

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



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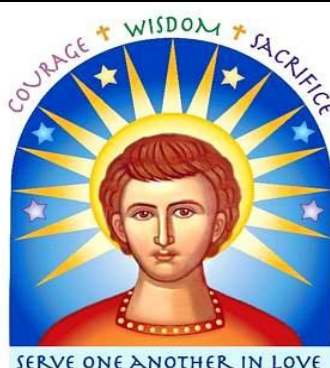
One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

Emergencies: (856) 261-9336
(Accidents, Dying or Death)



Contact Information

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September 1, 2013 – The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday thru Friday – 9:00am

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday – 4:30pm (**Reconciliation 3:45pm-4:15pm**)

Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am

Children's Liturgy: 3rd Sunday @ 9:00am

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm – 7pm Vigil

Miraculous Medal Novena – Every Thursday after 9am Mass.

Eucharistic Exposition – First Friday from 9:30am-7pm.

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.

Tribunal Parish Advocate-Dc. Anthony Cioe- (856) 227-2145

Rectory Office Hours-Monday thru Friday 9am-4:30pm

(Closed all Holy Days of Obligation & National Holidays)

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.

Parish Membership – Moving INTO the parish all are asked to register as soon as possible.

Moving WITHIN or OUT – kindly notify rectory of changes.

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.

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.

Our Parish Family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life.

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 2014 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY September 2, 2013 (Rectory closed Labor Day)
9:00am Mary Iacovelli r/b Edith Alessi

TUESDAY September 3, 2013
9:00am Angelina Zinicola r/b Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ

WEDNESDAY September 4, 2013
9:00am Dolores McCarthy r/b Michael Ciarrocca

THURSDAY September 5, 2013
9:00am+Novena Josephine Leahy r/b Family

FRIDAY September 6, 2013 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am John C. Valentino
r/b The Staff & Students of St. Stephen School

SATURDAY September 7, 2013
4:30pm Kenneth Knight r/b Carmella Meyers

SUNDAY September 8, 2013
9:00am William & Mary McNulty r/b Jim & Michele Casey
10:30am Marie DiFrank r/b Rosina Midili & Susan Midili
Linda Mora r/b Father Rocco & Family
Tony, Yola, & Nicky LaRocca
r/b The Catalani & Pompeano Families
Deceased Members of the Pompeano Family
r/b Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Our Deceased Military.

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 24/25, 2013 Attendance/Collection	389/	\$3,892
August 25/26, 2012 Comparison	495/	\$4,579
2013-14 Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$4,674

Next Special Collection: 9/8/13: "Peter's Pence/Holy Father"

2013 House of Charity Appeal

2013 House of Charity Y-T-D	\$48,432.50 (92.7%)
2013 House of Charity Goals	\$52,250.00

Let a gift to the House of Charity allow the fire of love to grow in you. Your donation helps ensure that vital programs continue, which not only give financial support but also teaches others how to improve their difficult situations and become more independent.

Thank you to the 141 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.



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:

Dolly Angelastro, Edith Bielinski, Milton Burns, Mary Caruso, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Dot Corbett, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Richard Gentile, Sr., Thomas Holmes Sr., Donna Krawchuk, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Marge Leone, Wanda Loperfido, Maureen Lukasiak, Joann Lunsford, John Maggioncalda, Harry & Mary Ellen Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, Debbi Morrissey, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Betty Picciano, Frank Pigliacelli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Theresa Sauer, Loretta Stayton, Kathleen Stehm, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, John Vindick, Mary Vivillo, Anthony Vocale, Ronald Wybranski.

Ministry Schedule for September 7/8

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Ciarrocca, M. Ciarrocca, S. Surgner
EM's: J. Heininger, L. Heininger, T. Angstman, A. Knight, B. Taylor
Lector: D. Heck

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: B. McHugh, O. Graff, C. Hearn
EM's: S. Marano, L. Monaco, R. Davis, S. Mufalli, *E. Nolte
Lectors: Ry. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: L. Fagan, K. Coar, K. Coar
EM's: C. Otto, Geo. Tutwiler, Gail Tutwiler, W. Delfin, *T. Scavuzzo
Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, M. Miller

Peter's Pence Collection

Next Weekend, September 7/8

Next week our Diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.



