

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

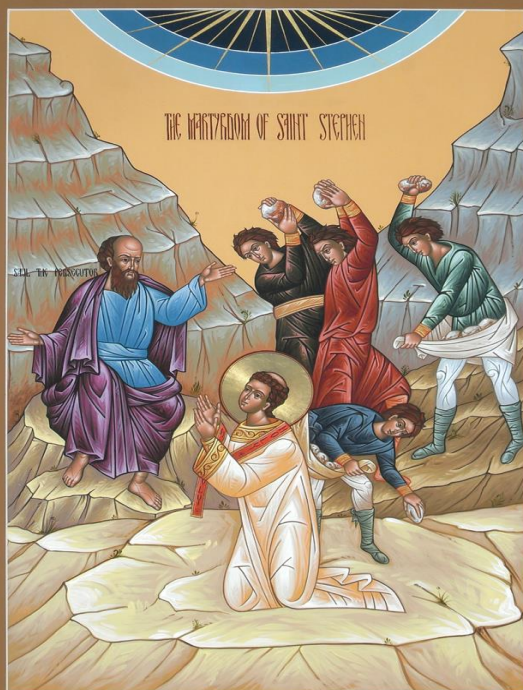
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe
Permanent Deacon

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



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336
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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 26, 2015 – The Seventeenth 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 27, 2015 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	July 28, 2015 Jean Rooney (5 th Anniversary) r/b Her Husband, Dennis
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	July 29, 2015 Margaret Sideria r/b Friends at Stonegate
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	July 30, 2015 Rich Simone r/b Gary & Maureen Moyer
FRIDAY 9:00am	July 31, 2015 Sam D' Auria r/b Lucille Buffington
SATURDAY 4:30pm	August 1, 2015 Joseph & Elena Melfi r/b Daughters Janis & Lynne
SUNDAY 9:00am	August 2, 2015 Phyllis Mazzarella (3 rd Anniversary) and Michael Iacovelli r/b Their Sister, Josephine
10:30am	Dolores Von Alex r/b St. Stephen's Choir Noel Cintron r/b Lola Cerini Frank Rosolia r/b Ms. Marguerite Danaher Anna Phan r/b The Bui 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 18/19, 2015 Collection:	\$4,086
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,247

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

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

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 Vinciquerro, Mary Vivielo, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for August 1 / 2

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: J. Heining, L. Heining, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, *A. Knight

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: Q. Nguyen

EM's: L. Monaco, MS Monaco, R. Leone, M. Miller, *R. Davis

Lectors: P. Nolte, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: K. Fagan

EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, *T. Mattered

Lector: J. Messina

Stewardship Reflection for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary

"Time Stewards Share"

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many? (JOHN 6:9)

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, in our **Stewardship**, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him.



Effective thru Labor Day

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

- 7/27-Monday-9am Communion Service
- 7/28-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Fire Co. Meeting
- 7/29-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 7/30-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 7/31-Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed
- 8/1--Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 8/2--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 31st). Opening CCD Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 16th 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), Beth Picknally Camden (bethcorkabi@gmail.com) or Mary Sharon Monaco (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.

Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Camden

July 13, 2015

Dear Father Rocco,

I write to thank you for your check in the amount of \$915 to be used for the victims of the Nepal earthquake. I am deeply grateful to you and the parishioners of Saint Stephen Parish for such a generous gift. Please, let your parishioners know that their contribution was added to the contributions received from other parishes for a total of \$145,597.90 from the Diocese of Camden to Catholic Relief Services for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. The generosity of our parishioners is truly an expression of their faith. God bless them. The earthquake in Nepal has caused so much suffering and loss of life, but our charity will help to ease some of the pain.

Let us continue to keep all those affected by this terrible tragedy in our thoughts and prayers.

With prayers and gratitude and praying God's blessings on your generous faithful, I am

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.
Bishop of Camden

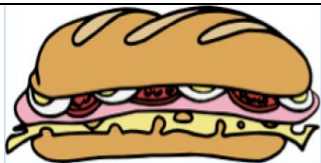
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First Friday Adoration

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.

Reflections on Today's Readings **The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading 1 - 2 Kings 4:42-44 **Reading 1 Reflection**

When unexpected guests appear at dinner time, your parents may worry about whether there will be enough food for everyone. The servant of the prophet Elisha had that same worry. How was he to feed a hundred people with food enough for half that many? But Elisha simply said, "Give it to the people to eat."

Like Jesus with the hungry crowd, Elisha trusted that God would provide. The people ate their fill and there were leftovers for another day.

Reading 2 - Ephesians 4:1-6 **Reading 2 Reflection**

The daily news is often filled with signs of disunity and discord. On the other hand, today's letter from Paul emphasizes that all who follow Jesus share an unshakable source of unity. His words have echoed through the centuries like an anthem for the Church: "There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all."

When we live in a way that preserves this unity, we can contribute to peace and harmony in the world around us.

Gospel - John 6:1-15 **Gospel Reflection**

When large crowds gather, exciting and unexpected things can happen. That's the way it was when Jesus went up on a mountain shortly before the Passover feast. He had no idea that a crowd of five thousand would soon gather around him. They were determined to hear him speak and to see what great signs he might work. Unlike his disciples, Jesus was not concerned about how this huge crowd was to be fed on a few loaves and fishes.

In familiar actions we recognize, Jesus took the bread, broke it, blessed it and gave it to his guests. When the crowd realized that everyone had been fed and there were still leftovers, they were astounded. They wanted to carry Jesus off on their shoulders and make him their king.

“My Enemy in the Mirror”

The title of this poem is the same title of the book, *My Enemy in the Mirror*, © by David L. Steinberg, December 2014, all rights reserved. This was translated by Faleeha Hassan into Arabic and published in a Palestinian magazine called “28” in Gaza during the hostilities between Israel and the Palestinians. This has made him the first American ever to be published in Gaza.

My enemy is
Not Who I think he is.

My enemy does not hide
Behind a gun or a bomb.

My enemy is not faceless,
My enemy has feelings, too.

My enemy does not believe
Differently from me.

My enemy does not
Want to take my land from me.

My enemy does not want
My wife and children to die

My enemy does not want
To change my religion.

My enemy does not want
To harm nor kill me.

My enemy wants me to succeed
My enemy wants the best for my family.

My enemy wants me
To have a happy home.

My enemy wants me
To live in peace.

My enemy is NOT
Who I think my enemy is.

My enemy is really my fear,
My enemy is really my hate.

My enemy is really my anger
My enemy is really my disgust.

My enemy is who
I see in the mirror.

Who I hate and blame others
For my feelings.

Until I saw myself in the mirror,
I did not know who my enemy really is.

Oh my God!
You have revealed yourself to me!

I have met the enemy.
It is really me in disguise!

Help me God! Help me
To vanquish my enemy!

What must I do
To change the enemy in the mirror?

Help me to overcome my fear!
Help me to release my anger!

Help me to learn love
For my enemy.

For another human being
Who is just as fearful as I am.

My enemy is NOT
Who I think my enemy is.