

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

### Reverend Daniel M. Rocco

Pastor

### Rev. Mr. Anthony Cioe

Permanent Deacon

### Mrs. Suzanne Underwood

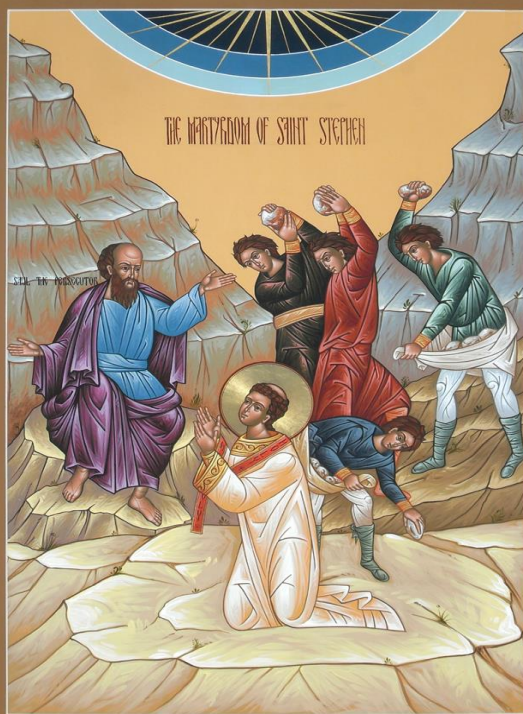
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

### 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](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

### Parish Website:

[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 28, 2014 – The 26<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 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 29, 2014**  
9:00am People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
- TUESDAY September 30, 2014**  
9:00am A Special Intention r/b Family
- WEDNESDAY October 1, 2014**  
9:00am Salvatore Laino r/b Sam & Nancy Loperfido
- THURSDAY October 2, 2014**  
9:00am+Novena Ida Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
- FRIDAY October 3, 2014 (First Friday Adoration)**  
9:00am Vito Lamaina (Birthday Remembrance Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>)  
r/b His Wife Tilda & Children
- SATURDAY October 4, 2014**  
4:30pm Jeans Burns r/b Ed & Barbara
- SUNDAY October 5, 2014**  
9:00am Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri  
10:30am Marlene Matteo r/b Family  
Dolores Kelly r/b Maryann Bufanio  
Msgr. Thomas S. Sharkey r/b People of the Parish

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Bill Huhn.

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. 20/21, 2014 Attendance/Collection	418/	\$4,636
Sept. 21/22, 2013 Comparison	511/	\$4,915
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average		\$4,812

Next Special Diocesan Collection: 10/5/14: "Pro Life"

## 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.

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

## First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, Savelina 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. For October contact Betty @ (856) 662-6928.

## 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 October 4/5

\* Designates Alternate Server

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: S. Surgner, J. Bui

EM's: A. Pandola, V. Thibault, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, \*B. Taylor

Lector: R. Taylor

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Hearn, B. McHugh, M. Conway

EM's: S. Marano, R. Leone, T. Modzier, L. Monaco, \*N. Schmidt

Lectors: M. Miller, D. Steinmetz

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, L. Fagan, O. Albert

EM's: J. Fagan, K. Fagan, T. Angstman, T. Mattered, \*M. Meloni

Lector: M. Turan

## This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

9/29-Monday-9am Mass (1pm Bible Study resumes October 6<sup>th</sup>)

9/30-Tuesday-9am Mass, 6:30pm Spiritual Life, 7pm Rosary,

7pm Liturgy Board

10/1-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes

10/2-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club

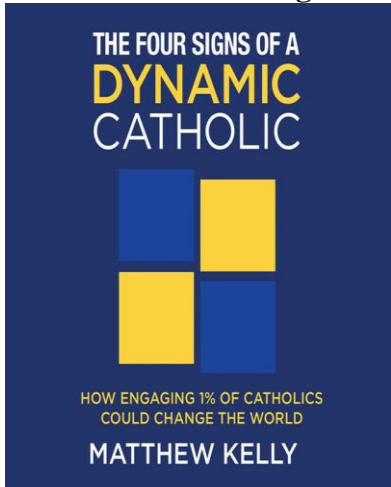
10/3-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm

10/4-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass

10/5-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

# Thursday Night Discussion Club Continues this Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We are discussing:



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

BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 6



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

**When: Mondays from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**Where: Stonegate Main Conference Room**

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.