CENTERING PRAYER INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

Next Sunday, September 8 - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sister Marcy, Francis House of Prayer

(609) 877-0509 – Email FHOP@verizon.net

39 SPRINGSIDE ROAD, WESTAMPTON, NJ

What is Centering Prayer? Is God calling me to this form of prayer? Do I have a desire for union with God that seems unfulfilled by other types of prayer? How do I "do" Centering Prayer? Will Centering Prayer really change me? Is the fact that I can't quiet my mind a problem? Come and see. It is well worth the day. Donation: \$25

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 9/2-Monday-9am Mass, **Rectory Closed Labor Day**
- 9/3-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 9/4-Wednesday-9am Mass, **School Reopens**
- 9/5-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena,
- 9/6-First Friday-9am Mass, **Adoration until 7pm**
- 9/7-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 9/8-Sunday- 9am Mass & 10:30am Mass, **Noon Baptismal Training**



Monday Ladies' Bible Study

Will resume September 9th from 1-2:30pm in the Stonegan 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

CCD Representatives will be available after all Masses next weekend, September 7 & 8, for Registrations and further information.

Forms may be found in the rectory and on our website. The fee remains at **\$125 per family**. Start date is **9/18/13**.

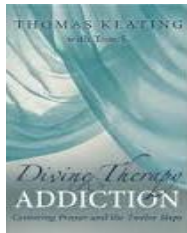
Thursday Night

Discussion Club

WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 12th

We'll be discussing

"Divine Therapy & Addiction"
by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO



First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, Sept. 6th, 9:30am-7:00pm.**



"The worship given to the Trinity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...must fill our churches also outside the timetable of Masses...Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation of the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease." -Blessed John Paul II

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.

Bereavement Committee

The Bereavement Committee is seeking volunteers to help minister to those who've recently lost loved ones in our community of faith. To join this special ministry, please call **Joy Bowman at 662-4803**.

Council & Board Meetings

All meetings 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

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| Monday, September 9th | Finance Council |
| Monday, September 16th | Parish Council |
| Monday, September 23rd | Liturgy Board |

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

Paver Update: All proofs have been corrected and processed. Fabrication commenced August 26th and will take approximately 2 weeks. All pavers will be available for viewing when received. As more information is received we will keep you updated. **Thank you for your orders and patience!!!**

Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception, Council 3512

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.

Scrip Fundraising Program

Scrip is available for purchase at the Scrip Table after all weekend Masses and at the rectory during regular business office hours, **Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm** (excluding Holy Days & Holidays).

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.


Prayer requests for the month of September, please contact **Linda @ 856-661-8045.**

Garden Festival Sept. 7th

The LITTLE SERVANT SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will host a GARDEN FESTIVAL, their 45TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER with the help of Volunteers to be held at the Provinciate – Novitiate, 1000 Cropwell Road, Cherry Hill, NJ – on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The event will feature homemade Polish hot and frozen food and baked goods, as well as American food, Mr. Softee Ice Cream & refreshments. Andy Citkowicz – Radio Personality and Disc Jockey will be on stage from noon to 5 pm. There will be a well-displayed White Elephant Sale & Collectibles, Religious Goods, Polish Imports, Live Plants & Flora, Silk Flowers, Special Prizes & Children’s Games.

Divine Mercy Devotions & Benediction will take place in the Convent Chapel at 3 p.m. Guests from near and far will be welcome The support received help the Little Servant Sisters with the training of Sisters in teaching and health care in the USA, and also in some measure among the poor in their care in their overseas missions in Africa, Eastern Europe, Russian East Siberia & the Philippines.

	<p>The 25th annual Charismatic Conference will be held at the Wildwood Convention Center in Wildwood, NJ on the weekend of October 11, 12 & 13.</p> <p>Adult, Senior High Youth and Junior High Youth Tracks will be offered. Come join us as we celebrate our Silver Anniversary.</p> <p>This year’s theme is “Your every act should be done with love.” <i>1 Cor 16:14</i></p>
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For a registration form or more information, go to <http://www.camdencharismatic.org> or call (609) 522-5010

CCHS Class of 1963 50-Year Reunion

The first class to graduate from Camden Catholic’s Cherry Hill location is celebrating their 50th reunion on Saturday, October 19, from 6-11 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel in Mount Laurel. For tickets or to provide your updated contact information, visit www.cchsclassof1963.com, call Jim Bigley 856-816-6907, Janet Sereno Lewis 856-840-5959, Vicki Sclafani Orzechowski 609-220-9604 or email cchs63reunion@gmail.com.

