

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

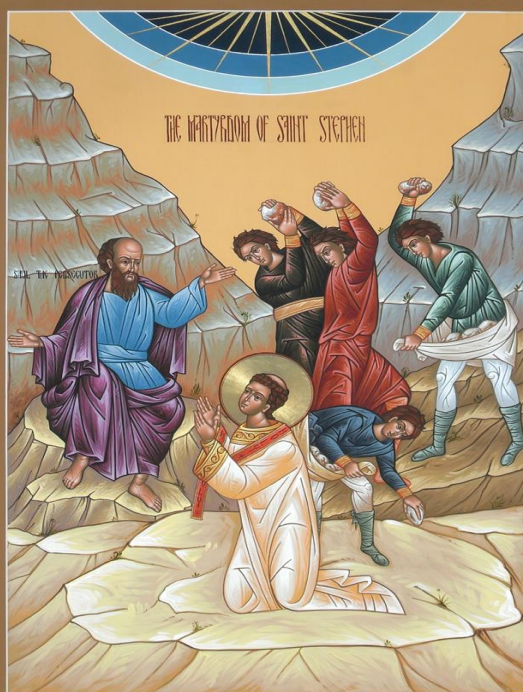
**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**Rev. Mr. Anthony R. Cioe**  
Permanent Deacon

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

**Parish Trustees**  
Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

**Rectory Office Hours**  
Monday thru Friday  
9:00am-4:30pm



## *Contact Info*

**Rectory Phone**  
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[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 20, 2015 – The Twenty-Fifth 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, 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 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".**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 20, 2015</b>
9:00am	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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 21, 2015</b>
9:00am	Communion Service
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 22, 2015</b>
9:00am	Msr. Joseph P. Herron r/b People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 23, 2015</b>
9:00am	Deacon Emil Ralbusky r/b People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 24, 2015</b>
9:00am+Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 25, 2015</b>
9:00am	Florence McHugh r/b Lucille Buffington
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 26, 2015</b>
4:30pm	Eileen Tallman r/b Maria & Joe Haas
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 27, 2015</b>
9:00am	Frank Rosolia r/b Rita Vogt & Family
10:30am	Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Deacon Anthony Cioe's Ordination r/b Family William Sauer r/b Family Veronica & Charles O'Brien (Anniversary Remembrance) r/b The Scavuzzo & O'Brien Families



## The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of T. J. Maher.*

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 12/13, 2015 Collection:	\$5,025
2015-2016 Weekly Collection Target:	\$5,000
Actual Year-To-Date Weekly Average:	\$4,547

Next Special Collection:

**Sept. 20, 2015: "Catholic University" (Diocese)**

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



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 26/27

Monthly schedules are also available on our website.

*\* Designates Alternate Server*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: J. Heininger, L. Heininger, B. Taylor, C. Pandola, \*A. Cirullo

Lector: J. Melfi

**Sunday, 9:00am**

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, B. McHugh

EM's: T. Modzier, M. Conway, E. Nolte, R. Leone, \*L. McHugh

Lectors: D. Heck, Jared Rivera

**Sunday, 10:30am**

Altar Servers: O. Albert, C. Aleszczyk

EM's: Geo. Tutwiler, J. Messina, T. Mattered, D. Urgo, \*T. Urgo

Lector: M. Turan

# MEDICARE 101

**\*Should you have a Medicare Supplement?**

**\*Or a different Medicare Advantage Plan?**

**\*Do you need help with your Medicare Part D Drug Plan?**

If you need answers, please join us for a South Jersey Medicare Information Session  
**Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm**  
**in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center.**

For further information, feel free to call  
Joe Fagan at (609) 471-0753.

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

9/21-Monday-9am Communion Service, 1pm Bible Study,  
**7pm Medicare Info Meeting in Parish Center**  
 9/22-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 9/23-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes  
 9/24-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6pm Ensemble,  
 7pm Adult Choir, 7pm Discussion Club  
 9/25-Friday-9am Mass  
 9/26-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 9/27-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass, **4pm Papal Mass**

### *Ladies Bible Study*

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***

Continue September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:15pm.

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

**Continues this Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm  
 in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center**



We are discussing:  
***Galileo:  
 Science, Faith,  
 and the  
 Catholic Church***  
 by Dr. Guy Consolmagno,  
 S.J., Ph.D.

### ***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***

**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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).

# Papal Mass Celebration

## St. Stephen Church or Parish Center

Next Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## “Loss of a Loved One”

This is the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 #5-The Upward Turn**

### Stage #6

### Reconstruction & Working Through

As you become more focused, you will start feeling more “normal.” You will begin to work your unfinished business from your loss, dealing realistically with the financial and other issues and begin to rebuild your life without them.

