

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 28, 2013 – The Seventeenth 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 July 29, 2013
9:00am Donald Frisbie r/b Rita, Cathy & Helen

TUESDAY July 30, 2013
9:00am Bill & Irene Wildes r/b Her Sister

WEDNESDAY July 31, 2013
9:00am Rose Rizzo r/b Her Son, Frank Rizzo

THURSDAY August 1, 2013
9:00am+Novena John Sarich, Sr. r/b Dorothea Dodds

FRIDAY August 2, 2013 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am Phyllis Mazzarella (1st Anniversary)
r/b Jim & Janice Rotondo

SATURDAY August 3, 2013
4:30pm Kenneth Knight r/b The Mattera Family

SUNDAY August 4, 2013
9:00am Jeffrey Brouher r/b Liz & Tom McHugh
10:30am Rev. Stephen Carey r/b People of the Parish
Rev. Michael Hegarty r/b People of the Parish
Anna Phan r/b The Bui Family
Nestor & Fermina Nicdao & Atanacio Tuliao
r/b The Nicdao Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Msgr. Joseph O'Connell.

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 20/21, 2013 Collection	\$4,300
July 21/22, 2012 Comparison	\$5,456
2013-14 Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,123

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

*There is an undated envelope for "Mission Co-op" in August.

At "press time" the Diocese has not yet assigned a Missionary to us. Any funds received will be used for various parish Mission activities.

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 Pigliacelli, 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 Viviello, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for August 3/4

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Ciarrocca, M. Ciarrocca, H. Atchison

EM's: P. Petronis, B. Taylor, T. Angstman, Sr. Eleanora, *A. Knight

Lectors: R. Taylor, D. Heck

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Aleszczyk, O. Graff, C. Hearn

EM's: S. Marano, L. Monaco, N. Schmidt, E. Nolte, *S. Mufalli

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, M. Corbett

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: L. Fagan, K. Coar, K. Coar

EM's: J. Bowman, P. Cioe, W. Delfin, Gail Tutwiler, *C. Otto

Lector: M. Turan

July 28, 2013

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection "Stewards Ask Little"

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9b

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really **need** with what we simply **want**. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good **Steward** only asks God for what he needs.

Rectory Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 9am-4:30pm
Closed Summer Fridays through August 30th

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

7/29-Monday-9am Mass
7/30-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
7/31-Wednesday-9am Mass
8/1--Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
8/2--First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm,
Rectory Closed Summer Fridays
8/3--Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
8/4--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. For August call Betty & 662-6928.

Upcoming Fall Events

Cathedral Golf Tournament Sept 10th
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 ONLT 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!!

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**St. Joachim Golf Tournament Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

St. Joachim Parish at 601 West Browning Road in Bellmawr, NJ is holding its second annual golf tournament at the Valleybrook Country Club in Blackwood, NJ on **October 10, 2013**. If you are interested in golfing, sponsoring a hole, or buying raffle tickets, please visit our website at [www.St.JoachimParish.net](http://www.St.JoachimParish.net). Click on the golf outing for registration forms, sponsor forms, and general information on the mega 50-50 to be drawn at the dinner on October 10, 2013. If you have any questions regarding the golf outing, you may contact Ken Murray at 856-931-5348 or the parish rectory at 856-931-6307.

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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.

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**Day of Recollection October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Recollection for both men and women will take place on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-3:30pm at the **Church of the Sacred Heart, 103 Fourth St., Riverton, NJ**. The day will include registration, continental breakfast, morning prayer, rosary, conferences lunch, confession and Holy Mass. Father Bruce Lewandowski, a Redemptorist priest from Philadelphia, will be the moderator for the day. His enthusiasm and sense of humor promise to make this a truly spiritual day. For further information, please call Dolores at (856) 829-2763.

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**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.

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 stimulates 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.

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**Eucharistic Celebration & Healing  
Service with Fr. Fernando Suarez**

**Tuesday, August 27, 2013 @ 5pm**

Our Lady of Hope Parish  
701 Little Gloucester Road  
Blackwood, NJ 08012

Bring your Family & Friends!

For more information, please call the  
**Filipino Apostolate of South Jersey  
(Diocese of Camden)  
Marvin & Vivian Alverio (856)-383-7196**

## ***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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Paul VI High School Boys Cross Country

Is hosting its 2nd Annual
Coach Bag Bingo Fundraiser

**Saturday, August 24, 2013
12:00-3:00PM
St. Maria Goretti Church
321 Orchard Ave, Runnemede NJ 08078
Doors open at 11:00AM**

Admission includes catered
Lunch, desserts, and refreshments
10 games of bingo.

For a chance to win authentic
Coach Brand handbags each game
\$35/ticket in advance or \$40 at the door
Must be 18 years or older to play

**For more ticket information
Contact George Balzer
1-215-990-1661**



Saint Stephen SCHOOL

Developing scholars, leaders and friends in faith

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.

**Congratulations to St. Stephen’s Alumnus
Thomas M. Coar, who was named to the
Honor Roll at St. Joseph’s Prep,
1st Honors for the 2012-2013 academic year.**

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### ***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@pvihs.org](mailto:kstewart@pvihs.org).

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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 may call the rectory at
856-662-9338, ext. 6 and ask for Jim Rotondo.**