

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

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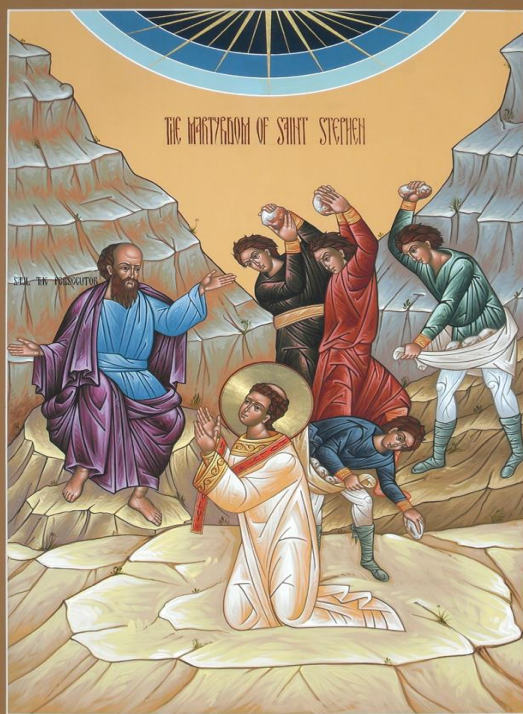
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Rectory Summer Hours

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



Contact Info

Rectory Phone

(856) 662-9339

Rectory Fax

(856) 662-4679

Emergencies

(856) 261-9336

(Accidents, Dying or Death)

Tribunal Parish Advocate

Deacon Anthony Cioe

(856) 227-2145

Parish Email:

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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 3, 2014 – The Eighteenth 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.

- MONDAY** **August 4, 2014**
No Mass
- TUESDAY** **August 5, 2014**
9:00am Vincent L. Buondonno r/b His Sister, Rose Marie
- WEDNESDAY** **August 6, 2014**
9:00am A Special Intention r/b Family
- THURSDAY** **August 7, 2014**
9:00am Barbara Fallon r/b Family
- FRIDAY** **August 8, 2014**
9:00am John Sarich, Sr. r/b Dorothea Dodds
- SATURDAY** **August 9, 2014**
4:30pm Maria Calzonetti (8th Anniversary) r/b Family
- SUNDAY** **August 10, 2014**
9:00am Dorothy King r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am Jim McLaughlin r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood
Elizabeth Picciano r/b Chris & Kathy Berns
Rev. Wayne Patrick Lavin r/b People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of the Victims of Malaysia Flight 17.

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.

July 26/27, 2014 Attendance/Collection	359/	\$3,966
July 27/28, 2013 Comparison	386/	\$3,738
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$4,620

Next Special Collection:

8/10/14: "Church Air Conditioning"

2014 House of Charity Appeal

2014 House of Charity y-t-d	\$24,970 (47%)
2014 House of Charity Goal	\$53,295

Thank you to the 104 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., 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, Ed Weingard.**

Ministry Schedule for August 9/10

(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, A. Cirullo, P. Petronis, *A. Knight

Lector: W. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: O. Graff, M. Conway, Q. Nguyen

EM's: S. Marano, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, L. D'Alessandro, *R. Leone

Lectors: P. Nolte, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: The Hughes Boys

EM's: P. Cioe, T. Mattera, J. Messina, L. Solano, *Geo. Tutwiler

Lectors: M. Miller, J. Scavuzzo



Need a Ride to Church

To Saturday's 4:30pm Mass.

Please call Millie in Collingswood at 856-662-4052.

Will cover gas costs. Thank You!

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

8/4-Monday- No Mass
8/5-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
8/6-Wednesday-9am Mass
8/7-Thursday-9am Mass
8/8-Friday-9am Mass, **Rectory Closed**
8/9--Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
8/10--Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, 11:45am Baptism Training



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, Sept. 5th, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



REASON #4 for Spending

a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament:

Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth. "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease." (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)

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

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

PAVER ORDER UPDATE!!! Proofs for the Spring Update have been received and approved. Our engraver expects to have them to us by the end of August. A total of 17 Pavers are on this order. **Thank you for your support!!**

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.**

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 (1st & maiden): _____

DOB: ____/____/____ Religion: _____

Marriage: Priest___ Special Permission___ Divorced___
Separated___ Single___ Widowed___ CoHabit___
Other_____

Children at Home Name: Date of Birth:

_____ ____/____/____

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Others Living in the Home: Date of Birth:

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Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage

Basilica of the National Shrine
of the
Immaculate Conception

Washington, D.C.



Our
Lady

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of Knots

Saturday, Oct. 11th

To reserve a seat on the bus
or for more info contact Mary Sharon

MonacoFamily4@comcast.net
856-662-6049



Bus departs St. Stephen's parking lot at **6:45am**.
Bus leaves the Shrine at **5:00pm** to return here.

Bus cost is **\$20 per person**. (hurry, limited seats!)
Make check payable to "St. Stephen Church".
Memo: "Marian Pilgrimage 10/11/14".

Your check may be dropped off or mailed to:
St. Stephen's Rectory
6306 Browning Road
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Please enclose contact info with your payment:

1. Cell phone number
2. Email address

Your check reserves your seat(s) and will act
as your receipt for this wonderful event.

BAG LUNCH highly recommended.

We will **NOT** be stopping
for dinner on the way home.

THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

Mr. Matthew Kelly explains in his book, “The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic” the need for prayer as being essential. He proposes the following prayer process:

“The Prayer Process, an adaptation of the examination, provides a consistent format to guide you in your daily prayer. The first barrier to entry for most people who feel drawn to prayer is that they simply don’t know how to pray. They have never been taught to pray. It is amazing how little time we as a Church spend teaching people how to pray. The Prayer Process overcomes the first barrier to entry by providing people with a format and a method. It provides the routine within the routine that Dynamic Catholics have spent decades developing through the painstaking process of trial and error.”

The Prayer Process

1. **Gratitude:** Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.
2. **Awareness:** Revisit the times in the past twenty-four hours when you were and were not the best version of yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.
3. **Significant Moments:** Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).
4. **Peace:** Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.
5. **Freedom:** Speak with God about how He is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the best version of yourself.
6. **Others:** Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.
7. **Finish by praying the “Our Father”.**

Prayerlessness: The Curse of Our Age

Matthew Kelly encourages us to begin (or renew) our commitment to a life of prayer. Use the Prayer Process to guide you. If you do, Matthew Kelly is confident that you will find it to be a faithful guide that will lead you deep into a lifelong friendship with God.

Source: “The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic”, pages 60-61, 69.