

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

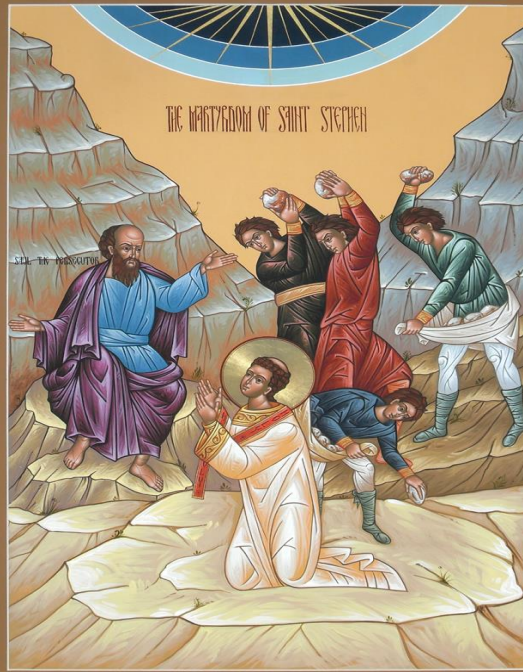
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Monday – Friday
9:00am-4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339
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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.*

September 18, 2016 – The 25th 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 2017 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	September 18, 2016
9:00am	Richard Brokowski r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Edwin "Buddy" Collopy r/b The Haas Family Helen Huhn r/b Maryann Bufanio James Ackley r/b Our Religious Education Staff
MONDAY	September 19, 2016
9:00am	<i>Communion Service</i>
TUESDAY	September 20, 2016
9:00am	Elizabeth Livezey r/b Dorothea Dodds
WEDNESDAY	September 21, 2016
9:00am	Richard Conn r/b The Haas Family
THURSDAY	September 22, 2016
9:00am/Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY	September 23, 2016
9:00am	Mmgr. Edward D. Alleyne r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY	September 24, 2016
4:30pm	Linda Mattioli & Luke Evans & Family r/b Linda Mattioli
SUNDAY	September 25, 2016
9:00am	Phyllis Mignogna r/b Edward J. Vogt, III
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Helen Huhn r/b Donna & David Kane Patricia C. Bakey r/b People of the Parish



The Sanctuary Candle this week is

In Memory of Aimee A. Zuroski

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 10/11, 2016 Offertory Collection:	\$4,867
2016-2017 Weekly Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,430

Special Collections:

September 18th: "Catholic University" (Diocese)

September 25th: "Louisiana Flood Victims" (Diocese)

(There is no special envelope for the flood victims)

(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

Bulletin articles should be received by Noon on Monday to be reviewed, approved, and formatted for publication. For best results, please submit 10 days before bulletin date.



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, Arthur Alessandroni, Ray Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joseph Fagan, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Sr., Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Darlene Marcinczyk, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Tanya Robinson & Son Joseph, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Marie Russell, Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Esther Tillinghast, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Rita Vitacolonna, Mary Vивиello, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for September 24/25

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

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

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, J. Vales

EM's: L. McHugh, M. Conway, L. D'Alessandro, R. Leone, *T. Modzier

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, Jared Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Gardner, C. Nicdao, M. Daniels

EM's: M. Miller, T. Mattered, T. Scavuzzo, A. Angstman, *Geo. Tutwiler

Lectors: M. Turan, J. Messina

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,
Come One, Come All
To Coffee and Pastries,
At the Parish Hall!

Sunday, September 18th
After the 10:30am Mass



This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

9/19-Monday-9am Communion Service, 11am Ladies Bible Study
 9/20-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 9/21-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm Opening CCD Mass
 9/22-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion Club
 9/23-Friday-9am Mass
 9/24-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
 9/25-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, lively discussions, and fun!

When: Mondays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.
 Phone or text: 610-805-5363 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

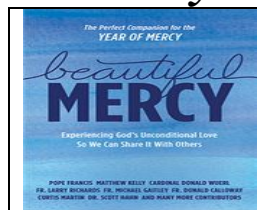
The Holy Name of Mary is powerful. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the pinnacle of God's creation. She is the most perfect, the greatest, the holiest human being ever to live. When we repeat her name, we greatly honor God her Creator. Mary never keeps any glory for herself. Her soul magnifies the Lord. (Lk 1:46)

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Registrations for 2016-2017 are still being accepted.

Registration forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The fee is now **\$145 per family (includes \$10 late fee after Labor Day)**. Opening CCD Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, September 21st at 6:15pm.**

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue
September 22nd in the
 Sr. Bernadette Parish Center
 with the
Spiritual Works of Mercy.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
**Friday, October 7, 2016,
 9:45am-7:00pm.**



Art & Environment Ministry

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.**

Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide Electronic Giving, or eGiving, as a simple, secure & convenient method for making contributions. E-Giving is being used by churches throughout the country and works similar to online bill paying. You may logon to www.StStephensPennsauken.com to set up your account.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

(Will resume on September 25th)

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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

For Prayer Requests for the month of September, contact Maryann-856-333-6525.

Parish Library

Our Cup Runneth Over!

Until further notice, we can't accept any more books!

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Summer 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 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).

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.

A Welcome Home for our Vietnam War Veterans.

Please join us upon our arrival from Washington DC and help us welcome home over 200 Vietnam War veterans as they walk the red carpet on this Day of Honor. Let us give them the welcome home they never received. Let's show them our appreciation for the freedoms they preserved for us.