Phone: 662-8046 email: heides@comcast.net

*"The woman who walks with God always reaches her destination"*

## 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.

**M MARIAN Prayer Request for**  
**Mary, Undoer of Knots**

Offer Mass Intentions for Pilgrimage

**Post Now!**

## Submit Knots!

All are welcome to "submit knots" to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots for the Mass on **October 11<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## "A Holy Hour to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life"

The Office of Vocations has scheduled Holy Hours for Vocations called **First Thursdays** throughout our diocese. Every month, a different deanery will host a Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our deanery's Holy Hour will be on Thursday, **October 2, 2014** at Saint Thomas More Parish, Cherry Hill, beginning at 7:00 PM. "Pray...pray...pray to the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Please come - your presence and your prayers are most important to this cause as we all work together in the work of vocations.

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual White Mass

On Sunday, **October 19<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 in Camden. The St. Luke Awards for outstanding service in Catholic healthcare within the Diocese of Camden are presented during the Mass. This year's honorees are Joseph W. Devine, President, Kennedy Health Systems, Saints Peter & Paul Parish, Turnersville, Rev. James J. Durkin, St. Mary's Catholic Home, David Haggerty LCSW, St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Haddon Twp. Reception will follow Mass. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Terry Odien and the topic will be "Spiritual Issues in End of Life Care". 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.

## ANNULMENT AND MARRIAGE ISSUES WORKSHOP

*Are you or a loved one considering a Church annulment? Do you have a prior marriage that needs to be annulled? If you were married outside of the Catholic church, would you want your marriage to become a sacrament?*

If the answer is "Yes" to any of these questions, please consider attending a workshop that will focus on these and other important marriage issues on **Monday, October 27, 2014 from 7pm-9pm** at:

**The Catholic Community of Christ Our Light**

**Resurrection School Auditorium**

**402 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, NJ**

The workshop will be presented by the staff of the Camden Tribunal and there will be a period for questions at the end of the workshop.

**Knights of Columbus,  
Council 3512**

**Hoagie Sale**



As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **October 4 & 5**. For info call 856-227-4980.

## Bishop Eustace News

### Open House and Scholarship/Entrance Exam Information

Bishop Eustace Preparatory School invites students and parents to our Open House on **Sunday, October 19, 2014** 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 college style, 32-acre campus.

We also encourage interested 8th grade students to sit for our Scholarship/Entrance Exam on **Saturday, October 25, 2014** at 8:00 a.m. The fee for the exam is \$25. The eight highest scorers will be offered an academic scholarship. To prepare for scholarship and entrance exam season, we will offer a practice test on **Saturday, October 11, 2014** at 8:30 a.m. It will provide experience with the testing format and identify opportunities for improvement. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at (856) 662-2160, ext. 240, or visit our website at [www.eustace.org](http://www.eustace.org).

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## Camden Catholic News

### Open House

For 6th, 7th and 8th Graders: **Thursday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us to learn more about our college prep academics, Leadership Academy, championship athletics, and renowned performing, fine and digital arts curriculum. Register online at [www.camdenatholic.org/openhouse](http://www.camdenatholic.org/openhouse) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 136

### Irish Synergy: Girls Leadership Event

For girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades: **Sunday, October 19**

Featuring guest speaker Vice Admiral Nanette DeRenzi '79 JAG USN and workshops to help build your leaderships skills in the classroom, on the stage, and on the field. Details at [www.camdenatholic.org](http://www.camdenatholic.org).

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## Gloucester Catholic News

The Gloucester Catholic Admissions Office announces their **"Ram for a Day" program!** Take the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Gloucester Catholic student and feel part of the GC family. Visit [gchsrms.org](http://gchsrms.org) to see the procedure for Gloucester Catholic High School's "Ram For A Day". For more information, contact Tom Flynn in Admissions at [tflynn@gchsrms.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrms.org) or call (856)-456-4400, ex 228. Gloucester Catholic Junior-Senior High will host an **Open House** for all prospective students on Thursday, **October 23rd** from 7:00-9:00 PM. Interested 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and families are invited to attend the evening showcase academic, athletic and extra-curricular offerings for both the junior and senior high.

Faculty, staff and students will discuss scholarships, financial aid, transportation and related concerns. For more information, visit [www.gchsrms.org](http://www.gchsrms.org), or contact Tom Flynn in Admissions at [tflynn@gchsrms.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrms.org) or (856)-456-4400, ex 228.

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## Paul VI High School News

**Paul VI Tours & Touchdowns** will be offered on **October 24** (PVI vs. Triton) at 6 PM. Arrive at the PVI football gate by 6 o'clock for a student-guided tour of our beautiful facility, and stay for Friday night football under the lights. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations are appreciated but not required. For more information, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions).

