

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

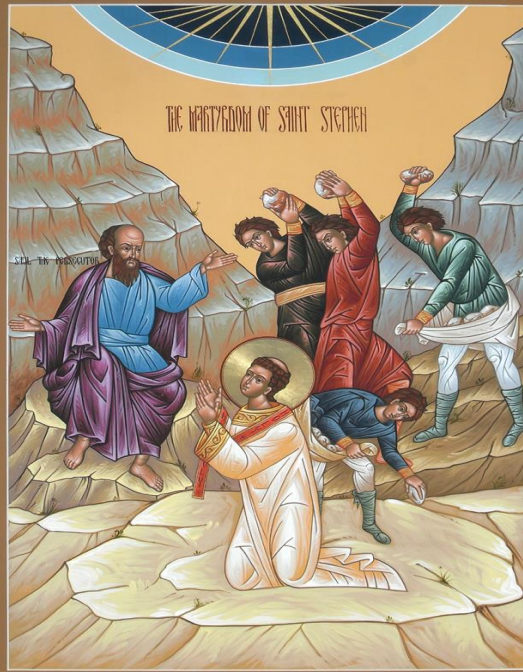
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
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Rose Marie Davis
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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

Emergencies
(856) 261-9336
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Deacon Anthony R. Cioe
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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 24, 2016 – The 17th 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 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
MONDAY	July 25, 2016
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	July 26, 2016
9:00am	Joseph F. Schmidt r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY	July 27, 2016
9:00am	Prayers for the Deceased r/b Anna Nga
THURSDAY	July 28, 2016
9:00am/Novena	Wanda Loperfido r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
FRIDAY	July 29, 2016
9:00am	Rev. Francis P. Gaffney r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY	July 30, 2016
4:30pm	Jim Ackley r/b The Weingard Family
SUNDAY	July 31, 2016
9:00am	Mary Ellen Gerst r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Marie Kaminski (1 st Anniversary August 1 st) r/b Loretta Samartino Anna Phan r/b The Bui Family Vincent Nguyen r/b The Dang Family



The Sanctuary Candle this week is **In Memory of Gloria Vendetti**

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 16/17, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$4,327
2016-2017 Weekly Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,328

Next Special Collection:
July 31st: "Air Conditioning Fund" (St. Stephen)
(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

Bulletin articles should be received by Noon on Monday to be reviewed, approved, and formatted for publication. For best results, please submit 10 days before bulletin date.

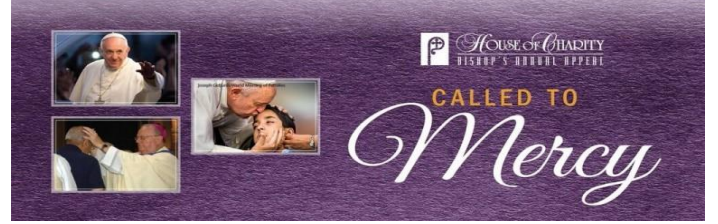


Please call the Rectory to let us know if your family member is in the hospital or homebound so that we may bring them Communion. This week remember to pray for:
Dolores Afilani, Arthur Alessandrone, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccicone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, 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 30/31

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm
Altar Server: S. Surgner
EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo
Lectors: B. Mattia, W. McHugh
Sunday, 9:00am
Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, M. Conway
EM's: M. Conway, R. Davis, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro, *J. Rosario
Lectors: J. Gerst, Jared Rivera
Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers: C. Gardner, R. Gardner, J. Bui
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, T. Mattered, T. Angstman, M. Miller, *J. Fagan
Lectors: J. Messina, M. Turan



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

7/25-Monday-9am Communion Service, 7pm Deacons Prayer Group
 7/26-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 7/27-Wednesday-9am Mass
 7/28-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
 7/29-Friday-9am Mass
 7/30-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
 7/31-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

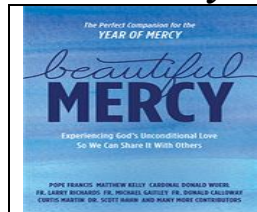
The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The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



SCHOOL MAY BE OUT FOR THE SUMMER, BUT OUR DOORS ARE OPEN YEAR ROUND.

South Jersey Catholic Schools link faith-based values with outstanding academics. It's a formula that leads to success in the classroom and in life. If you are new to the area or want a different school experience for your child, learn more about the Catholic School advantage.

The Office of Catholic Schools can connect you with a school in your area. Schedule a visit and talk with a parent ambassador — someone like you who explored, then chose, a Catholic school education. Parent ambassadors can give you the inside scoop. 856-583-6103 catholicchools@camdendiocese.org



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

South Jersey has 28 Catholic elementary schools, serving students from Pre-K through 8th grade. Our Diocesan and private high schools provide students with a solid foundation for success in college and beyond. You will find a complete list of schools and locations at camdendiocese.org/psl/.



Para encontrar su escuela católica más cercana llame al 856-583-6108.

DIocese of CAMDEN Office of Catholic Schools

FIRST MOTHER FAMILY OUTREACH

Women from our diocese have formed a compassionate outreach for mothers who have not raised their firstborn children. In this Year of Mercy we, as ordinary women, offer you our comfort and support because we understand that time does not erase the pain of adoption loss.

Contact us at: FirstMotherFamily@gmail.com

"This is my commandment:

Love one another as I have loved you." -John 15:12

<http://catholicstarherald.org/birth-mothers-find-support-in-shared-experience/>

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

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

During a Eucharistic Congress, a number of priests from different orders are gathered in church for Vespers.

While they are praying, a fuse blows.

Without missing a beat, the Jesuits begin to discuss whether the blown fuse means they are dispensed from the obligation to pray Vespers.

The Franciscans compose a song of praise for God's gift of darkness.

The Dominicans revisit their ongoing debate on light as a signification of the transmission of divine knowledge.

The Carmelites fall into silence and slow, steady breathing.

The parish priest, who is hosting the others, goes to the basement and replaces the fuse.



Child and Youth Protection

We can be sure that we love God's children when we love God and do what he has commanded. 1 John 5:2

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to **recognize child abuse and neglect** and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is called **CAP's Bullying Prevention Program** and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

CAP 3 is called **Cyber-Empowerment** and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere. **Please note if you are holding a (CAP 3) session you will need to provide the following:**

LCD Projector, Laptop, Screen and Speakers.

Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers **MUST** attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1, 2 or 3 when they renew their CAP.

The following sessions will be offered in **August 2016:**

CAP Phase 1

Tuesday, August 09, 2016	7:00pm	St. Clare of Assisi Parish; Swedesboro Parish Hall; 140 Broad St.; Swedesboro, NJ 08085
Wednesday, August 24, 2016	9:00am	Our Lady of Hope Regional School; 420 S. Black Horse Pike; Blackwood, NJ 08012

CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention Program

NONE

CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment

NONE

To attend one of these classes, please call the **CAP REGISTRATION LINE** with the Office of Child and Youth Protection at **(856)583-6165** or contact **Lucie Alcazar** at **luz.alcazar@camdendiocese.org**. **Please leave your name and the Session Date** you are attending; you **will not** receive a call back.

The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website: www.camdendiocese.org/cyp/cap-events/.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY.

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