Date: October 1, 2016

Where: SugarHouse Casino 1001 N. Delaware Ave Philadelphia, PA

When: Buses arrive 6:00PM, please arrive by 5:45PM

Contact: Deanne 267-303-5977

deanne@honorflightphiladelphia.org

There is no charge for this event, which is open to the public.

FIRST MOTHER FAMILY OUTREACH

Women from our diocese have formed a compassionate outreach for mothers who have not raised their firstborn children. In this Year of Mercy we, as ordinary women, offer you our comfort and support because we understand that time does not erase the pain of adoption loss.

Contact us at: FirstMotherFamily@gmail.com

"This is my commandment:

Love one another as I have loved you." -John 15:12

<http://catholicstarherald.org/birth-mothers-find-support-in-shared-experience/>

Camden Catholic Events

Camden Catholic High School Open House

Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m. (check-in begins at 6:30). Learn how we empower today's students to find their purpose through academics, arts and spirituality. Meet our faculty, students, coaches and administration, tour the campus, and "Catch the Spirit" of CCHS! RSVP online: www.camdenatholic.org/openhouse.

Camden Catholic High School Scholarship & High School Placement Test Saturday, November 5 at 8:30 a.m. Pre-Register online www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents. Students interested in competing for Merit and Arts Scholarships must take the test at Camden Catholic.

Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students are being scheduled at Camden Catholic High School. Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy. Select your day at www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

Irish Synergy Girls Leadership Event

Hosted by the Leadership Academy of Camden Catholic High School on Sunday, October 30 for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Visit www.camdenatholic.org/irishsynergy for more information.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

"Personal Experiences and Spiritual Impressions Spanning 28 Years," presented by Msgr. Mike Mannion
Friday, September 23, at 7:30 PM

You are invited as Msgr. Mike Mannion will speak about his personal experiences working with now Saint Mother Teresa over a period of 28 years, as well as some of his experiences being able to concelebrate her Canonization Mass! **Free event** sponsored by the Collegium Center for Faith and Culture. Wheelchair accessible. All are invited! More info?

Contact Brenda@thecollegiumcenter.org
or 856-534-0400

**Transfiguration Church, 445 White Horse Pike,
Collingswood, NJ 08107**

Special Collection for Louisiana Flood Victims September 24/25, 2016

August 31, 2016

To All Pastors & Parishes,

Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has requested that dioceses across the country take up a special collection to assist our brothers and sisters in Louisiana who are suffering greatly after recent floods.

The funds collected will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities, USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their member agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as to the long term need to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction, and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church. We, here in New Jersey, have been the beneficiaries of such aid in the past, especially in the after effects of Super Storm Sandy.

Therefore, I ask that you make a special appeal to your parishioners, who are always most generous, to assist in these relief efforts. **This collection is to be taken on the weekend of September 24/25.** Thank you for your efforts and support.

Father Robert Hughes

Vicar General for the Diocese of Camden



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FOR HIRE**

**Specializing in lawn care, hedges, mulching, and odd jobs around the house.
Contact Drew at 609-315-3130.**

People for the Poor CHANCES

The weekend of September 24-25 People for the Poor will be selling chances for \$5 (the cost for feeding a person for a full day). This year the winner will received a week's vacation in Log Cabin in the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee along with a \$500 TD Gift Card! (both of these items were donated).

Below is a short story from our People for the Poor representative, Caroline:

“6 weeks ago, I was dropping off food at Home for the Brave which is a homeless shelter for our Vets (the words "homeless" & "veterans" should NEVER be in the same sentence)...anyway, I was getting ready to leave when this handsome young man, around 27-28, who you could tell was Military by his posture, walked in, shook my hand and then went over to Tom who works with the Vets, shook his hand and said he was "Sgt...". Tom told him he was expected and to follow him. The young man asked for a second, walked over to the door, grabbed a black trash bag - he was moving in!!! This young man who had served our Country in both Iraq & Afghanistan was homeless...

This is just one of our Organizations which we support and because of the kindness & generosity of St Stephen's Parish, that young man and so many more are having a better chance to get back of their feet, regain their self-respect and be able to enjoy life once again.”

Marian Pilgrimage Saturday, October 1, 2016


St. Thomas More Parish, Cherry Hill is sponsoring a bus for the Marian Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, DC. There is a \$25 fee to defray the cost of the bus. **Call the Parish Office (856-424-3212) by September 20th** to reserve a place on the bus and for the day’s schedule. Join Bishop Sullivan and other parishes in this prayerful experience honoring Mary.

Join St. Stephen’s New Health & Wellness Team!

Are you interested in improving your health? Do you want to help others live the abundant life? Do you see a connection between care of the spirit and health and wellness of the body? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then we need you! Whether you are a healthcare professional, such as a physician, paramedic, dietician, nurse, etc., a professional in another field with an interest in health care, or a lay person with a desire to promote wholeness of the body and spirit, your help is needed. Please consider becoming a part of the Health and Wellness Team here at St. Stephen. Some of the functions of this team will be to plan health programs for the faith community, listen to the faith community’s health concerns, and to work with the existing ministries of the parish to identify and address the health needs of the parish community.

Please contact the Rectory at 856-662-9339 or ecclesia@comcast.net and provide your name, telephone number, and email address. Then watch this bulletin for more information coming soon! Thank You!

Joanne DiBraccio, RN, CCM - Parish Nurse



Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry.

A special toll-free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.

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