

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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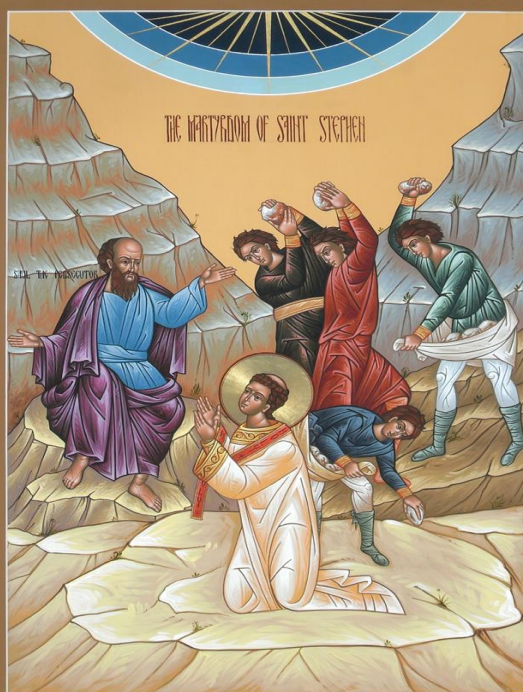
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Monday thru Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

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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.*

September 13, 2015 – The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion Service: Monday - 9:00am

Daily Mass: 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 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	September 13, 2015 Frank Orsini r/b Frank & Rita Miller
10:30am	John Kerwick r/b His Wife, Son & Family Alyce Klaus r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Dee & John Von Alex r/b Sister, Terry Scavuzzo
MONDAY 9:00am	September 14, 2015 <i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY 9:00am	September 15, 2015 Msgr. Joseph P. Herron r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	September 16, 2015 Betty Lou McGurrin r/b The Loperfido Family
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	September 17, 2015 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	September 18, 2015 Florence McHugh r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
SATURDAY 4:30pm	September 19, 2015 George Favuzzi r/b Lonnie & Mary Sharon Monaco
SUNDAY 9:00am	September 20, 2015 Joseph Miozzi r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
10:30am	T.J. Maher r/b The Monaco Family The Pompeano & Catalani Families r/b Family Samuel & Josephine Scavuzzo r/b Joe & Terry Scavuzzo and Family



**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of Mark Anthony Meloni.**

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.

September 5/6, 2015 Collection:	\$4,611
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,469

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, Jackie Cardwell, 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 VivIELlo, Doreen Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for September 19/20

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: A. Knight, A. Cirullo, J. Heining, L. Heining, *C. Pandola

Lector: R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, M. Conway

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

Lectors: W. McHugh, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: O. Albert, K. Fagan

EM's: T. Angstman, T. Link, M. Meloni, J. Fagan, *K. Fagan

Lectors: P. Cioe, J. Messina



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.

	<p>Knights of Columbus, Council 3512</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Hoagie Sale</h2>
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As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 & \$6.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **Sept. 19 & 20**. For info call 856-227-4980.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

9/14-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study
9/15-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
9/16-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Opening Mass
9/17-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Wedding Prep,
6pm Children's Choir, 7pm Adult Choir, 7pm Discussion Club
9/18-Friday-9am Mass
9/19-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
9/20-Catechetical 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 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)

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

Opening Mass September 16th at 6:15pm.

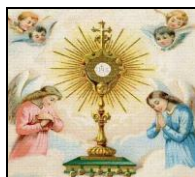
Registration forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The fee is **\$135 per family.**

Thursday Night Discussion Club

**Will Resume September 17th.
See Page 5 for Details!**

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, October 2, 2015, 9:45am-7:00pm.**



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

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your early Fall reading needs! We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. Please stop by after Masses.

Hours: Saturday, 5:30-6:00pm

Sunday, 10:00-10:30; 11:30-12:00

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
Resumes next Sunday, 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 7th 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 #4

Depression, Sadness, Reflection, & Loneliness

Stage #5 -The Upward Turn

As time goes on and your habits change from being with that person to not being with them, you begin to feel a bit more calm and your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual self returns to a different balance, and you start to feel better.

