

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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Pastor

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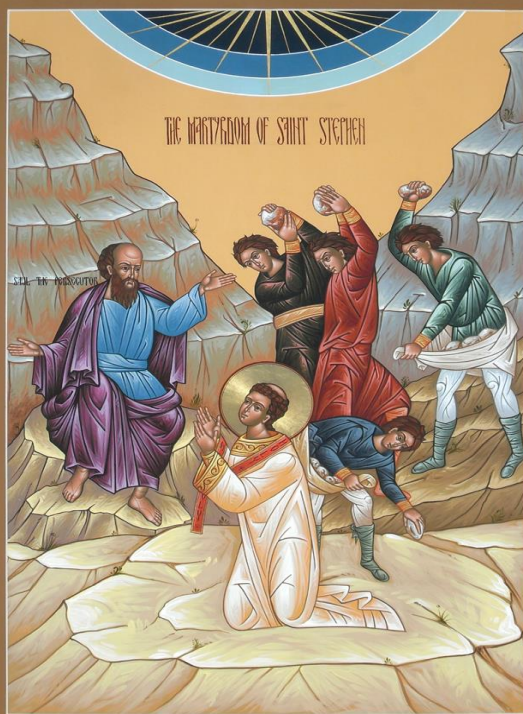
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Religious Education

Parish Trustees

Rose Marie Davis
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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

Emergencies

(856) 261-9336

(Accidents, Dying or Death)

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Deacon Anthony Cioe

(856) 227-2145

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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.

August 24, 2014 – The Twenty-First 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 month of AUGUST.

SATURDAY 4:30pm	August 23, 2014 Paul Brandimarto, Sr. r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
SUNDAY 9:00am	August 24, 2014 Kathleen Shiflet r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Rev. Wayne Patrick Lavin r/b People of the Parish Barbara J. Lane r/b The Rocco Family Charles Gonzalez r/b Jim Kelly
MONDAY	August 25, 2014 No Mass
TUESDAY 9:00am	August 26, 2014 Fermina Nicdao (5 th Anniversary) and Nestor Nicdao (89 th Birthday Remembrance) r/b Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	August 27, 2014 Rev. Wayne Patrick Lavin r/b Lucille Buffington
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	August 28, 2014 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	August 29, 2014 A Special Intention r/b Family
SATURDAY 4:30pm	August 30, 2014 Ted Gloway r/b Nick & Betty Picciano
SUNDAY 9:00am	August 31, 2014 Victor Gerst, Sr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Albert Weirman r/b Anna DeMarco Elizabeth DelBuono r/b Anthony & Phyl Cioe Michael Oswald r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is for The Persecuted Christians of Iraq.

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 16/17, 2014 Attendance/Collection	379/ \$4,883
August 17/18, 2013 Comparison	446/ \$5,529
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average	\$4,785

Upcoming Special Diocesan Collections:

- 9/7/14: "Holy Father"
- 9/7/14: "Mission Co-op"
- 9/14/14: "Catholic University"



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, Joy Bowman, 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., Margaret Hughes, 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, Debbi Morrissey, Esther Nunez, Florence O'Connor, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, 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, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for August 30/31

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, S. Caban, S. Surgner
EM's: Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, A. Pandola, C. Pandola, *A. Knight
Lector: W. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, M. Conway, Q. Nguyen
EM's: S. Marano, L. McHugh, R. Davis, T. Modzier
Lector: D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Hughes Boys
EM's: M. Miller, T. Urgo, D. Urgo, G. Tutwiler, *W. Delfin
Lectors: J. Messina, L. Fagan

Submit Knots!

All are welcome to "submit knots" to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots for the Mass on October 11th in Washington, DC (whether you're going or not).

Simply log on to our church website and click on this graphic on the home page.

Rectory Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday 9:00am – 4:30pm

Our office is closed every Friday during the summer through August 29.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

8/25-Monday- No Mass
8/26-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
8/27-Wednesday-9am Mass
8/28-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
8/29-Friday-9am Mass, **Rectory Closed**
8/30-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
8/31-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, Church vestibule, and on our website.

