

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco

Pastor

Rev. Mr. Anthony Cioe

Permanent Deacon

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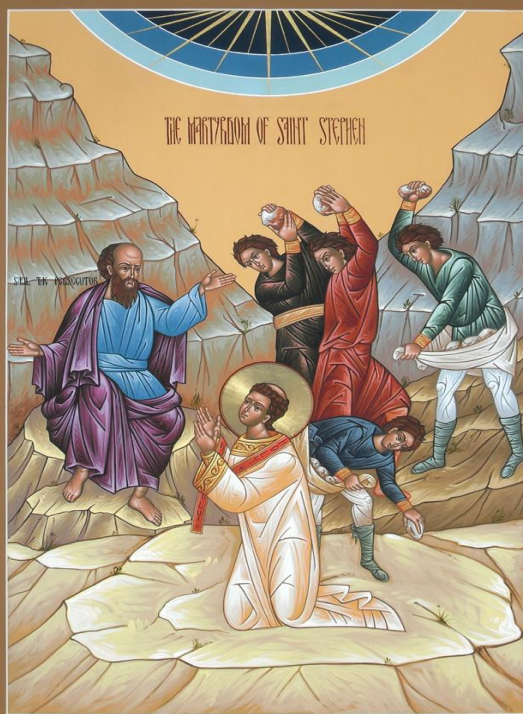
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees

Rose Marie Davis
Orlando Monaco

Rectory Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
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:

ecclesia@comcast.net

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.

September 14, 2014 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday 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".

- MONDAY** **September 15, 2014**
Catherine Hartson r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
- TUESDAY** **September 16, 2014**
9:00am The Parents of Sen Ho r/b The Sen Ho Family
- WEDNESDAY** **September 17, 2014**
9:00am Marie Leonard r/b The Rocco Family
- THURSDAY** **September 18, 2014**
9:00am+Novena People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
- FRIDAY** **September 19, 2014**
9:00am A Special Intention r/b Family
- SATURDAY** **September 20, 2014**
4:30pm Daniel Novoa r/b The Pandola Family
- SUNDAY** **September 21, 2014**
9:00am Marie C. Miller r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am John Meyer r/b Family
Catherine Hartson r/b Rose Kelly
Anthony Pingelli r/b The Kurtz Family
Mary & Harry Donato r/b Anita Rachubinski

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of the 1,900+ Ebola Victims this year.

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.

Sept. 6/7, 2014 Attendance/Collection	418/	\$4,975
Sept. 7/8, 2013 Comparison	477/	\$6,346
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$4,738

Special Diocesan Collections:

9/14/14: "Catholic University" --- 10/5/14: "Pro Life"

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.

Prayer Pavers to Our Lady Update

Thank You!!! The Knights of Columbus wish to extend a huge thank you to all Parishioners who purchased pavers for the spring update. **Through your generosity and support, we were able to present an additional \$1,500.00 to our parish!** 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.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

Friday, October 3rd, 9:45am-7:00pm.



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, Joy Bowman, 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, Barbara Weingard.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.
Prayer requests for the month of September, contact **Diane @ (856) 308-8224.**

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.**

Ministry Schedule for September 20/21

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: T. Mason, S. Caban, J. Bui
EM's: A. Knight, J. Heininger, L. Heininger, P. Petronis, *Sr. Eleanora
Lector: W. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: T. Albert, C. Hearn, B. McHugh
EM's: S. Marano, M. Bufanio, L. D'Alessandro, E. Nolte, *R. Leone
Lectors: M. Miller, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, L. Fagan, C. Aleszczyk
EM's: K. Fagan, J. Fagan, L. Solano, J. Messina, *M. Meloni
Lector: P. Cioe

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

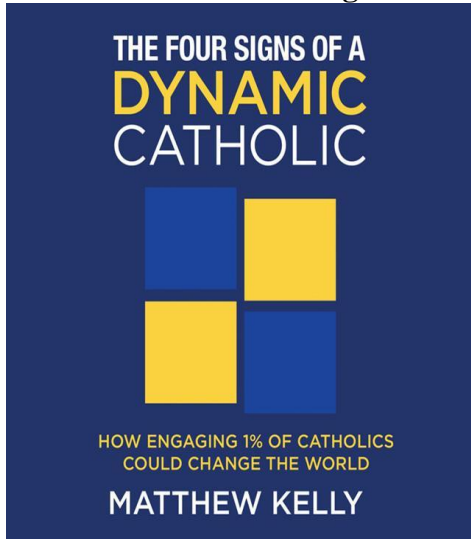
- 9/15-Monday-9am Mass (1pm Bible Study resumes October 6th)
- 9/16-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Pastoral Council
- 9/17-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6pm Choirs
- 9/18-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 9/19-Friday-9am Mass
- 9/20-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 9/21-Sunday-9am Catechetical Sunday Mass, 10:30am Mass

Upcoming Council Meeting

Pastoral Council: Tuesday, Sept. 16 @ 7pm, Parish Center

Thursday Night Discussion Club Continues this Thursday, September 18th.

We are discussing:



ALL ARE WELCOME TO CONTINUE OUR PARISH DISCUSSION IN PLANNING THE FUTURE OF ST. STEPHEN PARISH.

