

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

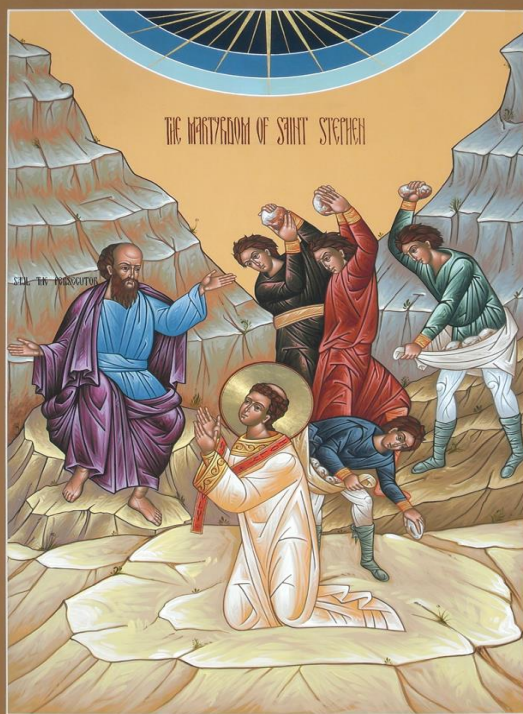
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Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony Cioe
Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
9am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

Emergencies
(856) 261-9336
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Deacon Anthony Cioe
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Parish Website:
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 6, 2014 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer Mass Schedule

Daily: 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 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.

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 2015 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

There will be NO DAILY MASS on MONDAYS during the months of JULY & AUGUST.

MONDAY	July 7, 2014 No Mass or Communion Service
TUESDAY	July 8, 2014 9:00am <i>Communion Service</i>
WEDNESDAY	July 9, 2014 9:00am <i>Communion Service</i>
THURSDAY	July 10, 2014 9:00am <i>Communion Service</i>
FRIDAY	July 11, 2014 9:00am <i>Communion Service</i>
SATURDAY	July 12, 2014 4:30pm Robert Wilson (1 st Anniversary) r/b The Weingard Family
SUNDAY	July 13, 2014 9:00am Jennie Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst 10:30am William Sauer r/b His Wife, Theresa William Jordan, Jr. r/b M/M Jim Higgins

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Kimberlee Allen.

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.

Offertory Figures for June 28/29 will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on 6/26/14.

2013-2014 Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average	\$5,200

Next Diocesan Collection:
7/13/14: "Pastoral Solidarity Fund"

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### 2014 House of Charity Appeal

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| 2014 House of Charity y-t-d | \$23,630 (44%) |
| 2014 House of Charity Goal  | \$53,295       |

Thank you to the 103 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.

**Note:** If your House of Charity check hasn't cleared and/or if you receive an invoice for a pledge already paid, please be patient and wait for next month's statement...that should be up to date. If not, the House of Charity may be reached at **856-338-0766**.



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, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco,
- Dot Corbett, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel,
- Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko,
- Joe Flacco, Nicole Franklin-Sonnie, Joanna Galdo,
- Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr.,
- Marie Kaminski, Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk,
- Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido,
- Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer,
- Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Debby Morrissey,
- Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn,
- Savaelina Perez, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigliacelli,
- Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Loretta Stayton,
- Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini,
- Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia,
- Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivello,
- Anthony Vocale, Dolores VonAlex, Ed Weingard.

### Ministry Schedule for July 12/13

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

#### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Servers:** T. Mason, S. Caban, S. Surgner  
**EM's:** A. Pandola, C. Pandola, P. Petronis, A. Cirullo, \*Sr. Eleanora  
**Lectors:** L. Heininger, J. Heininger

#### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Servers:** O. Graff, T. Albert, C. Hearn  
**EM's:** S. Marano, L. McHugh, L. D'Alessandro, T. Modzier  
**Lectors:** P. Nolte, W. McHugh

#### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** The Hughes Boys  
**EM's:** P. Cioe, T. Mattered, J. Messina, Geo. Tutwiler, \*L. Solano  
**Lectors:** E. Mattered, M. Miller

## *Rectory Office Summer Hours*

**Monday thru Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm**

Our office will be closed 10 Fridays during the summer through August 29.



**ALSO, the Rectory "might" be closed on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> due to Jury Duty.**

We won't know for sure until 5pm Monday. Don't waste gas or a trip....call first!

### ***This Week @ St. Stephen Parish***

7/7-Monday- No Mass or Communion Service  
7/8-Tuesday-9am Communion Service, 7pm Rosary  
7/9-Wednesday-9am Communion Service  
7/10-Thursday-9am Communion Service  
7/11-Friday-9am Communion Service, **Rectory Office Closed**  
7/12-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
7/13-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



### ***Monday Ladies' Bible Study***

1-2:30pm in the Stonegate Conference Room.

### ***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 2014-2015 is underway!**

Forms may be found in the rectory and on our website. The fee is **\$135 per family**. Tentative start date is 9/17/14.

### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

Will Resume in September.  
Have a great Summer!



