

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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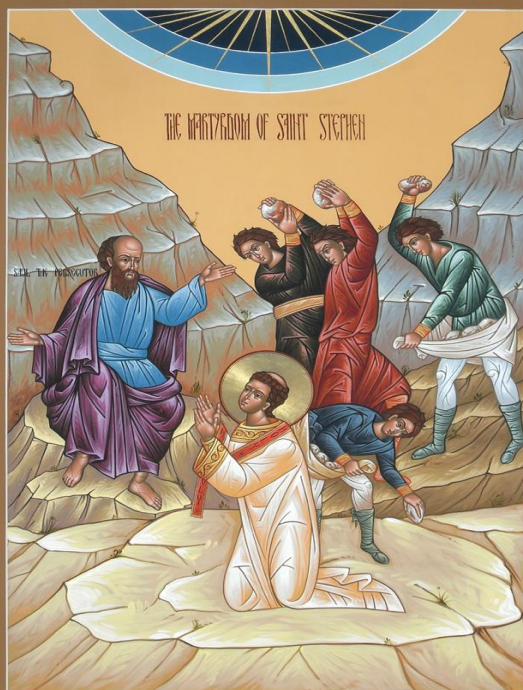
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Pastor

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Permanent Deacon

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Rectory Summer Hours
Monday thru Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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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.*

August 16, 2015 – The Twentieth 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".

SUNDAY	August 16, 2015
9:00am	Catherine Hartson (1 st Anniversary August 18 th) r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family Doris Booth r/b Jacqueline Magalong
MONDAY	August 17, 2015
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	August 18, 2015
9:00am	Mass of Thanksgiving for our 54 th Wedding Anniversary r/b The Sen Ho Family
WEDNESDAY	August 19, 2015
9:00am	Rita B. Flood r/b Nancy Reese
THURSDAY	August 20, 2015
9:00am+Novena	Nicola Rao r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
FRIDAY	August 21, 2015
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY	August 22, 2015
4:30pm	Beatrice Naurath r/b Anthony & Dina Alfano
SUNDAY	August 23, 2015
9:00am	Kathleen Morris r/b Ed & Nancy Schmidt
10:30am	John Kerwick r/b His Wife, Son and Family John Von Alex r/b The Haas Family



The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Kathleen Stehm.

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.

August 8/9, 2015 Collection:	\$4,183
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,470

Next Special Collection:

September 13, 2015:

"Holy Father's Peter Pence" (Diocese)

(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)



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, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Joseph Herwig, Nancy Gogel, Pat Gruber, Gregory Hayes, Chuck Hillwig, Thomas Holmes Sr., John Howard, 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 Pigiaccelli, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Nancy Sonnie, 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 22/23

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: V. Thibault, Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, C. Pandola, *A. Cirullo

Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: Q. Nguyen

EM's: T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, R. Leone, L. Rosario, *N. Schmidt

Lectors: W. McHugh, J. Scavuzzo

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, O. Albert

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, J. Messina, Geo. Tutwiler, T. Link, *T. Angstman

Lector: M. Turan

"Music Ministry Notes"

Friends and family, and members of the Saint Stephen's parish community are welcomed to join the Saint Stephen's Youth Choir as we celebrate our first Mass of the season on **September 20, 2015**. As members of the St. Stephen Youth Choir, the children will learn how to properly breathe from the diaphragm in a choral setting, how to properly stand while singing, and aspects of musicianship as well as music theory. Last year the Youth Choir sang with Saint Stephen's Adult choir for the Flash Mob at Macy's where both choirs sang "Carol of The Bells." This, I feel will be an exciting year for the Youth Choir as the Choir will be incorporating a new repertoire of music that will be sung during the mass. In addition this year we welcome a new assistant director, **Kayleigh Whitmore**. Kayleigh will be a freshman at Rowan University this fall, studying Vocal Music Education. I look forward to working with her. Thank you everyone for your participation and support of St. Stephen Youth Choir last year. I hope this year you will do the same. If, you know of a young lady or gentleman in Kindergarten through Twelfth grade who would like to join the Youth Choir please feel free to contact me by emailing me at songbyhunt@aol.com.

God Bless You, and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Mr. David Huntsinger, Youth Choir Director



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

- 8/17-Monday-9am Communion Service, 6:30pm Deacons Mtg.
- 8/18-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 8/19-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 8/20-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 8/21-Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed
- 8/22-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 8/23-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**. 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 **August**, contact **Bernice @ 856-662-4641**.

