lectors: M. Miller, P. Cioe



**Our heartfelt thanks to Father Rocco and all the Parishioners of St. Stephen for all of your support, thoughts and prayers over these past few weeks. It is greatly appreciated. Peace & Blessings.**

**The Leone & Broome Families**



**Weekend Masses:**  
4:30pm Saturday,  
9am & 10:30am Sunday

**Communion Service:**  
9am Monday

**Daily Mass:**  
9am Tuesday thru Friday

**Rectory Office Hours:**  
Monday thru Thursday  
9am – 4:30pm

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

- 7/20-Monday-9am Communion Service
- 7/21-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 7/22-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 7/23-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 7/24-Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed
- 7/25-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 7/26-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***

*"You will find Mary within the whole of the Christian Mystery, for devotion to her is not an end in itself, but the main road leading to Christ, to the glory of God, and to love of the Church."*

**-Pope Paul VI**

### ***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).

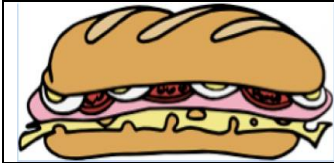


### **First Friday Adoration**

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



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**Knights of Columbus,
Council 3512
Hoagie Sale**

As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **August 8 & 9.** For info call 856-227-4980.

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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.pilgrimages.com/camdendiocese](http://www.pilgrimages.com/camdendiocese).

## **Reflections on Today's Readings The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Reading 1 - Jeremiah 23:1-6 Reading 1 Reflection**

Leaders who disobey God's laws and fail to serve the people faithfully are often in the daily headlines. In the ancient kingdom of Judah, rulers who abused their power were common. Jeremiah describes them as disloyal shepherds who serve neither God nor the people. But the prophet holds out God's promise of a Messiah and King who will rule with justice.

As Christians, we recognize Jesus as that Good Shepherd who gathers, guards, and protects his flock.

### **Reading 2 - Ephesians 2:13-18 Reading 2 Reflection**

A soft drink commercial several years ago showed people of every nation and race coming together in peace and harmony. Today's reading describes how all people are brought together as one in Christ who is our peace. Paul writes to the Ephesians who were "far off" because they were Gentiles. He assures them that they have been reconciled and made one with the Jews who "were near." By his death, Jesus has broken down the walls between them.

Together the Jews and the Gentiles can approach the Father in the one Spirit. No person or group can ever again be "far off" from God.

### **Gospel - Mark 6:30-34 Gospel Reflection**

If you have ever had the frustrating experience of being interrupted while you were trying to tell about some wonderful adventure, you will understand how the apostles feel in this gospel story. They have just returned from their first missionary journey. They want to tell Jesus all about it. He leads them off to a quiet place where they can tell their stories. But the crowds follow them because they are hungry for Jesus' teaching and his healing touch.

Seeing the crowd, Jesus is moved to respond to them. They are like sheep that have been scattered. Out of love, the Good Shepherd calls them together and guides them. The apostles' adventure stories will have to wait.

# 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 for 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

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

(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\_\_\_ Co-Habit\_\_\_  
Other\_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>Children at Home Name:</b> | <b>Date of Birth:</b> |
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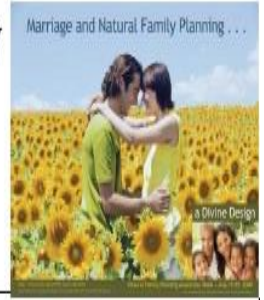
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## Discover How to Plan your Family NATURALLY With Natural Family Planning (NFP)



### 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)