The fee is **\$135 per family.**

Tentative start date is 9/24/14.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, Sept. 5th, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



REASON #7 for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament:

You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus! "Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)

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

TUESDAYS at 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.
Tuesday, September 16 Pastoral Council

Defibrillator Training

We are planning a training session to teach ushers and interested parishioners how to operate the defibrillator (life-saving cardiac device) located in our church vestibule. Please call the rectory at 662-9339, x6 if you are interested. We will then plan the session at one of the Pennsauken Fire Houses and post the time and place in a future bulletin.

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

Congratulations and thank you to Anthony Vendetti on purchasing his Paver!!

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.

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

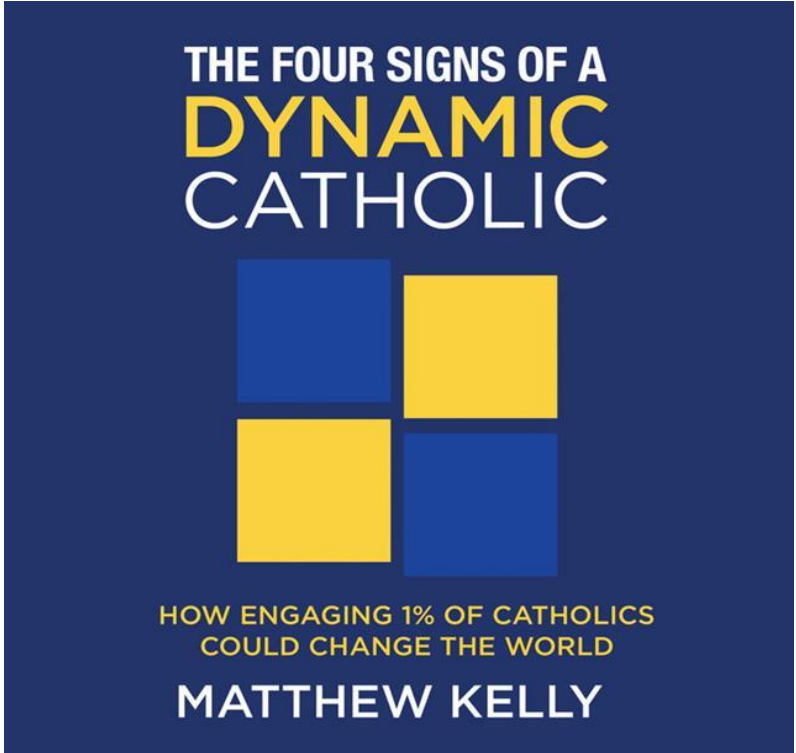


We are here to pray for you.
Prayer requests for the month of August, contact **Michael @ 662-2543.**

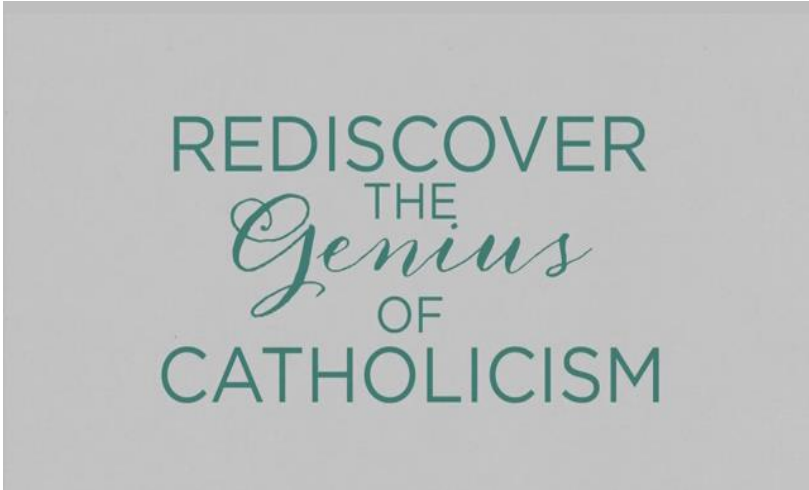
Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will Resume September 11th.

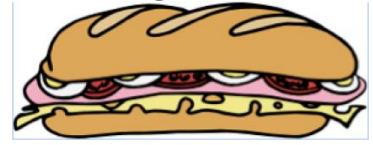
We will be discussing
"The Four Signs of a
Dynamic Catholic"
by Matthew Kelly.



