

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

Emergencies: (856) 261-9336
(Accidents, Dying or Death)



Contact Information

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July 21, 2013 – The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 – 7:00pm Vigil

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 Summer Hours-Monday thru Thursday 9am-4:30pm
(Closed for 9 Summer Fridays from July 5 thru August 30)

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 2014 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	July 22, 2013 Donald Frisbie r/b Marian Struglia, Joanne Tierney & Cecilia Powell
TUESDAY 9:00am	July 23, 2013 William Sauer r/b Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	July 24, 2013 Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	July 25, 2013 Anna Helene McDermet r/b Megan, Terry and Jim O'Callaghan
FRIDAY 9:00am	July 26, 2013 Loucia Ho r/b Sen Xuan Ho
SATURDAY 4:30pm	July 27, 2013 Rita Weingard (1 st Anniversary) r/b Ed & Barbara Weingard
SUNDAY 9:00am 10:30am	July 28, 2013 Mary Ellen Gerst r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst Ada Barbarito r/b Jim Pennestri Rev. Stephen Carey r/b People of the Parish Rev. Michael Hegarty r/b People of the Parish Jacqueline Catino r/b Loving Husband, Carl Catino

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of The Unborn Children.

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 13/14, 2013 Attendance/Collection	444/	\$6,126
July 14/15, 2012 Comparison	495/	\$5,054
2013-14 Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$5,535

Next Special Collection: 8/11/13: Air Conditioning (Church)

2013 House of Charity Appeal

2013 House of Charity Y-T-D	\$47,566.50 (91%)
(Y-T-D above includes \$1,914 in Employee Giving)	
2013 House of Charity Goal	\$52,250.00

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 136 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:

Dolly Angelastro, Edith Bielinski, Milton Burns, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, John Maggioncald, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigiaccielli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Theresa Sauer, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Gloria Vendetti, John Vindick, Mary Vивиello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for July 27/28

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Ciarrocca, T. Mason, M. Ciarrocca
EM's: T. Angstman, L. Heining, J. Heining, A. Pandola, *C. Pandola
Lector: W. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: S. Caban, M. Conway, C. Hearn
EM's: S. Marano, S. Mufalli, R. Leone, M. Bufanio, *L. D'Alessandro
Lector: D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: J. Bui, K. Coar, M. Hobbs
EM's: L. Solano, T. Link, Geo. Tutwiler, J. Messina, *T. Mattera
Lector: C. Otto

Stewardship Reflection "Stewards Listen"

"Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Luke 10:42b

The story of Martha and Mary reminds us that God wants each of us to serve Him, just as Martha so graciously served. However, as his *Stewards* we will never know what God wants us to do unless we spend some time like Mary did, just sitting quietly at God's feet and listening to His words.

Rectory Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 9am-4:30pm
Closed 9 Fridays from July 5th-August 30th

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

7/22-Monday-9am Mass
7/23-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
7/24-Wednesday-9am Mass
7/25-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
7/26-Friday-9am Mass, **Rectory Closed Summer Fridays**
7/27-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
7/28-Sunday- 9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

Monday Ladies' Bible Study

On Summer Hiatus.
Will resume in September.
Have a Wonderful Summer!

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 2013-2014 is underway!

Forms may be found in the rectory and on our website. The fee remains at **\$125 per family**. Tentative start date is 9/18/13.

Thursday Night

Discussion Club

ON SUMMER HIATUS
UNTIL SEPTEMBER.



First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, August 2nd, 9:30am-7:00pm.**



"The worship given to the Trinity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...must fill our churches also outside the timetable of Masses...Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation of the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease." -Blessed John Paul II

Saturday 9am Men's Prayer Group

ON SUMMER HIATUS
UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

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.

Bereavement Committee

The Bereavement Committee is seeking volunteers to help minister to those who've recently lost loved ones in our community of faith. To join this special ministry, please call **Joy Bowman at 662-4803**.

Council & Board Meetings

Finance Council: Wednesday, August 7th @ 7pm
Pastoral Council: Monday, September 16th @ 7pm

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

UPDATE: On May 11th and 12th the parish was updated on the status of the Paver Program. Since then, several orders were received and many parishioners have inquired when their pavers will arrive. All orders are at the engraver; we are still scheduled to receive them by mid to late August. **Thank you for your support and continued patience. This is a large project!!!!**

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.

