

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



*Different Histories...*

*One Faith...*

*Different Ages...*

## *Pastoral Staff*

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor  
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Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal  
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

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



## *Contact Information*

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## *September 15, 2013 – The Twenty-Fourth 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 16, 2013</b> Mary Halinski r/b The Kaplan Family
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 17, 2013</b> Mary Iacovelli r/b Rosemarie & Anthony Leone
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 18, 2013</b> Gloria Vendetti r/b Lonnie & Mary Sharon Monaco
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>September 19, 2013</b> Mary Iacovelli r/b Lois Picknally
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 20, 2013</b> Mary Iacovelli r/b Rose Davis
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>September 21, 2013</b> Sr. Ann Thomas Sullivan, SSJ r/b The Sisters of St. Joseph
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 22, 2013</b> Madeline Tryson r/b Her Husband, Paul
10:30am	George C. Casper r/b Nick & Betty Picciano Deceased Members of the Rocks Family r/b Family Harry & Mary Donato r/b Anita Rachubinski John Meyer r/b Family

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Marion Kaminski.

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. 7/8, 2013 Attendance/Collection	477/	\$6,346
Sept. 8/9, 2012 Comparison	542/	\$6,811
2013-14 Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$4,873

**Upcoming Special Collections:**

9/22/13: "Catholic University"  
10/6/13: "Pro-Life"

## 2013 House of Charity Appeal

2013 House of Charity Y-T-D	\$50,316.50 (96.3%)
2013 House of Charity Goal\$	\$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, Esther Nunez, 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 21/22

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** T. Mason, M. Hobbs, S. Caban  
**EM's:** B. Taylor, J. Heininger, L. Heininger, P. Petronis, \*A. Knight  
**Lectors:** J. Melfi, R. Taylor

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** B. McHugh, O. Graff, J. Bui  
**EM's:** S. Marano, N. Schmidt, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, \*M. Miller  
**Lector:** D. Steinmetz

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** K. Coar, J. Mack, K. Coar  
**EM's:** J. Messina, P. Cioe, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, \*L. D'Alessandro  
**Lectors:** C. Otto, L. Fagan

# Catholic University

## Special Collection September 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

### ***This Week @ St. Stephen Parish***

9/16-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Parish Council, 7:30pm Knights' Installation  
 9/17-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 9/18-Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm Opening CCD Mass, 7pm Choir  
 9/19-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club  
 9/20-Friday-9am Mass  
 9/21-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 9/22-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

*A Message for All the Ladies:*



God values you, and \_\_\_\_\_ has a plan for your life!

### ***Monday Ladies' Bible Study***

1-2:30pm in the Stonegate 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***

#### **Opening CCD Mass is**

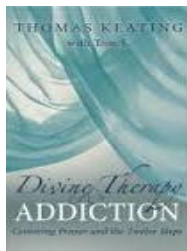
**THIS WEDNESDAY, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.**

Registration forms may be found in the rectory and on our website. The fee remains at **\$125 per family.**

### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

CONTINUES SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Center.

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



### ***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

**Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

- Monday, September 16 Parish Council
- Monday, September 23 Liturgy Board
- Wednesday, Sept. 25 Spiritual Life (Location TBD)
- Monday, October 14 Finance Council

## ***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](http://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.**



The 25th annual Charismatic Conference will be held at the Wildwood Convention Center in Wildwood, NJ on the weekend of October 11, 12 & 13.

Adult, Senior High Youth and Junior High Youth Tracks will be offered. Come join us as we celebrate our Silver Anniversary.

This year's theme is "Your every act should be done with love." 1 Cor 16:14

For a registration form or more information, go to <http://www.camdencharismatic.org> or call (609) 522-5010

**CCHS LOOKING FOR CLASSMATES**

Camden Catholic High School Class of 1968 will have its 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion Oct 5, 2013 in Avalon, NJ. For more info contact Adrienne (Vece) Bilotta at [adrienne.bilotta@gmail.com](mailto:adrienne.bilotta@gmail.com) or 609-839-2315 or Len Wood at [oport63@hotmail.com](mailto:oport63@hotmail.com).

**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](http://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](mailto:cchs63reunion@gmail.com).

**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 15 - 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 include 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](mailto:chickwarrington@comcast.net) or Sue Wheeler (856) 854-5844 [cswhwheeler45@gmail.com](mailto:cswhwheeler45@gmail.com). All are warmly welcome!

**ANNOUNCING \$1,075.00 BINGO AT ST. PETER'S IN MERCHANTVILLE**

Every Wednesday starting September 18, 2013 we will be having Bingo at our Parish. Doors will open at 5:30pm, food will be available for purchase and Bingo will start at 7pm. It will be in our air-conditioned Pastors Hall, located below the church, and there will be 15 games including a progressive jackpot.

