

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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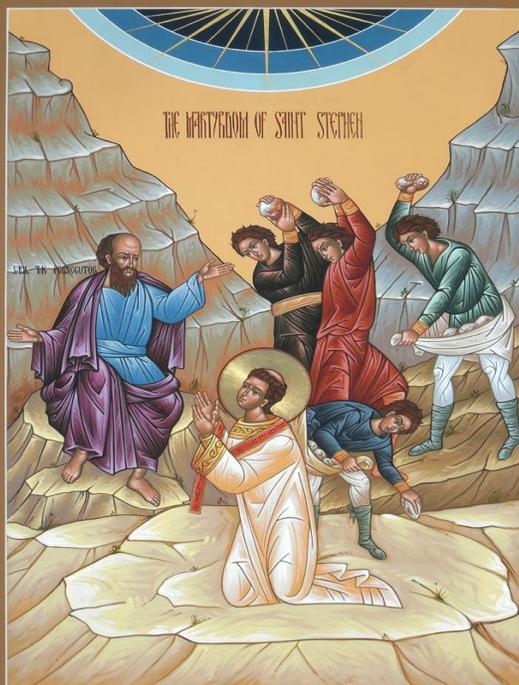
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Rectory Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone

(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336

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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.

August 23, 2015 – The Twenty-First 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 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
MONDAY	August 24, 2015
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY	August 25, 2015
9:00am	Douglas Klein r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY	August 26, 2015
9:00am	Fermina & Nestor Nicdao r/b Efren Nicdao
THURSDAY	August 27, 2015
9:00am+Novena	John Von Alex r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
FRIDAY	August 28, 2015
9:00am	Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
SATURDAY	August 29, 2015
4:30pm	Beatrice Naurath r/b Anthony & Nicholas Alfano
SUNDAY	August 30, 2015
9:00am	Victor Gerst, Sr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Marie Kaminski r/b Dana Pilkington



The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of Rose Marie Mufalli.*

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 15/16, 2015 Collection:	\$3,949
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,396

Upcoming Special Collections:

- Sept. 13, 2015: "Holy Father Peter's Pence" (Diocese)**
 - Sept. 20, 2015: "Catholic University" (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 Gerst, 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, Savalina 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 29/30

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

** Designates Alternate Server*

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

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

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: M. Conway

EM's: J. Rosario, R. Davis, E. Nolte, M. Miller, *L. D'Alessandro

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: O. Albert

EM's: P. Cioe, T. Mattera, T. Scavuzzo, T. Urgo, *D. Urgo

Lector: J. Messina

"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



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

Effective thru Labor Day

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 8/24-Monday-9am Communion Service
- 8/25-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Paul VI Coffee Night
- 8/26-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 8/27-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 8/28-Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed, 6pm Wedding Rehearsal
- 8/29-Saturday-2pm Wedding, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 8/30-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 September 17th.

See Page 5 for Details!

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 4th 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.

Last week we did **Stage #1 - Shock & Denial**

Stage 2 - Pain & Guilt

You may not notice as the shock may begin to wear off, you may feel incredible pain. It is awful to go through, as one moment you appear to be perfectly normal and the next with tears and uncontrollable sobbing.

Some people may turn to drugs and alcohol to hide the pain. That is not a solution. Sooner or later it will wear off and you will have to face your problem of grief by going through these Seven Stages of Loss.

Next Week: **Stage 3 - Anger and Bargaining**

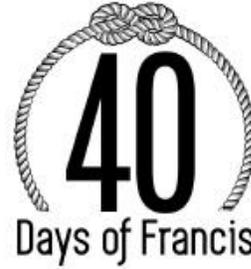
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Your comments are most welcome: 856-547-3860 or 856-383-5325 or steinberg.david07@comcast.net.

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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: Day 34

*Pope Francis quote of the week:* “To encounter the living God it is necessary to tenderly kiss Jesus’ wounds in our hungry, poor, sick and incarcerated brothers and sisters.”

*Knot of the week:* Nearly 22,000 offenders are serving sentences in New Jersey prisons.

This week as part of 40 Days of Francis, the time of preparation in the Diocese of Camden for the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia, there will be open houses at all of Catholic Charities’ centers throughout South Jersey. Come learn more about the work being done in the name of our Catholic community in South Jersey to help untie the knots of poverty in our region. Remember to take one of the “knots” with you after Mass.

Catholic Charities’ open house for Camden County will be held next Saturday, August 29 from 11am-2pm (1845 Haddon Ave., Camden, NJ 08103).

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Deluxe Ham Dinner

Saturday September 12th from 5-8:30pm



**St. Cecilia’s School Hall
49th Street in Pennsauken**
\$12 Adults, \$5 Children under 12,
Children under 5 yrs. old are free.
EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

Discussion Club

Resumes Thursday, September 17th
7pm in the Parish Center

We will be discussing:

Galileo:

Science, Faith, and the Catholic Church

by Dr. Guy Consolmagno, S.J., Ph.D.



What can Galileo's extraordinary life and profound legacy teach us today?

Galileo's story is a touchstone in debates about science and religion, but our preconceptions inevitably color the way we see the issues. To understand who Galileo was, what he accomplished, and what you can learn from his triumphs and failures, you need a great teacher to place him in context by exploring the cosmologies, political and religious and historical events, and famous people of his generation. You also need to get a sense of the man himself: from his family background and early ambitions to the person he grew into as he became a father, rising celebrity, literary lion, and ultimately an infirm but unbroken old man.

In *Galileo: Science, Faith, and the Catholic Church*, you will explore the context and implications of the Galileo affair—the events that culminated in his condemnation by the Roman Catholic Church. You can take no better guide than Dr. Guy Consolmagno, a renowned astronomer, Jesuit brother, and popular writer.

The Galileo affair resonates with our own times. Although the debate about an earth or sun-centered universe is long past, the ways we react to new ideas hasn't changed at all. All of the hopes, fears, and misunderstandings that surrounded Galileo and his opponents, we still face today in our encounters with science and religion.

By spending time with Galileo and his story, you will enrich your own faith and increase your understanding of science and religion.

THE WORLD IS MINE

Author unknown

Today, upon a bus,
I saw a very beautiful woman
and wished I were as beautiful.
When suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle.
She had one leg and used a crutch.
But as she passed, she passed a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy.
The lad who sold it had such charm.
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.
If I were late, it'd do no harm.
And as I left, he said to me,
"I thank you, you've been so kind.
It's nice to talk with folks like you.
You see," he said, "I'm blind."
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street,
I saw a child I knew.
He stood and watched the others play,
but he did not know what to do.
I stopped a moment and then I said,
"Why don't you join them dear?"
He looked ahead without a word.
I forgot, he couldn't hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go.
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.
With ears to hear what I'd know.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.