SUBMIT ALL FORMS & PAYMENTS TO THE RECTORY

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.

Scrip Fundraising Program

Scrip is available for purchase at the Scrip Table after all weekend Masses and at the rectory during summer business hours, **Monday-Thursday 9am-4:30pm** (excluding Holy Days & Holidays).

St. Stephen's Prayer Line

Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

Prayer requests for the month of **July**, please contact **Diane @ 308-8224**.

Thank You from Sister Phil

Dear Father Rocco and Parishioners,

Thank you for the wonderful evening. I really enjoyed seeing everyone. You will always be in my prayers and thoughts. St. Stephen's is a very special parish and will always be in my heart. My new address is:

**Mount St. Mary's Gabriel Hall 1645
US Hwy 22 West Watchung, N.J. 07069
(908)-756- 0994, ext. 3058.**

Please keep me in your prayers.

Love, Sister Philomena

CCHS Class of 1963 50-Year Reunion

The first class to graduate from Camden Catholic's Cherry Hill location is celebrating their 50th reunion on **Saturday, October 19, from 6-11 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel in Mount Laurel.** For tickets or to provide your updated contact information, visit www.cchsclassof1963.com, call Jim Bigley 856-816-6907, Janet Sereno Lewis 856-840-5959, Vicki Sclafani Orzechowski 609-220-9604 or email cchs63reunion@gmail.com.

Cardinal Dougherty HS Class of 63' 50th Reunion

Oct. 26th @ Embassy Suites, Wayne, PA.

For information please email cdclassof63@verizon.net or call 215-837-7677.

2013 Cathedral Golf Tournament

Sept. 10th, 2013 at the Pennsauken Country Club
Registration 11:30 AM - Lunch 12:00 Noon
Shotgun start 1pm, Cocktails after Golf - Dinner 6pm

Green Fees. Cart, Lunch, cocktails and dinner all for \$125.00 per person If you or someone you know would like to join us for DINNER ONLY the fee is \$45.00 each Just as before, our Golf Tournament helps us to do special things for our Special Needs Group and the children of Holy Name School. We Thank you in Advance!!

Summer Service Hours

Tasks include painting yellow curbs around Church and School, possible treatment of the road surface and painting lines for parking lot and handicap area. Grounds beautification, trimming plants and bushes and edging paths. All services will be under the supervision of **Mrs. Tery Mattera**. Most of this work can be done by both boys and girls. **Interested students/parents may call the rectory at 856-662-9338, ext. 6 and ask for Jim Rotondo.**

Engaged Encounter Weekends

The Engaged Encounter is a weekend away with other engaged couples which allows plenty of time alone as a couple to dialogue honestly and intensively about your prospective life together.

Ideas presented by a team of married couples and a priest or deacon stimulate personal reflection and private couple dialogue. Topics for discussion include: strengths and weaknesses, desires, ambitions, goals, attitudes about money, sexuality, children, family, your role in the church and society. The Sunday Mass celebration is an important part of the program.

Engaged Encounter Weekends are held at Pope John Paul II Retreat Center in Vineland, NJ. All weekends begin promptly at 8:00 p.m., Friday evening, and close by 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon. **All meals and accommodations are included in the reservation fee.**

Upcoming Weekends

August 9-11, 2013

November 8-10, 2013

Registration Procedures for Engaged Encounter

More information may be found on the Diocese of Camden Website:

<http://www.camdendiocese.org/index.php/workshops78/engaged-encounter>

For additional questions, please contact the office by phone at 856-583-6132 or email at MarriagePrep@camdendiocese.org.

When registering for Engaged Encounter you will be registered for the weekend, including lodging and meals, for the fee of \$395. The online payment of your registration fee confirms your place in the program.

Please save the receipt. Please choose carefully as there is a \$25 rescheduling/cancellation fee to cover administrative expenses.

A Wedding is a Day.

A Marriage is a Lifetime.