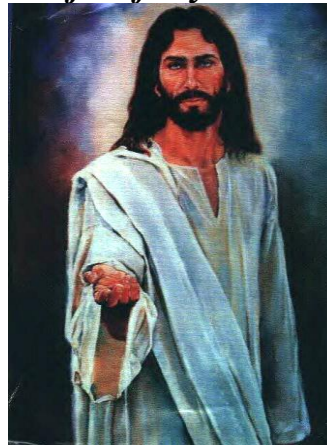
**Paul VI Scholarship Test** will be conducted at Paul VI, on Saturday **October 25th**. Paul VI High School annually awards academic scholarships to incoming freshmen. To enter the scholarship process, 8th grade students must take the HSPT at Paul VI on October 25th. For more information, and to register for the test, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions).

**Paul VI Eagle-for-a-Day visits** are available for 8th grade students throughout the fall admissions season. To see the schedule of available dates, and to make a reservation, please visit the Paul VI website at [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions). Experience a day in the life of a Paul VI Eagle!

**Paul VI High School Open House** will be held at 6:30 PM, Thursday, **November 13, 2014**. Middle school students and their families are invited to meet our faculty, coaches and students, and enjoy special performances by our performing arts groups. Reservations are welcome, but not required. For more information, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions).

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Paul VI Director of Admissions, [kstewart@pvihs.org](mailto:kstewart@pvihs.org).

## A SPECIAL INVITATION just for you!



You are cordially invited to come into the silence and spend one hour with Our Lord during our **First Friday Adoration October 3, 2014.**

Jesus said to His Apostles, "Could you not watch one hour with me? "

He is asking us the same question today.

Won't you say "YES" to His invitation?

RSVP to Rosemarie Leone @ 856-662-0035.

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## CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

**Beginning on Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 AM Mass, children between the ages of 4 and 7 will be 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.

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## Emotions Anonymous

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 started on September 11, 2014, and is meeting 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.

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## Merion Mercy Academy News

You are welcomed to join us at Merion Mercy Academy's Open House to be held on Sunday, **October 5<sup>th</sup>** from 1-4pm. The Scholarship & Entrance Exam will be given on Saturday, **October 25<sup>th</sup>** from 9am-12:30pm. The Application/Test Registration is required by October 22<sup>nd</sup> and can be completed online at [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com).

## *St. Stephen Church - Parish Pastoral Council Minutes*

SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

### **Council Members Present:**

Joseph Haas, Liz McHugh, Terry Modzier, Earl Nolte, Melanie Lopez, Rich Cesta, Deacon Cioe, Dennis Rooney, Janis Melfi, and Father Rocco.

### ❖ **Opening Scripture reading by Father Rocco at 7PM.**

### **OPENING MEETING OF THE 2014-2015 YEAR**

### ❖ **OLD BUSINESS:**

We recapped the year, socials, fundraisers, pavers to Mary and of course the closing of the school. The prospective use of the school building is still under review.

### ❖ **NEW BUSINESS:**

Our discussion was directed to the invigoration of our parish. We are holding sessions every THURSDAY evening 7PM in the Parish Center inviting any and all parishioners to enter into dialogue on how to become a more dynamic Catholic. The format will follow the principles contained in the book entitled **THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC** by Matthew Kelly. (This book was handed to families by Father Rocco during the Easter Season). We hope that all parishioners have had an opportunity to read this text. Not having read this book will **not** preclude any parishioner from attending these anticipated sessions. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

On a positive note Father Rocco said of our current status, “the parish is on **good financial footing**”. We thank our church members for their generosity in making this possible. A potential Offertory Appeal was discussed. The core question is, what do we need to sustain ourselves? The generosity of the parish is obvious, however, can we do better? Our future is key!

The state of the ministries evidences an active 10% total of all the parishioners. Again anyone who wishes to join any of the ministries may contact the rectory. Some of our ministries include choir, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, faith formation (CCD, RCIA etc), altar servers, spiritual, nursing home, and arts and environment. All are welcome to participate. These ministries propel our primary focus of our parish.

We may be holding an OPEN HOUSE at the school, hosted by the Knights. Its purpose would be to sell items from the school. Anticipated date in October. See bulletin for updates.

CCD begins next Wednesday and will be held in church, Parish Center and rectory.

Finally we are planning a **HARVEST MASS** anticipated date **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**. Following the Mass we will have a reception with spirits and hors' d'oeuvres in the **PARISH CENTER**. Please check with the bulletin for any updates.

### ❖ Meeting Adjourned @ 8:30 PM

### ❖ Closing prayer by Father Rocco

### ❖ Next PPC meeting at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish** Center on: **NOVEMBER 18, 2014 @ 7PM**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Janis Melfi, Secretary of St Stephen's PPC*