Knights of Columbus

Immaculate Conception Council 3512

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I hope you know the Knights of Columbus and what we do for Family, Church and Community. This is just a thank you for all the times you have donated to all our causes. We are a group of men that have strong feelings about what we do for our church, our community and our religion. We plan events based on those feelings knowing where the money raised will go and who it will help. This Parish is always behind us! It doesn't matter if we are standing at the door with baskets or running an event where we charge admission, you are always there.

When asked, we are very involved with helping our Pastor and other ministries of the Parish. I will not go into details here, we don't do those things for praise. The people we help know who we are and always say "thank you", and that is quite enough. Just know this: If something is going on at the Parish, you will probably see the Knights of Columbus there helping.

With that said, any men that would like to join us and help us achieve our goals, please contact us:

Grand Knight: Tony Diaz (856) 495-3955

Membership Chairman: George B. Tutwiler (609) 634-3631

Or, if you see one of us at Mass, just come up to us and say "hello" and we can help you become a member of this great organization.

Knights Flea Market Sept. 27th

The Knights of Columbus will be having their semi-annual flea market on **Saturday, September 27, from 8:00am to 2:30pm** at **St. Cecilia's School parking lot**. Spaces are available. For further information, please call Lonnie Monaco at 856 662-6049.

Submit Knots!

All are welcome to "submit knots" to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots for the Mass on October 11th in Washington, DC (whether you're going or not). Simply log on to our church website and click on this graphic on the home page.

We would like to invite parishioners who do not have computers to submit their "KNOTS" by writing their prayer intentions and placing the intentions in the basket in the church vestibule. The intentions will be brought to the Shrine and placed in front of an image of Our Lady.

Annual Blue Mass Sept. 29th

The Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D., Bishop of Camden, will celebrate the Annual Blue Mass at Saint Agnes Church / Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood, NJ on Monday, September 29th at 10:30am. The Blue Mass is celebrated each year for the law enforcement and public safety community who protect and serve the communities of the diocese which comprises the six southern counties of New Jersey. All police, fire and EMS departments, the Department of Corrections, their families and those who support them are encouraged to attend.

Emotions Anonymous (EA) announces the beginning of a new chapter. EA is a twelve-step program for emotional wellness and learning to live with unsolved problems. It began on September 11, 2014, and will meet each week thereafter. Meetings will be held on Thursday at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at 2395 Route 70 West, Cherry Hill, NJ (Bishops View Clubhouse). Everyone is welcome. For further information call Dave at 856-701-7805.

"Make an Impact" Yard Sale

Help change the lives of a family in desperate need. Together, we can raise funds for Cross Catholic Outreach to build a multi-room house to provide shelter, security and hope to a needy family.

For this purpose, St. Rose of Lima Charismatic Prayer Group has scheduled a yard sale on **Saturday, September 27 from 9:00am to 2:00pm** in the **basement of Sacred Heart Church**, which is on the corner of Kings Highway and the Black Horse Pike in Mount Ephraim.

You can help by donating items, contributing financially, shopping at the yard sale, or assisting with preparation, sales or cleanup. Donation of all sorts of items are welcome except for furniture.

Donations can be dropped off at Sacred Heart Church basement on Saturday, September 20 or Sunday, September 21 from 10:00 to 2:00am. For more information, contact Sue Wheeler: phone 856-745-1550 or email cswheeler45@gmail.com

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.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION:

This student: ___ Has been confirmed ___ Has not been confirmed

Church Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS OR FOOD ALLERGIES: ___ NO ___ YES

Explain..... Please list all medical, behavioral, or learning related needs or conditions.

NOTICE: IN CASE OF EMERGENCY WE WILL CALL 911

LIST THE NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND PHONE NUMBERS OF TWO PERSONS NOT LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WHOM YOU AUTHORIZE TO TAKE CUSTODY OF YOUR CHILD IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AND WE CANNOT REACH YOU.

1) NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: __ (_____) _____

2) NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: __ (_____) _____

CHILD PICK-UP AUTHORIZATION

LIST NAMES OF ALL THE PERSONS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL IF YOU ARE UNABLE. IF THIS SHOULD CHANGE, PLEASE SEND A NOTE WITH THE NAME OF THE PERSON TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP.

ADULTS AUTHORIZED:

1) _____ 2) _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CATHOLIC SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION:

Name of Catholic school currently attending (include phone #)

School: _____ School Phone#: __ (_____) _____

FEES:

First Reconciliation/First Communion: \$50

Confirmation: \$60

\$135 per family

**ST STEPHEN PARISH –PENNSAUKEN, NJ
2014-2015 K-8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM**

DATE: _____

THIS REGISTRATION IS FOR: (CHOOSE ONE "X")

- A Child who was not in Catechetical classes last year _____
- A Child who was in Catechetical classes at St Stephen last year _____
- A child who attended catechetical classes in a different parish last year _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Name of the **Head of Household** as registered in the parish: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____ Grade in Fall 2014 _____ (K -8)

First Name : _____ Gender: Male - Female (circle)

Family Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-Mail: _____

BIRTH INFORMATION: (AS LISTED ON CHILDS BIRTH CERTIFICATE)

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth: _____

Birth Father Name: _____

Birth Mother Name: _____ Mother's Maiden Name: _____

BAPTISM INFORMATION:

This student is :

____ Baptized ____ Not Baptized (IF NOT , BIRTH CERTIFICATE NEEDED UPON REGISTRATION)

Church Name : _____

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION:

This student: ____ Has received First Communion ____ Has not received First Communion

Church Name: _____

City : _____ State: _____

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