**Next week Stage #7 - Acceptance & Hope**

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Your comments are most welcome: 856-547-3860 or 856-383-5325 or [steinberg.david07@comcast.net](mailto:steinberg.david07@comcast.net).

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## REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call  
**1-800-964-6588**

## Statement of Bishop Dennis Sullivan Regarding Pope Francis’ Motu Proprio “*Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*”

On the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis promulgated a letter entitled *The Lord Jesus, Gentle Judge*, which revised the canonical procedures for Catholics seeking a declaration of nullity (annulment) for a marriage.

The Holy Father made it clear that the Church’s law and pastoral life are ordered to the practice of charity and mercy and ultimately the salvation of souls. In fact, Pope Francis made it clear that he is “not promoting the nullity of marriage, but the quickness of the processes, as well as a correct simplicity” of annulment procedures. These changes have resulted from the world-wide consultation for last year’s Extraordinary Synod and the recommendations of a commission of canonists impaneled by the Holy Father to review annulment procedures and the Church’s law.

In the coming months new procedures and policies will be developed. I have asked the Diocesan Tribunal to prepare presentations for priests, deacons and the faithful before the beginning of December. In this way the Diocese of Camden will be ready on December 8<sup>th</sup> to implement the changes made by the *Motu Proprio*. On that day, we, together with the Church throughout the world, will joyfully commence the Jubilee of Mercy.

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## 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/mercyministry](http://www.camdendiocese.org/mercyministry)

Questions? Contact diocesan Life & Justice director Mike Jordan Laskey 856.583.6119 or [michael.laskey@camdendiocese.org](mailto:michael.laskey@camdendiocese.org)

# ***JOINT MEETING OF THE PARISH & FINANCE COUNCILS***

## ***September 8, 2015***

**Council Members Present:** Joseph Haas, Terry Modzier, Liz McHugh, Earl Nolte, Melanie Lopez, Janis Melfi, and Father Rocco

**Finance Members Present:** Rose Davis, Rita Vogt, Keith Knight, and Rick Taylor

**Opening prayer by Father Rocco at 7PM.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **SCHOOL BLDG & LAND:**

The fate of the school building and land is still being determined. Much work has been going on behind the scenes to reach an accord with potential buyers.

One of the potential buyers, Pennsauken Board of Education, declined the opportunity to purchase citing that it would be “not economically feasible” at this time. This was after nearly five weeks of consideration.

The other potential buyer is Mr. Ung, proprietor of Sun Seng Market located on Rt. 38 in Pennsauken adjacent to St. Stephen property. We have been in “negotiations” with him for several months. There still, as of this writing (9/9), is no settlement or accord of terms. There is scheduled a meeting of all parties which include attorneys for both sides on Thursday 9/10/15.

We are ever hopeful that this contract is signed. More information will follow.

#### **HOUSE OF CHARITY:**

We have not reached our goal. We are at 53%. In July there was a meeting with the diocese and we were asked to offer an explanation as to our failing to reach quota. Our response was that our parish had fallen on “difficult times” which was emphasized by the closing of our school. Nonetheless we noted that we had followed all four points of protocol i.e.: showing of Bishops film, procedures, responding to calls and holding meetings. Our understanding is that the basis of the House of Charity drive is a “free will offering.”

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **SUBSIDY:**

We are obligated to pay a subsidy to St Peters for \$20,000 over a 10-month period, equating to \$2,000 per month. This will run from September through June.

#### **SCHOOL BLDG:**

We have done some tree removal. Upcoming winterizing the building to include repairing two roof leaks.

#### **PARISH CENTER:**

A Maintenance Committee will be set up to assess the center. The goal to make it more hospitable etc....

#### **PAPAL MASS:**

The Holy Father’s Mass of Sept 27<sup>th</sup> will be shown at St Stephen’s for those interested parishioners. We are still determining the location i.e. church or the Parish Center. This is dependent on number of those wanting to attend. We are looking to do a covered dish event following the Mass broadcast. Look for sign-up sheets at the back of church.

#### **BLESSING OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS:**

At the close of our meeting the two councils went to the church where Father Rocco blessed the two dedicated stained glass panes: One for the Finance Board (St. Clare) and the other for the Parish Council (St. Joseph). This was with prayer and scripture reading.

❖ Meeting Adjourned @ 8:00 PM

❖ Next PPC meeting is tentative

Respectfully submitted,  
Janis Melfi, Secretary of St Stephen’s PPC

**9/15/15 UPDATE: The School Building & Property has been placed back on the Market.**