

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

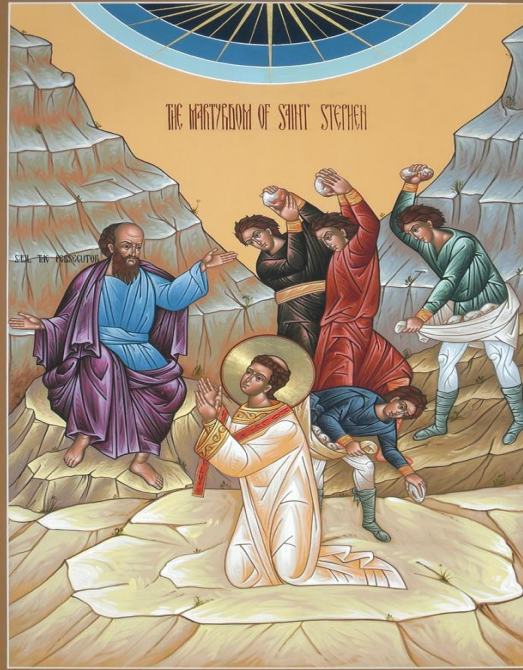
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe**  
Permanent Deacon

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

**Parish Trustees**  
Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

**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  
(Accidents, Dying or Death)

**Tribunal Parish Advocate**  
Deacon Anthony R. Cioe  
(856) 227-2145

**Parish Email:**  
[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

**Parish Website:**  
[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 31, 2016 – The 18<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 31, 2016</b>
9:00am	Mary Ellen Gerst r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Marie Kaminski (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary August 1 <sup>st</sup> ) r/b Loretta Samartino Anna Phan r/b The Bui Family Vincent Nguyen r/b The Dang Family
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>August 1, 2016</b>
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>August 2, 2016</b>
9:00am	Helen Huhn r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>August 3, 2016</b>
9:00am	Edward DuBeck r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>August 4, 2016</b>
9:00am/Novena	Rev. Francis P. Gaffney r/b People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>August 5, 2016 (First Friday Adoration)</b>
9:00am	Vincent L. Buondonno r/b His Sister
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 6, 2016</b>
4:30pm	Mary V. Iacovelli r/b Donald Mignone
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 7, 2016</b>
9:00am	Maria Calzonetti (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary August 9 <sup>th</sup> ) r/b Family
10:30am	Alma Martin r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt



## 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 23/24, 2016 Offertory Collection: \$4,178**  
**2016-2017 Weekly Collection Target: \$4,600**  
**Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,291**

Special Collections:

**July 31<sup>st</sup>: "Air Conditioning Fund" (St. Stephen)**  
**September 11<sup>th</sup>: "Holy Father/Peter's Pence" (Diocese)**  
*(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 Alessandrini, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, 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 Vивиello, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Barbara Weingard.

### Ministry Schedule for August 6/7

*\* Designates Alternate Server*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Server:** J. Bui

**EM's:** Sr. Eleanora, A. Cirullo, C. Pandola, V. Thibault, \*A. Rende

**Lectors:** D. Heck, J. Gerst

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** J. Vales, Q. Nguyen

**EM's:** L. Monaco, M. Monaco, M. Conway, R. Leone, \*M. Bufanio

**Lectors:** P. Nolte, J. Scavuzzo

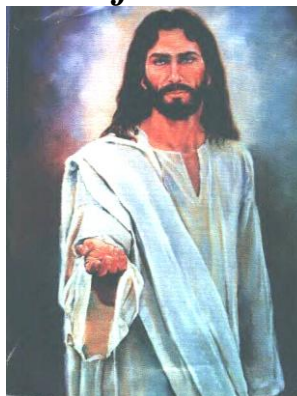
**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** M. Conway, K. Fagan, C. Nicdao

**EM's:** T. Urgo, D. Urgo, T. Mattera, J. Fagan, \*J. Messina

**Lectors:** M. Miller, R. Aleszczyk

## A SPECIAL INVITATION Just for You!



You are cordially invited to come into the silence and spend one hour with Our Lord during our **First Friday Adoration August 5, 2016.**

Jesus said to His Apostles,  
 "Could you not watch one hour with me?"  
 He is asking us the same question today.  
 Won't you say "YES" to His invitation?