### ***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

**Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



**REASON #11 for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament:** With transforming mercy, Jesus makes our heart one with his. "He proposes his own example to those who come to him, that all may learn to be like himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to seek not their own interest but those of God." (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei)

### ***Saturday 9am Men's Prayer Group***

Please join us for our Men's Scripture/Prayer Group. We meet every Saturday morning at **9am** for one-half hour in the **Parish Center Meeting Room. Info: Joe Fagan-662-5908.**

### ***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.

### ***Council & Board Meetings***

All at 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

**Monday, September 15**

**Pastoral Council**

### ***Estate Planning***

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.

### ***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 in the school office, order forms are on our website and in the rectory office.

Info is available @ [www.ststephenspennsauken.com](http://www.ststephenspennsauken.com) or by calling **Michael Ciarrocca at 856-425-4799.**

### ***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.

### ***St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You***



**We are here to pray for you.**

Prayer requests for the month of July, contact **Bernadette @ 854-2928.**

# Welcome

We've noticed many new visitors attending Mass who've generously contributed to our church. Please consider registering as there are many benefits to being officially registered at St. Stephen's:

- To Arrange the Reception of the Sacraments
- To Receive Certificates of Eligibility to act as a Sponsor
- To Become more intimately involved in our Parish Ministries
- To Begin receiving Offertory Envelopes to track contributions

## St. Stephen Parish Registration Form

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(This form may be mailed OR placed in the Offertory Basket at Mass)

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's 1st Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Name (1<sup>st</sup> & maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage: Priest\_\_\_ Special Permission\_\_\_ Divorced\_\_\_  
Separated\_\_\_ Single\_\_\_ Widowed\_\_\_ CoHabit\_\_\_  
Other\_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>Others Living in the Home:</b> | <b>Date of Birth:</b> |
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## CONTACT Community Helplines

Substance abuse has become an epidemic throughout ALL of Camden County. In fact, over 170 people have died from an overdose of heroin since the beginning of the year. It is not a problem that is contained in the inner cities. It is a problem that has spread to the suburbs as well. Help is available but many people do not know where to turn.

**CONTACT Community Helplines** provides a 24 hour, 7 days a week, toll-free, confidential hotline (**1-877-266-8222**) for residents of Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem Counties. Highly trained volunteers provide callers with information and referrals to those addicted to alcohol and/or drugs. Support is also provided for the family and friends of the addict. Information is provided for: Detoxification Centers, Inpatient/Outpatient Treatment, Halfway Houses, Intoxicated Driver Programs, Methadone Maintenance Programs, Dual Diagnosis and 12 Step Programs.

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Options for Women Ministry

We are a faith-based and life-affirming organization, strategically located between two abortion clinics in Cherry Hill. We offer free medical and counseling services to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies as well as post-abortion healing counseling.

CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS TO SUPPORT OPTIONS FOR WOMEN

Options is collecting all wearable clothing (no tears or stains), shoes, handbags and backpacks as a year-long fundraising effort. Please bring your bagged donations to Options' clothing bin (located in the corner of our rear parking lot), Monday through Thursday, 9am-4pm. Options is located at 1500 N. Kings Hwy., Suite 110, at the corner of Ormond Ave. (Look for DiGiulio's Shoes.) A receipt will be available for you to take at the time of your donation. These collections have the potential to raise \$800-\$1000 per month for the ministry. Thank you for your continuing donations!

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## Retrouvaille Marriage Program

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program begins on the weekend of **August 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

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St. Anthony of Padua School in Camden needs a volunteer librarian

for 1 ½ days per week next school year to work in our Reading Room/Library. The program can be as simple as just permitting students to take out reading books, to a Story Hour, to anything the volunteer can imagine. Interested? **Call Dr. Mary Burke at 856-966-6791.**

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

IN HONOR OF
ST. STEPHEN'S SCHOOL
1962-2014

WHEREAS, we celebrate St. Stephen's School as a learning institution that has impacted the Pennsauken community for over 50 years. With the closing of their doors ends an era of excellence and leaves behind a legacy of learning, respect and spiritual development that will be difficult to replicate; and

WHEREAS, St. Stephen's opened its doors in 1962 with a mission to "foster total development of each student in an environment which proclaims the presence and models the teachings of Jesus Christ." For generations students have been exposed to the highest level of education while cultivating character essentials. Kindness, forgiveness, caring, responsibility, respectfulness and generosity were the tenets upheld by the staff and students at St. Stephens; and

WHEREAS, St. Stephens was part of the community providing many valuable service projects through the students every year. In conjunction with St. Stephen's parish there was truly a sense of cooperation that had a positive impact on Pennsauken over the years; and

WHEREAS, the teachers, administrators and aides that worked in St. Stephen's over the years helped facilitate a challenging and enriching experience for the students that passed through their halls each year. They never wavered in their commitment and nurtured generations of children to reach for the stars.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jack Killion, Mayor of Pennsauken, along with the members of Township Committee hereby celebrate St. Stephen's school for over 50 years of service to our community and our children. Your legacy will never be forgotten.


Jack Killion, Mayor

Date: June 25, 2014