

St. Stephen Parish

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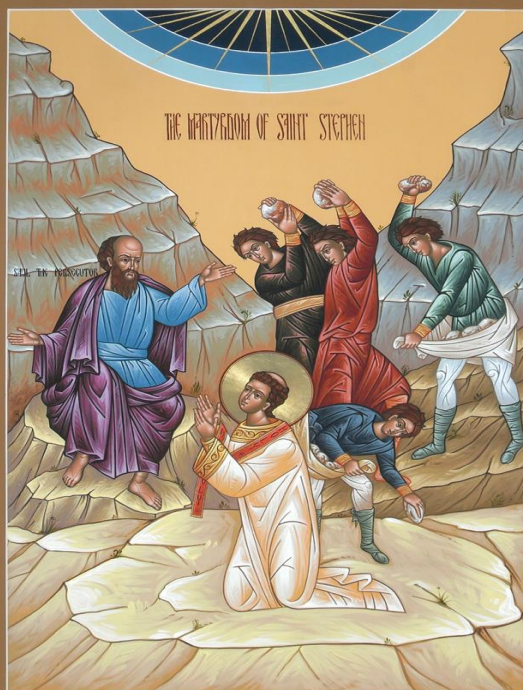
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Rectory Summer Hours

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



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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 9, 2015 – The Nineteenth 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 9, 2015
9:00am	Maria Calzonetti (9 th Anniversary) r/b Family
10:30am	Clifford Piontkowski r/b Rick & Bernice Taylor
MONDAY	August 10, 2015
9:00am	Communion Service
TUESDAY	August 11, 2015
9:00am	Douglas Klein r/b Rose Davis
WEDNESDAY	August 12, 2015
9:00am	Elaine Truran r/b George & Michelle Morales
THURSDAY	August 13, 2015
9:00am+Novena	Drew Nobel r/b Frank Pigliacelli
FRIDAY	August 14, 2015 (7pm Assumption Vigil)
9:00am	Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
7:00pm	Jeff Brown r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY	August 15, 2015
4:30pm	Betty Picciano (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Her Husband, Nick
SUNDAY	August 16, 2015
9:00am	Catherine Hartson (1 st Anniversary August 18 th) r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family Doris Booth r/b Jacqueline Magalong



**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of Eleanor Reino Richards.**

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 1 / 2, 2015 Collection:	\$6,164
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,528

Next Special Collection:

September 13, 2015:

"Holy Father's Peter Pence" (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, 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 Viviello, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for August 14/15/16

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

** Designates Alternate Server*

Friday, 7:00pm Assumption Vigil

Altar Server: TBD

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, R. Davis, A. Knight, E. Nolte

Lectors: Janis Melfi, Joan Rivera

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, V. Thibault, *Sr. Eleanor

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: Q. Nguyen

EM's: E. Nolte, M. Bufanio, R. Davis, L. McHugh, *R. Leone

Lector: J. Messina

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Server: M. Conway

EM's: T. Angstman, M. Conway, T. Mattera, J. Fagan, *K. Fagan

Lector: P. Cioe

**Special Vigil for the
Feast of the Assumption
Friday, August 14th
Mass @ 7pm**

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)



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Stewardship Reflection

"Stewardship Journey"

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you!" (1 KINGS 19:7B). Jesus knew that the **Stewardship** journey would be difficult, so He gave us the nourishment of the Eucharist. When we take time to join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength to give and joy in our giving.



Effective thru Labor Day

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

- 8/10-Monday-9am Communion Service
- 8/11-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 8/12-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 8/13-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 8/14-Friday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed, 7pm Assumption Vigil
- 8/15-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 8/16-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, Noon Baptism

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 in September***

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 2nd in an 18-week series dedicated to you who have felt the grief and loss of a Loved One:*

“A Call to Search Within”

Facing the unthinkable is one of the hardest things you are called upon to do this lifetime. Your Loved One may have left you by illness, accident, or other circumstance.

It could be a child, parent, friend, loved one, a pet, or a prominent person who touched you deeply, whether you knew them personally or not.

Like it or not, adjustments must be made, although they may be life altering. Emotionally, you think you can never get over the shock of loss. But, somehow you reach deep down inside of yourself and find strength from the source that you never knew was there.

The bond between the two of you is never broken because the body itself is not strong enough to break the spirit. It only changes the nature of the relationship.

There is always a sacred space in your heart reserved for the sentiments that will never be occupied by anyone else.

We, who remain behind, provide a shared sense of loss and comfort for each other. But, you must be able to find something to move you forward again to a new future.

Spirit never dies. It only rests until awakened again. Surely as Winter turns into Spring, there will be rebirth within you, as well.

After all, despite the abrupt change in your life, the Sun will come up tomorrow. Will you be able to feel it?

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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.

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

Reflections on Today’s Readings

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 Reflection - 1 Kings 19:4-8

Sometimes our fears and troubles seem to be just too much for us. We may feel that we cannot go on. The prophet Elijah felt that way after being pursued by his enemies who wanted to kill him. He sat down under a tree and prayed for death. But God awakened him twice, providing food and water for his dejected messenger. The refreshments and the knowledge of how much God cared for him gave Elijah the strength to continue his journey to "the mountain of God."

Each Sunday is our day of rest from the activities and the difficulties of the week. We are strengthened by the Eucharist and our knowledge of how much God cares for each one of us.

Reading 2 Reflection - Ephesians 4:30—5:2

At our Baptism we received the new life of the Holy Spirit. In this reading, Paul encourages those who have been baptized to avoid acting in ways that "sadden the Holy Spirit." Cruelty and harshness of every kind should be avoided. Christians are called instead to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving. In that way they imitate Christ who has been kind, compassionate, and forgiving to them.

It is not always easy to say no to cruelty and bitterness. But, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we have the power to follow Jesus' example.

Gospel Reflection - John 6:41-51

When a teacher introduces a completely new idea, students sometimes resist it. They may complain "I don't get it. It doesn't make sense to me." When Jesus began teaching the Jews that he himself was the "bread that came down from heaven," they muttered and murmured in complaint. They thought they knew who Jesus was. But Jesus responds by promising them that if they eat the living bread, they will live forever. He will give his flesh for the life of the world.

In the Eucharist, we experience the truth of Jesus' promise. We receive the living bread and know that we shall live forever.

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The Franklin Institute is also a premiere destination of world-class special exhibitions that offer unique educational and cultural experiences, making us a must-see destination for any group.

Vatican Splendors

September 19, 2015—
February 15, 2016

Experience 2,000 years of
Vatican history in
Philadelphia!

In *Vatican Splendors*, more
than 200 priceless
artifacts form a great mosaic
of the history of

the Catholic church and its impact on art, history, and culture. From the sights and sounds of the grand Basilica to a chalice of Saint John Paul II; tools used in work on the Sistine Chapel and Basilica of Saint Peter's to venerated relics of Saint Peter and Saint Paul; a votive plaque from the Tomb of Saint Peter and much more will take you on a journey through the ages of artistic expression and religious iconography.

Special pricing for groups of 15+
\$14.95 per child
\$24.95 per adult

For Tickets & Info call
Melissa at (215)448-1387



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