UPCOMING CAP SESSIONS

We can be sure that we love God’s children when we love God and do what he has commanded. 1 John 5:2

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment-training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB’s *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is called *No More Bullies, No More Victims* and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

CAP 3 is called *Cyber-Empowerment* and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere. Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1 or 2 again if they prefer.

The following sessions will be offered in **September**:

CAP Phase 1

- Saturday, September 14, 2013, 10:00am, Newman House, Glassboro
- Monday, September 16, 2013, 7:00pm, Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Center
- Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 7:00pm, St. Katharine Drexel, Egg Harbor Twp
- Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 7:00pm, Our Lady of Peace, Williamstown, Marian Hall
- Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 7:00pm, St. Damien, Ocean City, St. Frances of Cabrini Church, 2nd & Atlantic Ave

CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention

- Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 7:00pm, Christ the Good Shepherd, Vineland
- Monday, September 23, 2013, 7:00pm, Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Center

CAP Phase 3 – Cyber Empowerment

- Thursday, September 5, 2013, 1:00pm, Camden Catholic High, Cherry Hill

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (856) 583-6165 or email Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org to register.

Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend. The CAP schedule, location phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website @ www.camdendiocese.org.

Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness Adult Study Program

Beginning September 25, 2013, St. Stephen's Parish will present "Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness", an adult study program created by Fr. Robert Barron.

Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. Father Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of "the One who is, Jesus Christ." He lays out three intriguing paths to holiness: finding the center; knowing you are a sinner; and realizing your life is not about you. He also provides practical approaches to enhance the journey along these three paths.

This is a 6-week DVD series held at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish Center**, on Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. **All are Welcome!** For further information or to register, please call Lily at (856) 786-0567.

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## ***Celebrate John Paul II Anticipating His Canonization***

**Sunday, September 29, 2013  
Faith, Family, Fun & Food**

**Pope John Paul II Retreat Center  
414 S. Eighth Street, Vineland, NJ 08360  
(856) 691-2299**

### **Programs from 7:30am – 6:00pm**

**Church:** 8am Italian Mass, 10:30pm Spanish Mass, 2:30pm Polish Mass, Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
4:00pm English Mass

**Chapel:** Adoration 7:30pm-2:30pm, Veneration JP II  
Relic All Day, Confessions All Day.

**Retreat Bookstore:** Books, Films, DVD's available  
Retreat House – Meeting Room: Life, Teaching &  
Spirituality of John Paul II All Day

**Retreat Hall:** Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of  
Columbus 8am-10:30am, Dinner featuring Multicultural  
Food, Entertainment & Fun from 12pm – 6pm.

Visit us at [www.PopeJohnPaul2rc.catholicweb.com](http://www.PopeJohnPaul2rc.catholicweb.com)



# Saint Stephen SCHOOL

*Developing scholars, leaders and friends in faith*

## ***2013-2014 REGISTRATION***

Saint Stephen School is accepting new students for the 2013-2014 school year. We have a few openings left. Please call the office at 856-662-5935 if you would like to make appointment to see the school and meet our wonderful students and teachers. We look forward to you and your friends becoming part of the Saint Stephen's school family.

Our School's current enrollment in Grade K to 8th for the next school year is **184**. We have room for many more students. If you know someone who is looking for the best Catholic education in Pennsauken, please have them contact the school. Thank you for spreading the word about the best kept secret in town.

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Life in the Spirit Seminars

The Life in the Spirit Seminars are an exciting opportunity for you to "step away" and take time to renew and deepen your personal relationship with the person, the work, and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Join us on Sundays from September 8 - October 27 at 7:30-9:00pm** at St. Rose of Lima (parish lounge in rectory basement) 300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights.

The guest speakers will includes **Fr. Joseph Byerley, Fr. Peter Idler, Msgr. Michael Mannion, Deacon Craig Bickel and Deacon Joe Garozzo.**

For more information contact Chick Warrington (856)783-7117 chickwarrington@comcast.net or Sue Wheeler (856)854-5844 cswheeler45@gmail.com. All are warmly welcome!

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## ***Seeking a Position of Service***

Local Christian writer/former librarian seeks situation offering caregiving/domestic services in exchange for room & board in nonsmoking household. Experienced w/ excellent references. Email [eliz.kessler@hotmail.com](mailto:eliz.kessler@hotmail.com). OR contact rectory @ 856-662-9338, x6.