RSVP to Rosemarie Leone @ 856-662-0035.

### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

8/1-Monday-9am Communion Service, 7pm Wedding Prep  
 8/2-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 8/3-Wednesday-9am Mass, 7pm Joint Council Meeting w/ Mr. Ung  
 8/4-Thur-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Neighborhood Meeting w/ Mr. Ung  
 8/5-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm  
 8/6-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass  
 8/7-Sunday-9am Mass & 10:30am Mass

### The Ladies Bible Study will resume September 12<sup>th</sup>. 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

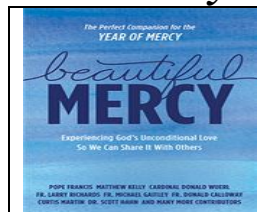
The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:15pm.**

### Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will Resume  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://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!**

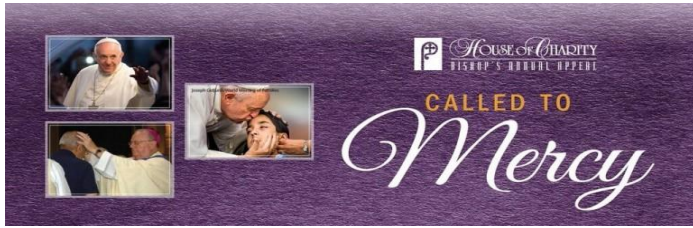
The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Winter reading needs! We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. Please stop by after Masses.

**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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).



## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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/>

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## 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, 12<sup>th</sup> until the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The Children's Choir will resume again with a rehearsal for current and new members on September 15<sup>th</sup>. 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

## Stewardship Reflection "Stewardship Generosity"

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." -LUKE 12:15

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges his *Stewards* to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.

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## Reflections on the Readings for The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31, 2016

### Reading 1 Reflection-Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Today's readings fit together like three panels of a colorful mural called "Set Your Heart on the Kingdom." This first reading insists that "All things are vanity!" For the author, vanity meant "emptiness" or "straw." He is telling us that it is useless to set out hearts on things that must be left behind when we die.

### Reading 2 Reflection-Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

In this reading we are reminded that the life of a Christian should reflect the values of Jesus. "Seek what is above," we are told. Put aside lies and idols and evil desires. Be formed in the image of God. Live as though you truly believe in the kingdom, or reign, of God that Jesus proclaimed.

### Gospel Reflection-Luke 12:13-21

As so often happens, Jesus tells a parable because someone has asked him a question. A man wants him to settle a squabble about an inheritance, but Jesus will have no part of it.

Concern about money prevents people from focusing on the reign of God. The parable of the rich farmer shows how foolish it is to keep piling up possessions. Right when the greedy man is gorging himself on food and drink, he dies. Death prevents any chance of reform.



**"HOUSING OUR HEROES"**

**FOR GOD & COUNTRY**

## **INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE**

**MILITARY, GUARD, RESERVE, VETERANS & FAMILIES**

**ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE CHURCH, CITY-WIDE PARISH,  
AT 1409 Pacific Ave, Atlantic City, NJ 08401**

**AUGUST 16, 2016 AT 10:30 AM – NOON**

Please join us for an Interfaith Service for our Military, Guard, Reserve, Veterans & Families, and also to benefit our homeless veterans and their families! This Service will also recognize the service of the Four Chaplains who perished on the U.S.A.T. Dorchester on the evening of Feb. 2, 1943, while serving the troops on board.

Participating organizations include (in alphabetical order) AMVETS, Catholic War Veterans, Citizens/Veterans Advisory Council of Cape May, Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Knights of Columbus, Knights of St. John, National League of Families (POW/MIA), The American Legion Family, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Vietnam Veterans of America.

Guest speaker will be NJ State Parole Board Chairman James Plousis. Appropriate scripture lessons will be read by participants.

Free lunch to follow at St. Michael's Quaremba Hall, located at 15 N. Georgia Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401, organized by Wedding of the Sea Committee with support from Camden Catholic Charities Ready, Vet, Go Program.

