

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

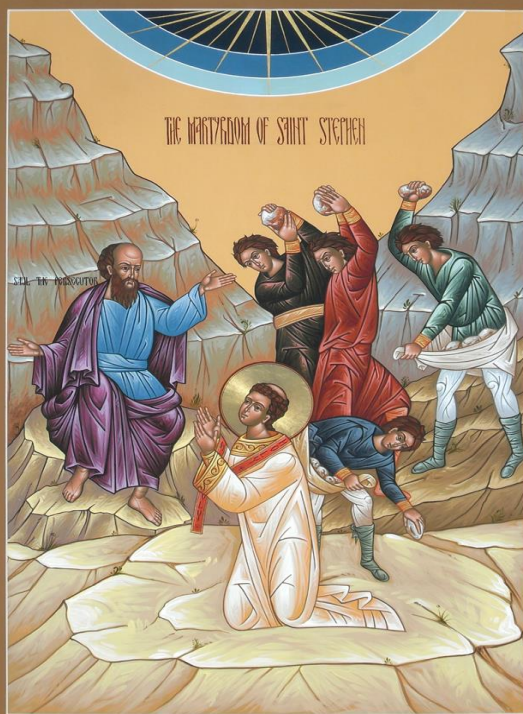
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Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
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Rectory Summer Hours
Monday thru Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339

Rectory Fax
(856) 662-4679

Emergencies
(856) 261-9336
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ecclesia@comcast.net

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 20, 2014 – The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer Mass Schedule

Daily: 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 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.

MONDAY	July 21, 2014 No Mass
TUESDAY	July 22, 2014 9:00am A Special Intention r/b Family
WEDNESDAY	July 23, 2014 9:00am William Jordan, Jr. r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
THURSDAY	July 24, 2014 9:00am Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter, Rose Marie
FRIDAY	July 25, 2014 9:00am Jennie Zinicola r/b Teresa & Family
SATURDAY	July 26, 2014 4:30pm Helen Persechino r/b The Baylor Family
SUNDAY	July 27, 2014 9:00am Mary Ellen Gerst r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst 10:30am Ada Barbarito r/b Jim Pennestri

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Nicholas Gambino.

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 12/13, 2014 Attendance/Collection	380/ \$4,641
July 13/14, 2013 Comparison	444/ \$6,126
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average	\$4,913

Next Special Collection:
8/10/14: "Church Air Conditioning"

2014 House of Charity Appeal

2014 House of Charity y-t-d	\$24,970 (47%)
2014 House of Charity Goal	\$53,295

Thank you to the **104 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., Margaret Hughes, 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, 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 Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex, Ed Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for July 26/27

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, S. Caban, S. Surgner
EM's: P. Petronis, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, A. Pandola, *A. Knight
Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: T. Albert, C. Hearn, B. McHugh
EM's: S. Marano, L. D'Alessandro, M. Bufanio, T. Modzier, *R. Davis
Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, M. Conway, K. Fagan
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, L. Solano, T. Mattered, Geo. Tutwiler, *J. Messina
Lectors: Ry. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewards Good Seeds"

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."- MATTHEW 13:24B, 37B-38A

As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our **Stewardship** we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Rectory Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm

Our office is closed every Friday during the summer through August 29.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

7/21-Monday- No Mass
7/22-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
7/23-Wednesday-9am Mass
7/24-Thursday-9am Mass
7/25-Friday-9am Mass, **Rectory Office Closed**
7/26-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
7/27-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



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**. Tentative start date is 9/17/14.

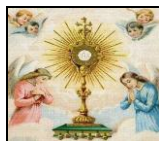
***Thursday Night
Discussion Club***

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.**



REASONS #1 & #2 for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament:

- 1. You are greatly needed! "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration."
- 2. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love."
(Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)

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

PAVER ORDER UPDATE!!! Proofs for the Spring Update have been received and approved. Our engraver expects to have them to us by the end of August. A total of 17 Pavers are on this order. **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 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 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

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 (1st & 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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Defibrillator Training

We are planning a training session to teach ushers and interested parishioners how to operate the defibrillator (life-saving cardiac device) located in our church vestibule.

Please call the rectory at 662-9339, ext. 6 if you are interested. We will then plan the session at one of the Pennsauken Fire Houses and post the exact time and place in a future bulletin.

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## 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.

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Host Families Needed!

Host families are needed for several international students who would like to attend **Camden Catholic High School** for the upcoming semester. These F-1 visa students speak English, have medical insurance, and have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board and receive a generous, monthly hosting stipend. **If you have room in your heart and your home for one of our students, or for more information, please contact Lydia Colarusso of Nacel Open Door at 610-428-7824.**

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## Retrouvaille Marriage Program



The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. 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 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, October 11, 2014**  
**Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage**  
Basilica of the National Shrine of the  
Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.



**Our Lady, Undoer of Knots**

Details of bus transportation cost, departure & return times, and meal information will be posted in a forthcoming bulletin. To reserve a seat on the bus contact Mary Sharon: [MonacoFamily4@comcast.net](mailto:MonacoFamily4@comcast.net) or call 856-662-6049.

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***Craft/Vendor Show/Flea Market  
& Chicken BBQ July 26<sup>th</sup>***

St. Padre Pio Parish in Vineland will hold a Craft/Vendor Show/Flea Market & Chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 26th at Rosary Hall, 4680 Dante Avenue, Vineland from 10:00am to 3:00 pm. Crafters and Vendors are needed. Crafters/Vendors space rental is \$25. Outside Flea Market space rental is \$20. Table rental available for an additional \$10. \$5 for use of electricity. Payment due by July 15th. Handicapped accessible.

Chicken BBQ platters \$10.00 and others foods available for sale. Flea market items may be donated with proceeds going to the Parish. (no clothing). Reserve your table now. (In the event of rain, Flea Market will be moved inside.) For more information or reservation form, call 609-381-9222 or 856-691-7526 or email [lslatorre@comcast.net](mailto:lslatorre@comcast.net) or [padrepio@comcast.net](mailto:padrepio@comcast.net).

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***Bambies by the Beach August 9<sup>th</sup>***

St. Hubert High School All Class Reunion at Keenan's Irish Pub in North Wildwood, NJ on Saturday, August 9th. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.

For tickets and more information, please check out [www.huberts.org/BambiesByTheBeach](http://www.huberts.org/BambiesByTheBeach) or contact Theresa at [SHAlumnae@gmail.com](mailto:SHAlumnae@gmail.com) or 215-704-0030.

**Diocese of Camden**  
**Office of Lifelong**  
**Faith Formation**  
**Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministries**  
631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102  
[www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org) \_ 856.583.6122

***Summer in the City:  
Down the Shore***

This program is a unique service-learning week for high school students. Part of every day is spent in direct service with people and places who are in need. The experience is focused on four pillars of service, social justice, community and spirituality. Teens learn about Catholic Social Teaching through hands-on activities, community living and group discussions about poverty, the dignity of the human person and solidarity.

**WHERE:**

We will work, pray and learn in the Metro Atlantic City area, while living at St. James Church, Ventnor (Holy Trinity Parish)

**WHO:**

Teens in grades 9-12.

**WHEN:**

Sunday, August 10 – Saturday, August 16, 2014

**COST:**

\$100 includes room, board, program tuition and transportation to and from work sites.

\*Scholarships are available.

**REGISTRATION:**

Must be received by July 25, 2014

**QUESTIONS:**

For registration or additional information, contact Greg Coogan at Diocese of Camden – Youth Ministries 856-583-6122 or [gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org](mailto:gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org).