**GROWING IN PRAYER THROUGH FEMALE IMAGES OF GOD**

"In the different passages of Sacred Scripture we find comparisons that attribute to God 'masculine' and 'feminine' qualities... In various passages the love of God is shown to be like that of a mother..." John Paul II ("Mulieris Dignitatem")

**Silent Guided Retreat Weekend: September 20-22, 2013**

This retreat for men and women will include opportunities for guided reflection on praying with female images of God, personal and communal prayer, and personal direction.

**Cost: \$160.00 - Arrival: 4:30-5:45PM - Departure 2:00PM**

**Place: Wernersville Jesuit Center**

**Register at: 610-670-3642 (Bonnie, Registrar)**

When registering, please specify:

Growing in Prayer through Female Images of God Retreat

**Kathleen Fowle in Concert Calling Me Home Tour**

Singer songwriter Kathleen has a story to tell. The concert will be held at Most Precious Blood Church, 445 White Horse Pike, West Collingswood NJ 08107.

**Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 7pm**

Doors open at 6:30pm

For tickets and inquiry, please call the rectory: (856) 854-0364

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

[www.kathleenwritesmusic.com](http://www.kathleenwritesmusic.com)

**Calling all World War II Veterans Report to Duty**

Honor Flight Philadelphia, a local non-profit organization, is currently looking for World War II veterans who would like to travel with us to Washington, DC for a day of honor and recognition, to view those memorials dedication to your service and sacrifice to our great nation so that we can live in a free society at NO COST to the veteran.

Our next Honor Flight trip is scheduled for **November 2, 2013**. Transportation, breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided as well as memorabilia, a Heroes Welcome home and a USO style show featuring the Manhattan Dolls singing songs of the '40's. Although we can never repay you for your service, an Honor Flight trip is a small token of our appreciation for your service to our great country, our freedom.

**Please contact Cathy at: 610-613-03865**

**Or Email: [cdomizio23@gmail.com](mailto:cdomizio23@gmail.com)**

**CONTACT Community Helplines**

For 42 years, CONTACT Community Helplines has helped people in crisis or need through our telephone hotlines. We operate a 24-hour Crisis Helpline for residents of Camden, Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem Counties who need to talk to someone who really cares, someone who will listen to them, without judgment. CONTACT also operates a Telephone Reassurance Program for isolated and homebound senior citizens who live alone. The Telephone Reassurance program provides a daily call to these senior citizens each day – at a time convenient to the client -- to make sure they are alive and well, and to provide social contact. All of our services are provided by highly trained volunteers and are free and confidential. If you—or someone you know may be in need of any of our services, or might be interested in volunteering, please give us a call!

**To reach the Crisis Helpline, call 1-877-266-8222. To register for the Telephone Reassurance Program for Senior Citizens, call 856-795-4980. To volunteer, call 856-795-5073.**

### **Knights' Flea Market Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 21, from 8:30am to 2:30pm at Mary Queen of All Saints (formerly St Cecilia's) school yard. For information, contact Lonnie at 856 662-6049.

### **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.

### **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)

### **SSJ 5-Mile Walk/Run October 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia present the 4th Annual Sole Sisters 2 & 5 Mile Walk/Run on Saturday, October 5, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM at Saint Mary by-the-Sea Retreat House, 101 Lehigh Avenue, Cape May Point, NJ.

Register online: [www.tnteventmanagement.com](http://www.tnteventmanagement.com)

For race and sponsorship information, visit the website: [www.stmarybythesea.org](http://www.stmarybythesea.org) and click the About Us tab or call 609-884-8708.

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual White Mass for Healthcare Workers and St. Luke's Awards Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the White Mass for Healthcare workers and their families in the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, 1600 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ at 1:00pm. The Saint Luke Awards for outstanding service in Catholic health care within the Diocese of Camden are presented during the Mass. This year's honorees are William J. DeLiberis, DPM, Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, Vineland, Claudia M. Petruncio, DO, St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic, Cherry Hill, Joseph W. Sokolowski, Jr. MD, St. Mary of the Lakes Parish, Medford, and Edward Swibinski, MD, St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Gibbsboro. If you would like to attend the White Mass, please call (856) 342-4150 or email [Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org) to RSVP.

### **Special Needs Faith Formation**

The Archbishop Damiano School for Special Needs Children and the St. John of God Community Services, operated by the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, offers children and adults with disabilities Family Faith Formation. The Faith Formation Program serves individuals of all disabilities to receive the Sacraments within the Church as well as ongoing faith development.

Those who have received Sacraments have the option of general Scripture study with arts & crafts, etc. or participation in the Bell Choir. Our program has been developed with a special emphasis on children and adults with autism. Realizing that the family unit is extremely important in developing faith, we invite immediate family, including siblings, to play an active role in the faith formation of those involved in our program.

To register online or for more information regarding the program, please visit us at [www.brothersofstjohnofgod.org](http://www.brothersofstjohnofgod.org). On the main page, you will find the link to our Special Needs Faith Formation Program. You may also contact Bro. Thomas Osorio, O.H. at 856-848-4700, extension 1142 with any questions.