

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Different Histories...

One Faith...

Different Ages...

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe
Mrs. Patricia Higgins, Principal
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

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



Contact Information

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September 22, 2013 – The Twenty-Fifth 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: 3rd 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, 2nd Sunday @ Noon.

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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".

MONDAY 9:00am	September 23, 2013 Teresa Sherman r/b Fr. Rocco & Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	September 24, 2013 Stephen L. Dombrowski r/b Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	September 25, 2013 Dominick J. DiMaio r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	September 26, 2013 Mary Iacovelli r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY 9:00am	September 27, 2013 A Special Intention r/b Gerry Kozempel
SATURDAY 4:30pm	September 28, 2013 Joseph Angelastro r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
SUNDAY 9:00am	September 29, 2013 Lorayne Pims r/b Corinne & Laura Schmidt
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Wife, Theresa Marie DiFrank r/b Anthony Midili & Family Rev. Abbott J. Hope r/b People of the Parish Deceased Members of the Rocks & Magee Family r/b Family

The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Marion 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.

Sept. 14/15, 2013 Attendance/Collection	584/	\$4,923
Sept. 15/16, 2012 Comparison	587/	\$5,601
2013-14 Budgeted Weekly Collection:		\$5,588
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:		\$4,878

Diocesan 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, 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 28/29

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: M. Ciarrocca, M. Ciarrocca, S. Surgner
EM's: A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, C. Pandola, A. Pandola, *B. Taylor
Lectors: L. Peischl, W. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, B. McHugh, C. Aleszczyk
EM's: S. Marano, M. Bufanio, E. Nolte, L. D' Alessandro, *T. McHugh
Lector: P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, J. Bui, J. Mack
EM's: T. Scavuzzo, J. Bowman, T. Mattered, 2 TBD.
Lectors: M. Turan, E. Mattered

Parish Directory Portrait Sessions!

Monday thru Saturday, October 21-26, 2013



Monday & Tuesday @ Stonegate from 1-8pm
Wednesday - Friday @ School from 3-9pm
Saturday @ School from 10am-4pm

We need YOU to make our first directory since the 2002 Jubilee Book a success! Just for participating, parishioners and school families will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the entire parish directory. You may schedule your portrait appointment after weekend Masses or on our website.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

9/23-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Liturgy Board
 9/24-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 6:30pm Back-to-School Night, 7pm Rosary
 9/25-Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 6:30pm Untold Blessings DVD,
 7pm Spiritual Life Board
 9/26-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club, Choir
 9/27-Friday-9am Mass
 9/28-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 9/29-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

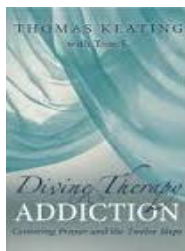
Begin THIS WEDNESDAY, September 25th @ 6:15pm.

Registration forms are still available in the rectory and on our website.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

CONTINUES SEPTEMBER 26th 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 4th, 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 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 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.**

AROUND THE DIOCESE



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

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

CCHS LOOKING FOR CLASSMATES

Camden Catholic High School Class of 1968 will have its 45th Reunion Oct 5, 2013 in Avalon, NJ. For more info contact Adrienne (Vece) Bilotta at adrienne.bilotta@gmail.com or 609-839-2315 or Len Wood at 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, call Jim Bigley 856-816-6907, Janet Sereno Lewis 856-840-5959, Vicki Sclafani Orzechowski 609-220-9604 or email cchs63reunion@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCING \$1,075.00 BINGO

AT ST. PETER'S IN MERCHANTVILLE

Every Wednesday 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.

Thank You from the Bishop

We recently received a letter from Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan thanking us for our generosity this past Spring in the special collection for the Oklahoma tornado victims. Checks were received from 60 parishes in the diocese totaling \$159,933.94 and were used to assist in the relief effort. The Bishop emphasized that "our Catholic vision is wide, which means we see beyond ourselves and do what we can when situations arise such as Oklahoma."



The Public is invited to join Bishop Dennis Sullivan in honoring the service Law Enforcement, Firefighters & Emergency Responders at the

12th Annual Camden Diocesan Blue Mass on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 10:30 am

Our Lady of Hope Parish
St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church
701 Little Gloucester Road
Blackwood, New Jersey 08012

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

For more information contact the Diocese of Camden – Department of Community Relations at 609-501-1640, or Msgr. Michael Mannion at mtmannion@comcast.net

SSJ 5-Mile Walk/Run October 5th

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

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

15th Annual White Mass for Healthcare Workers and St. Luke's Awards Oct. 20th

On Sunday, October 20th 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 to RSVP.

**DVD Series at St. Stephen's
Sr. Bernadette Parish Center!**

**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.

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**Sr. Bernadette Update**

The Sisters of St. Joseph have notified our parish again that **Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ**, has been missioned permanently by the Mother General to the Motherhouse in Flourtown, PA and will not be returning to Pennsauken, specifically St. Stephen's or Stonegate.

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Alumnus in the News!

Congratulations to **Caroline Hearn**, Class of 2011, for being mentioned in the high school preview magazine. Caroline was mentioned as the starting goalie for the Camden Catholic High School field hockey team.

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**Holy Cross High School**

**5035 Route 130 South, Delran, NJ 08075**

**Open House Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>-10am-1pm tours**  
A college preparatory education – You Belong Here!

**Scholarship Entrance Exam Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
9am-12pm (exam required for admission to Holy Cross)

More info at [www.holycrosshighschool.org](http://www.holycrosshighschool.org)

**Could God be Calling  
You to the Priesthood?**

Father Michael Romano, Director of Vocations, is hosting a "Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group" at Our Lady of Peace Parish Offices, 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ. If you are currently a junior or senior in high school, college student or in the professional world (up to 39 years old), and feel the possible call to the priesthood, this group can help you discern and pray with others who are also considering the priesthood. All meetings are on Sundays from 2:00-3:30 P.M. The schedule is as follows:

- September 29, 2013**
- Sunday, February 9, 2014**
- Sunday, November 3, 2013**
- Sunday, March 2, 2014**
- Sunday, November 24, 2013**
- Sunday, March 30, 2014**
- Sunday, January 5, 2014**
- Sunday, May 18, 2014**

For more information,  
please call the Office of Vocations at 856-583-2858  
or email: [michael.romano@camdendiocese.org](mailto:michael.romano@camdendiocese.org).

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**Bishop Eustace Preparatory School
Open House and Scholarship/Entrance
Exam Information**

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School invites students and parents to our Open House on Sunday, **October 20, 2013** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Experience firsthand our commitment to academic excellence, spiritual development, and personal growth, while touring our beautiful, 32-acre campus.

We also encourage interested 8th grade students to sit for our Scholarship/Entrance Exam on Saturday, **October 26, 2013** at 8:00 a.m. The fee for the exam is \$25. The eight highest scorers will receive academic scholarships. Financial aid is also available. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at (856) 662-2160, ext. 240, or visit our website at www.eustace.org.