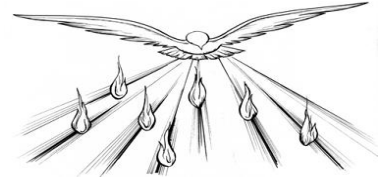
**ALL ARE WELCOME TO BEGIN
OUR PARISH DISCUSSION IN PLANNING
THE FUTURE OF ST. STEPHEN PARISH.**



Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Council 3512 **Hoagie Sale**



As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **September 6 & 7**. For info call 856-227-4627.



Life in the Spirit Seminars

St. Rose of Lima Lounge (rectory basement)
300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, NJ
Sunday Evenings 7:30-9:00

Do you desire to renew your commitment
to the Lord?

Do you want to experience a fuller life
in the Spirit?

Are you curious about the
Charismatic Movement?

The dates, topics and speakers are:

September 7, 2014 God's Love
by Deacon Brian Ayscue

September 14, 2014 – Salvation
by Deacon Bob Hamilton

September 21, 2014 The New Life
by Deacon Joe Garozzo

September 28, 2014
Receiving God's Gift by Deacon Joe Izzo

October 5, 2014 - Praying for Baptism in the
Holy Spirit (in the chapel)
by Deacon Craig Bickel

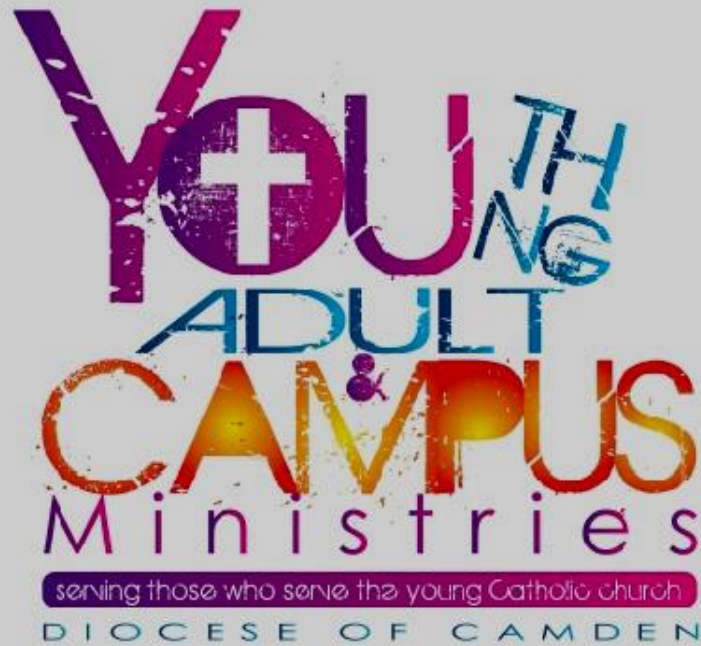
October 12, 2014 – NO SEMINAR
Camden Diocese Charismatic Conference in
Wildwood, NJ

October 19, 2014 – Growth
by Deacon Doug Crawford

October 26, 2014 – Transformation
by Fr. Fred Link

For more information:

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LIFE CHANGING PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Dioceses of Camden, Trenton and Metuchen are leading a Pilgrimage for those ages 18-39 in July 2016 to World Youth Day in Kraków, Poland. This 12-day life-changing journey of faith will include worshipping with the Holy Father and millions of young adults from around the world, as well as trips to Auschwitz, Czestochowa (home of the Black Madonna), Divine Mercy Sanctuary, and Zakopane, plus pre/post pilgrimage experiences at home. Visit <http://www.camdendiocese.org/index.php/world-youth-day-2016> or call 856-583-6122 for more information on how you can attend or support this pilgrimage!

World Youth Day 2016 – Kraków, Poland, July 22-August 1, 2016. Are you interested in a pilgrimage of a lifetime? Spend some time celebrating our Catholic faith with Pope Francis and 3 million Catholic young people from all around the world. If you are interested in joining young adult pilgrims from the Dioceses of Camden, Trenton and Metuchen, let us know ASAP. The minimum age for this pilgrimage is 18 (at the time of departure in 2016). Young adults between the ages of 18-39 are especially invited to attend. Outside the U.S., the term "youth" is commonly used to refer to young adults. Visit <http://www.camdendiocese.org/index.php/world-youth-day-2016> or call 856-583-6122 for more information on how you can attend or support this pilgrimage!