

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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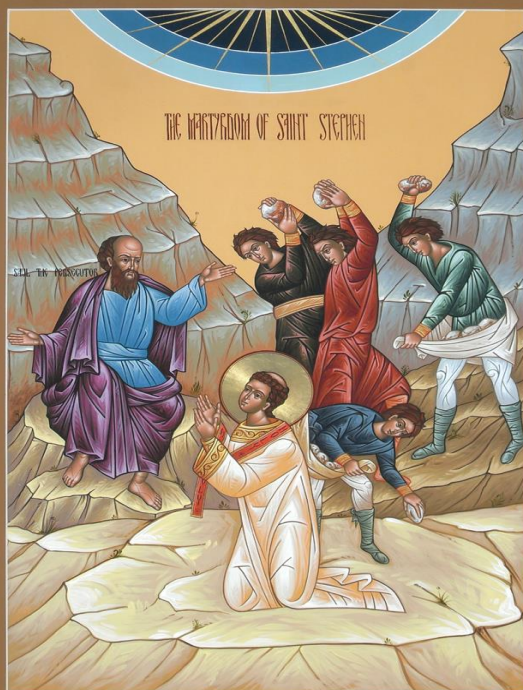
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Permanent Deacon

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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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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 30, 2015 – The Twenty-Second 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 9:00am	August 30, 2015 Victor Gerst, Sr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Marie Kaminski r/b Dana Pilkington
MONDAY 9:00am	August 31, 2015 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	September 1, 2015 Lena Valentine r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	September 2, 2015 Frank Rosolia r/b The Begley Family
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	September 3, 2015 Mass of Healing for Nancy Gogel r/b Family & Friends
FRIDAY 9:00am	September 4, 2015 (First Friday Adoration) Josephine "Jodi" DeRenzi r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
SATURDAY 4:30pm	September 5, 2015 Leo Repice, Sr. r/b St. Stephen's RCIA Team (Loretta & Dan Steinmetz, Lois Picknally, Alex Rende, and Jim Canalichio)
SUNDAY 9:00am	September 6, 2015 Frank Orsini r/b St. Stephen's Nursing Home Ministry
10:30am	Msgr. Joseph P. Herron r/b People of the Parish



The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Nicholas Gambino.

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 22/23, 2015 Collection:	\$5,121
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,486

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)

Remember Our Sick

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, Savaelina Perez, Frank Pigliacelli, 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 Vivliello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.**

Ministry Schedule for September 5/6

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner
EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, Sr. Eleanora, B. Taylor, *A. Cirullo
Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, B. McHugh
EM's: L. Monaco, MS Monaco, L. McHugh, M. Miller, *R. Davis
Lectors: P. Nolte, J. Messina

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, C. Aleszczyk
EM's: J. Fagan, K. Fagan, T. Link, T. Mattera, *T. Angstman
Lector: M. Turan

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewards are Doers"

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..."
(JAMES 1:22A)

What do *Stewards* do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

Knights' Flea Market Sept. 19th

The Knights of Columbus will be having their semi-annual flea market on **Saturday, September 19, from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm** at St Cecilia's School parking lot. Spaces are available. For further information, please call Lonnie Monaco at 856-662-6049.



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

- 8/31-Monday-9am Communion Service
- 9/1-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 9/2-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 9/3-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 9/4-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm, Rectory Closed
- 9/5-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 9/6-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.
For Prayer Requests for the month of **September**, please contact **Bernadette @ 856-854-2928.**

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 September 20th!

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 5th 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 #2 - Pain & Guilt

Stage 3 - Anger & Bargaining

You can become very frustrated and this brings on anger, sometimes at the most inappropriate moments and with the most inappropriate people or things. You lash out at someone or something for no apparent reason.

You may even play the "Blame Game" to find a reason for their passing.

"If only this had happened or that didn't happen; it is all the fault of _____."

Or, you may ask the question; "Why is this happening to me?" You find out that there is no answer to the question: "Why?"

Next week: Step #4 - Depression, Sadness, Reflection, & Loneliness

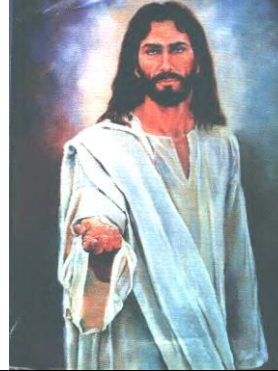
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Your comments are most welcome: 856-547-3860 or 856-383-5325 or steinberg.david07@comcast.net.



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 or Dominic Villecco at dvillecco@gmail.com.

A SPECIAL INVITATION Just for You!



You are cordially invited to come into the silence and spend one hour with Our Lord during our **First Friday Adoration September 4, 2015.**

Jesus said to His Apostles, "Could you not watch one hour with me? "

He is asking us the same question today.

Won't you say "YES" to His invitation?

RSVP to Rosemarie Leone @ 856-662-0035.



40 Days of Francis: Day 27

Pope Francis quote of the week: "In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry."

Knot of the week: In New Jersey, 31% of low income households spend more than 50% of total income on housing. Often, families must choose between paying rent, paying utilities or buying adequate food.

Thank you to all who came out to an open house with Catholic Charities last week! We enjoyed the opportunity to get to meet you, and thank you for all of your support. We continue our 40 Day preparation for the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia. Visit your local Catholic Charities center to learn about ways to get involved or visit us online at CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/40Days.

Discussion Club

Resumes Thursday, September 17th
7:00pm 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.

“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

Life in the Spirit Seminars

--Do you desire to consciously experience the graces and power of the Holy Spirit received in the sacraments?

--Are you curious about the Charismatic Renewal?

--Come join us for the seminars:

Sept. 13, 2015- God's Love and Salvation
by Fr. Rene Canales

Sept. 20, 2015 - New Life in the Spirit
by Deacon Bob and Shirley Oliver

Sept. 27, 2015 – Yielding to the Holy Spirit
by Deacon Emil and Marie Ralbusky

Oct. 4, 2015 - Baptism in the Holy Spirit
by Deacon Craig and Judy Bickel

Oct. 18, 2015 - Growth – by Fr. Raju Santhanam

Oct. 25, 2015 - Transformation
by Michael Hagan (about his afterlife experience)

Additional Speaker: Fr. Tom Kiely

No need to preregister – Just come and enjoy!
St. Rose of Lima Lounge (rectory basement)
300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, NJ
Sunday Evenings 7:30-9:30

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