Next week: Stage #6

Reconstruction & Working Through

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

St. Theresa Novena Sept. 23-Oct. 1

The annual novena to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus will be held at St. Teresa Church, Holy Child Parish, Evesham Ave at the Black Horse Pike in Runnemede, from **Sept. 23 to Oct. 1, 2015**. Mass, novena prayers and veneration of relics each night at 7:00 pm except Saturday, Sept 26 at 5:00 pm. Concelebrated closing Mass on October 1 with distribution of roses.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

HOT HOT HOT. If you enjoy the warmth of summer, why not sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and bring some more warmth and intimacy to your marriage.

The next weekend dates are October 23-25 and December 11-13, 2015.

Call 609-742-4035 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.

Paul VI High School News

Paul VI Tours & Touchdowns will be offered on September 25, and October 30 at 6 PM. Arrive at the PVI football gate by 6 o’clock for a student-guided tour of our beautiful facility, and stay for Friday night football under the lights. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations are appreciated. For more information, please visit our website, www.pvihs.org/Admissions.

Paul VI Scholarship Test will be conducted at Paul VI, on Saturday October 17th. Paul VI High School annually awards academic scholarships to incoming freshmen. To enter the scholarship process, 8th grade students must take the HSPT at Paul VI on October 17th. For more information, and to register for the test, please visit our website, www.pvihs.org/Admissions.

Paul VI Eagle-for-a-Day visits are available for 8th grade students throughout the fall admissions season. To see the schedule of available dates, and to make a reservation, please visit the Paul VI website at www.pvihs.org/Admissions. Experience a day in the life of a Paul VI Eagle!

Paul VI High School Open House will be held at 6:30 PM, Thursday, November 19th. Middle school students and their families are invited to meet our faculty, coaches and students, and enjoy special performances by our performing arts groups. Reservations are appreciated, but not required. For more information, please visit our website, www.pvihs.org/Admissions.

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Paul VI Director of Admissions, kstewart@pvihs.org

Mercy Ministry Diocesan Event: Best Practices for Reaching Out to a Wounded World

“Mercy Ministry” is a daylong workshop all about being Christ’s hands and feet in the world! Three main elements will make up the day:

1. Keynote address by acclaimed writer Kerry Weber, who wrote the fabulous book *Mercy in the City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned, and Keep Your Day Job*.
2. Display hall featuring about a dozen community agencies, partners who your faith community can connect with for service opportunities. Confirmed attendees include 40 Days for Life prayer vigil, Catholic Charities, Cathedral Kitchen soup kitchen (Camden), Atlantic City Rescue Mission, and Rachel’s Vineyard post-abortion healing ministry.
3. Educational workshops in five different ministry areas. You’ll be able to pick the two of most interest to you.

Saturday, October 10, 2015

8:30am–3:00pm | St. Charles Borromeo, Sicklerville, NJ

Cost: \$10.00. Breakfast and lunch included.

Registration required.

Learn more and register online at

www.camdendiocese.org/mercymistry

Questions? Contact diocesan Life & Justice director Mike Jordan Laskey 856.583.6119 or michael.laskey@camdendiocese.org

Discussion Club

Resumes this 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.

Papal Mass Celebration

St. Stephen Church or Parish Center

On Sunday, September 27th at 4pm we are inviting all parishioners to join us in the Church or the Parish Center for the live telecast of the Papal Mass. After the Mass you're welcome to share your favorite dish with those who are attending. There will be sign-up sheets in the church vestibule. Please indicate the number who are attending and the food item you'd like to share.

“Music Ministry Notes”

Fall 2015



As we move into the fall season, the Music Ministry of St. Stephen Parish is in full swing. We begin formal rehearsals in September, and our Children’s Choir, Adult Choir, Ensemble, Folk Group, Musicians and Cantors are scheduled to provide the music to enhance each of our parish liturgies. We are very grateful to those members of the Music Ministry who shared their musical gifts with the parish over the summer months. We have many exciting events planned for this coming year, so stay tuned to the bulleting for more information.

It is our hope to grow our ministry this year by welcoming new members. If you are interested in seeing what happens at our various rehearsals, please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions and invite you to attend a rehearsal.

St. Stephen Parish is blessed with many talented parishioners. Is this the year that you will share your talent? Please contact the parish office, provide your contact information, and I will call you back. Or, you can just stop by and chat after Mass. In the meantime, please continue to join our Music Ministry from the pews by lifting your voices in song with us.

Thank you,
Mrs. Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Music Director