

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

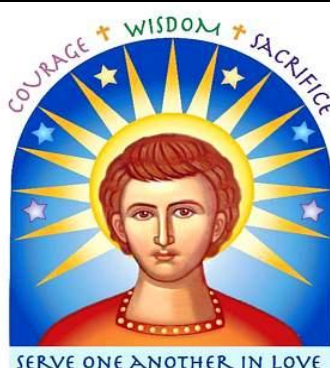
One Faith...

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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August 18, 2013 – The Twentieth 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 – 7pm 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 August 19, 2013**
9:00am Stephen L. Dombrowski r/b Family
- TUESDAY August 20, 2013**
9:00am Jennie Farmer r/b Sr. Bernadette Mary Leahy, SSJ
- WEDNESDAY August 21, 2013**
9:00am Margaret Lane r/b Her Sister
- THURSDAY August 22, 2013**
9:00am+Novena Velma Donaldson Walker r/b Charles McKee
- FRIDAY August 23, 2013**
9:00am Patricia Basileo (1st Anniversary Aug. 24th) r/b Family
- SATURDAY August 24, 2013**
4:30pm Kenneth Knight r/b Carmella Meyers
- SUNDAY August 25, 2013**
9:00am Cecilia James r/b Corinne & Laura Schmidt
10:30am Maryann DeFiore r/b Kathy Chatterton
Philip Scott r/b Pat Pickering & Family
Msgr. James A. Carr r/b People of the Parish
Rev. Joseph A. Salerno r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Msgr. J. Francis Flaherty.

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 10/11, 2013 Attendance/Collection	423/ \$4,428
August 11/12, 2012 Comparison	477/ \$5,688
2013-14 Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$4,762

Next Special Collection: 9/8/13: "Holy Father" (Diocese)

*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	\$48,432.50 (92.7%)
2013 House of Charity Goals	\$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 141 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, 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 Maggioncalda, 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, John Vindick, Mary Vivillo, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.**

Ministry Schedule for August 24/25

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, S. Caban, M. Hobbs

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

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, J. Bui, C. Aleszczyk

EM's: S. Marano, M. Bufanio, L. D'Alessandro, S. Mufalli, *E. Nolte

Lectors: P. Nolte, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: N. Hughes, C. Hughes, J. Mack

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, L. Solano, T. Link, Geo. Tutwiler, *Gail Tutwiler

Lector: M. Corbett

Stewardship Reflection

August 18, 2013

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Stewardship Lifestyle"

"Do you think I have come to establish peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

LUKE 12:51

Living a *Stewardship* lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

Rectory Office Summer Hours

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

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

8/19-Monday-9am Mass
8/20-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
8/21-Wednesday-9am Mass
8/22-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
8/23-Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed Summer Fridays
8/24-Saturday-1pm Baptism, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
8/25-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

Registrations for 2013-2014 are filling up!

Don't be left out, register today!

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, Sept. 6th, 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

Pastoral Council: Monday, September 16th @ 7pm

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Congratulations and Thank You to
Marie Melchiorre on purchasing a Paver!

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
August, please contact
Betty @ 662-6928.

Discovery Retreat Day for Special Needs Families

Saturday, September 28, 2013, 10 AM - 3 PM

Discovery House, Mullica Township

~ Mass to follow dedicated to Our Families ~

A unique and comfortable opportunity to share lives, hopes and concerns in a trusting, comfortable and open atmosphere. Discovery House is completely accessible. All are welcome to join us for all or part of the retreat day!

For information/registration: Margie Abrams (609) 932-6134
Mabrams64@comcast.net, Discoveryministriesinc.org

St. Joachim Golf Tournament Oct 10th

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. 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.

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.

Day of Recollection October 23rd

The 5th Annual Day of Recollection for both men and women will take place on Wednesday, October 23rd 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.

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.



3 Specials now thru Labor Day!

- 1. Free Celebration Announcements** such as engagements, sacraments, graduations, births, etc...
- 2. Free Memorials:** Honor the memory of a loved one with words of remembrance and photos.
- 3. Free Obituaries** from yourself or funeral director.

All of the above will appear online and in the printed Star Herald. To get started or for more information, please log on to <http://www.catholicstarherald.org/>.

After Labor Day, we will continue to accept Announcements, Memorials & Obituaries at a more affordable price than larger, local newspapers charge.

Experience God's Love & Gift of Healing

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

St. Maria Goretti High School Class of 1963

is celebrating its 50-year anniversary on **October 20th** at the Hyatt on Penn's Landing. For ticket information, please contact JoAnne Belfatto O'Donnell at 610.608.6513 or JoAnn Fiorentino Thomas at joanntthomas@yahoo.com. Deadline for tickets is **August 20th**.

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**



### **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 **180**. 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.

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Hello friends and family!

On Saturday (August 3rd) I arrived in Honduras to begin my year of service with **Amigos de Jesus**, a home for orphaned children. I am writing currently from Copan, Ruinas, where today is my first day of Spanish language school! After this refresher week, all of the volunteers will return to the Amigos campus to begin orientation.

I have (finally) written my first post on the blog where I'll be writing about my experiences this year. You can find it here: <http://www.yearwithamigos.blogspot.com/>

I'll be updating this blog periodically, so if you want to get an e-mail each time I publish a new post, sign up with your e-mail in the column on the right side of the page. (I won't send any more e-mails to this list).

Thanks to all of you for supporting me in this adventure! Sorry about the length of the first post! Pictures and more posts to come!

Hasta Pronto,
Joanna Gardner