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).



CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

Will Resume in September

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

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.

“Loss of a Loved One”

This is the 3rd in an 18-week series dedicated to you who have felt the grief and loss of a Loved One:*

Seven Stages of Loss

Everyone’s handling of loss may be different. Here are Seven Stages that you can go through to get to where you need to be. You may experience some or all of these stages and it may not be in this order.

You may go through some of the stages quickly and others may drag out over a longer time and you may come back to them at a later date.

Stage #1 - Shock & Denial

The suddenness of your Loved One’s departure may leave you with a stunned disbelief and reality, depending on the on the circumstances, whether the loss is sudden or expected over a long period of time, as with cancer.

The fact they are gone may not set in for some time. You may be overwhelmed for days, weeks or months with a sense of loss and you wonder how you will be able to manage without them.

Next week: Stage #2 - Pain & Guilt

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Your comments are most welcome: 856-547-3860 or 856-383-5325 or steinberg.david07@comcast.net.

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Holy Eucharist Parish, Cherry Hill is sponsoring a **Golf Outing on Monday, September 14, 2015 at Little Mill Country Club, Marlton, NJ.** Cost: \$175 Individual Player includes: Lunch, Use of Practice Range, Cart & Greens Fees, Cocktail Hour, Hors d’oeuvres, Dinner, Refreshments on Course, and an Outing Gift. Sponsorship available. Contact: Bob Wells at [rjwells1@verizon.net](mailto:rjwells1@verizon.net) or Dominic Villecco at [dvillecco@gmail.com](mailto:dvillecco@gmail.com).



## 40 Days of Francis Begins!

Pope Francis quote of the week: “Among our tasks as witnesses to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor.” Knot of the week: Over 190,000 people in the Diocese of Camden lack consistent access to adequate food. That’s 14% of the Diocese’s total population.

This Monday, August 17, will mark exactly 40 days until the arrival of Pope Francis in Philadelphia on September 26. Forty days is a number of great religious significance. It’s the number of years Moses and the Israelites wandered the desert; it’s the number of days Jesus fasted and prayed before beginning his public ministry; and it’s the number of days Catholics spend preparing for Jesus’ Passion, death and resurrection during Lent. During these 40 Days of Francis, Catholic Charities invites you to prepare for the coming of this Pope of and for the poor by “encountering” the reality of poverty in the Diocese of Camden.

**After Mass this weekend, you will find “knots” at the back of the Church that you can take home with you.** These knots, inspired by Pope Francis’ devotion to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, represent the knots of poverty so many in South Jersey face. We invite you to come visit the Catholic Charities center near you to learn how we as a Catholic community respond to these issues and help untie the knots. Next week, we will hold open houses at all of our centers throughout the Diocese of Camden. We’re looking forward to seeing you!

Catholic Charities’ open house for Camden County will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.(1845 Haddon Ave., Camden, NJ 08103).



**DIOCESE OF CAMDEN**  
**Office of 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 No More Bullies, No More Victims 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.

Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should 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 September 2015:

**CAP Phase 1**

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| Thursday, September 3, 2015, 7:00pm, St. Mary of Mount Carmel, Hammonton, NJ 08037                         |
| Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 7:00pm, Our Lady of Peace Marion Hall, Williamstown, NJ                      |
| Monday, September 14, 2015, 7:00pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lindenwold SPANISH ONLY                         |
| Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 7:00pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy, Glassboro, NJ                                |
| Monday, September 28, 2015, 7:00pm, the Catholic Community of Christ Our Light; 402 N. Kings Hwy.          |
| Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 7:00pm, Holy Family Parish, 226 Hurffville Road, Sewell, NJ 08080             |
| Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 7:00pm, Mary, Queen of All Saints Parish in Pennsauken (St. Cecilia's School) |
| Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 7:30pm, St. Andrew the Apostle, 120 United States Ave. Gibbsboro, NJ        |

**CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention**

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| Wednesday, September 9, 2015, 7:00pm, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center; Minitola, NJ |
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**CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment**

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| Monday, September 21, 2015, 7:00pm, St. Peter Parish; 43 W. Maple Avenue; Merchantville, NJ |
| Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 7:00pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy, Glassboro                     |

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (856)583-6165 or email [luz.alcazar@camdendiocese.org](mailto:luz.alcazar@camdendiocese.org) to register. **Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.**

The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website @ [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org).

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY.**