The Catholic Tour LLC

Our 33-year old Catholic Travel Apostolate has been able to secure **33 air seats** and hotel beds for the **Holy Father Pope Francis' visit to the Holy Land on November 17, 2013.** The pilgrimage is set for November 14-21, 2013 departing Newark Airport in New Jersey (EWR). Pricing is just **\$2,499.00** and includes transatlantic airfare, hotel, most meals, tour escort, deluxe motor coach, and all airline fees and taxes. Come and see our new Holy Father Pope Francis on his historic visit. Call toll free 1-877-627-4268 or email jimadair@thecatholictour.com for further information and reservation forms.

Paul VI Summer Tours

Paul VI High School Summer Tours are available by appointment during July and August. To schedule a convenient time, please contact Mrs. Kathleen Stewart in the Admissions office, (856) 858-4900 ext. 336, or email kstewart@pvhs.org.

Music Ministry Notes Summer 2013

As we welcome the summer season, the St. Stephen Adult Choir takes a much-needed rest in order to recharge our musical “batteries”. The Music Ministry will still provide worship music, at all weekend liturgies, in the hopes of enhancing your spiritual experience. We are so blessed to have a wonderful group of singers and musicians, dedicated to serving St. Stephen Parish through music. As always, we welcome anyone who is interested in joining our ministry. Please feel free to contact me, through the Rectory Office, if this is the year you feel inspired to share your musical talents with us. We are looking forward to returning in the fall, rejuvenated, and ready to continue to thank God, through our music, for the blessings he has bestowed upon us. Have a peaceful summer and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Music Director

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**Catholic Medical Association (CMA)**

Are you a Catholic physician, health care professional, or medical student? The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) helps doctors and health care professionals grow in faith, maintain ethical integrity, and provide excellent health care in accordance with the teachings of the Church.

The CMA offers professional, spiritual, and moral support through local chapters and annual national conferences featuring world-class speakers and CME credits. The CMA set a record for new members and chapters in 2012. Be part of the New Evangelization and join the CMA to help build a culture of life in health care and to provide a voice for Catholic medical and ethical principles in society. Visit [www.cathmed.org](http://www.cathmed.org) to learn more about the CMA and the benefits of membership.

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**Charitable Auto Resources
for Services (CARS)**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden, is pleased to announce to you its Used Vehicle Donation Program called CARS. All proceeds benefit clients in 6 counties of South Jersey. Any type of used motor vehicle accepted, running or non-running: cars, trucks, boats, mobile homes, golf carts, etc. Free towing and IRS tax deduction forms provided. Questions or to donate your vehicle, please call toll free number: 1 – 877 – 586 – 9227, or donate your used vehicle online at www.catholiccharitiescamden.org



2013-2014 REGISTRATION

Saint Stephen School is accepting new students for the 2013-2014 school year. We have a few openings left. Please call the office at 856-662-5935 if you would like to make appointment to see the school and meet our wonderful students and teachers. We look forward to you and your friends becoming part of the Saint Stephen’s school family.

Our School's current enrollment in Grade K to 8th for the next school year is 177. We have room for many more students. If you know someone who is looking for the best Catholic education in Pennsauken, please have them contact the school. Thank you for spreading the word about the best kept secret in town.

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**Honor Roll Recognition!**

**Camden Catholic High School** is pleased to announce the following St. Stephen parishioners have been named to the Final Grade Honor Roll:

**Distinguished Honors:**

**Elise Corbett & Ashley Surgner**

**Honors:**

**Abigail Camden, Angela Fisherkeller,  
Caroline Hearn, Melissa Hearn, Henry Morris,  
Amanda Morrison, Joseph Palumbo,  
Elizabeth Stemetzki, Dana Surgner,  
Alicia Sylvia, and Rachel Turan.**

**Paul VI High School** is pleased to announce the following St. Stephen parishioners have been named to the Second Semester 2012-13 Honor Roll:

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| <b>Laura Fagan</b>    | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Honors</b> | <b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> |
| <b>Zachary Hiller</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Honors</b> | <b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> |
| <b>Caroline Otto</b>  | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Honors</b> | <b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> |

