

# 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 29, 2013 – The Twenty-Sixth 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 30, 2013</b> Mary Iacovelli r/b Frank Pigliacelli
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>October 1, 2013</b> Angelina Zinicola (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>October 2, 2013</b> Mary Iacovelli r/b Rita Vogt
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>October 3, 2013</b> Ida Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>October 4, 2013 (First Friday Adoration)</b> Vito Lamaina (Birthday Remembrance Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> ) r/b His Wife Tilda & Children
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>October 5, 2013</b> Donald L. Morozin r/b Rita Vogt
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>October 6, 2013</b> Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Anthony Miozzi (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and Phyllis Miozzi (15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b Anthony, Phyl and Children Frances Conway & Benedicto Andrade r/b The Conway Family

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of The Unborn Children.

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.

<b>Sept. 21/22, 2013 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>511/</b>	<b>\$4,915</b>
<b>Sept. 22/23, 2012 Comparison</b>	<b>477/</b>	<b>\$5,822</b>
<b>2013-14 Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>		<b>\$5,588</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>		<b>\$4,881</b>

**Next Diocesan Special Collection:** 10/6/13: "Pro-Life"

## 2013 House of Charity Appeal

<b>2013 House of Charity Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$50,807.50 (97.2%)</b>
<b>2013 House of Charity Goal</b>	<b>\$52,250.00</b>

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 **151 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 October 5/6

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server – TBD=To Be Determined

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: T. Angstman, J. Heining, L. Heining, A. Knight, \*B. Taylor

Lector: R. Taylor

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: S. Marano, L. Monaco, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, \*M. Miller

Lectors: Ry. Aleszczyk, Rh. Aleszczyk

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: P. Cioe, D. Urgo, T. Urgo, T. Scavuzzo, \*T. Link

Lector: M. Turan

## 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***

9/30-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study  
 10/1-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 10/2-Wed-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 6:30pm Untold Blessings DVD  
 10/3-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club, Choir  
 10/4-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm  
 10/5-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 10/6-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***

Continue this Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:15pm.

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

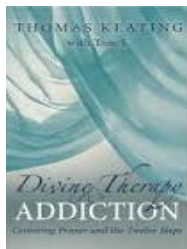
### ***Thursday Night***

#### ***Discussion Club***

CONTINUES OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</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 at 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

<b>Monday, October 14</b>	<b>Finance Council</b>
<b>Monday, October 21</b>	<b>Pastoral Council</b>
<b>Monday, October 28</b>	<b>Liturgy Board</b>

## ***Prayer Pavers to Our Lady***

**Paver Update:** All proofs have been corrected and processed. Fabrication commenced August 26th and took 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 October, please contact **Maryann @ 856-235-1423.**

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## 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:

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, September 29, 2013</b> | <b>Sunday, February 9, 2014</b> |
| <b>Sunday, November 3, 2013</b>   | <b>Sunday, March 2, 2014</b>    |
| <b>Sunday, November 24, 2013</b>  | <b>Sunday, March 30, 2014</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, January 5, 2014</b>    | <b>Sunday, May 18, 2014</b>     |

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

## The 25th annual Camden Diocese Charismatic Conference

Wildwood Convention Center in Wildwood, NJ  
**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

**Diocese of Camden**  
**Pro Life Leaders Gathering**  
Next Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:15 am - 3pm  
St. Charles Borromeo Parish  
176 Stage Coach Rd Sicklerville, NJ 08081

- \*Come to the gathering because you want to help lead others in a pro-life ministry at your church or parish or non-profit etc.
- \*Come because you want to start a pro-life ministry at your parish
- \*Come because you want to hear the Bishop speak.
- \*Tell others whom you feel might want to lead in a pro-life ministry in their parish or Non-Profit
- \*This is a gathering for leaders or people who are interested in ministering to others about anything pro-life.

**Learn \* Connect \* Energize \* Support \* Share \* Grow**  
Call (856) 629-0411 for directions only.  
Registration will be conducted through emailing  
Michael Laskey at: [michael.laskey@camdendiocese.org](mailto:michael.laskey@camdendiocese.org)

## 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).

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## 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. Petrunccio, 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.

## 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](http://www.eustace.org).

## 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)

## Merion Mercy Academy

All are welcome to join us for an **Open House on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** from 1-4pm. The **Scholarship and Entrance Exam will be given on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** from 9am-12:30pm. The Application/Test Registration is required by October 21<sup>st</sup> and can be completed online at [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com).

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

**Untold Blessings: Three Paths to  
Holiness Adult Study Program**

**Continues October 2, 2013.** "Untold Blessings: Three Paths to Holiness", is 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.

**Catholic Business Network**

Are you Catholic? In Business?

**Join the Catholic Business Networking Breakfast**

Build your business, build community,  
and support Catholic Schools

Breakfast meetings the second Friday of every month.

**Next Breakfast: Friday, October 11, 2013 @ 7:30 a.m.**  
**Woodcrest Country Club, Cherry Hill**

**Guest Speaker: Chuck Polin, President  
Training Resource Group**

**Topic: "How do I bring in more business?"**  
\$20 for breakfast - Contact: [SJCBN@Comcast.net](mailto:SJCBN@Comcast.net)

**Dear Friend of Holy Name:**

Holy Name of Camden Ministries is hosting a celebration featuring Dr. John Giannini, Men's Basketball Coach at La Salle University as guest of honor on Wednesday, **October 30** at Tavistock Country Club, Haddonfield, NJ. The annual "Reaching Out To Those In Need" award will be presented to Susan Mackey, Coordinator of the Outreach Program at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Camden and to Kevin Walsh, Esq. Associate Director of the Fair Share Housing Program.

The proceeds of this event support the ministries that serve the families and children in North Camden and surrounding communities; Holy Name School, Holy Name Scholars, St. Luke's Catholic Medical Services, Camden Center for Law and Social Justice, and Guadalupe Family Services

Tickets are \$100 per person. For information and reservations, call 856 365-1001 or go to [www.holynameofcamden.org](http://www.holynameofcamden.org)

**St. Stephen Church  
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes  
September 16, 2013**

**Council Members Present:** Fr. Daniel Rocco, Joseph Haas, Liz McHugh, Terry Modzier, Rich Cesta, Earl Nolte, Melanie Santanello, Dennis Rooney, Anthony Cioe, and Janis Melfi.

The meeting opened with a Scripture reading by Fr. Rocco. Meeting called to order 7PM.

**Old Business:**

- **PAVERS:** The Pavers to Our Lady are complete. The parish is awaiting delivery. Installation possibly the end of September. Sales are still being conducted, see Bulletin for information.

**New Business:**

- **HARVEST MASS:** A HARVEST Mass will be held outdoors on October 26, 2013 at 4:30 PM, weather permitting. The mass will be followed by a catered affair in the school auditorium. More information to follow. There will be **parishioner recognition** at the Harvest Mass/affair.
- **DEDICATIONS:** There will be four monument dedications: war monuments, Highland Firehouse fallen members and for the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Dedication date is tentative for either November 9 or 10. More information to follow.
- **UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS:**
  - **November 5** at 7PM James Mullaney, astronomer, will speak at the church. His topic is entitled "The Heavens Declare Finding God in the Majesty of the Heavens".
  - **November 30 –December 4** an Advent Mission will be held at the church, Fr. Michael Sullivan will lead the Mission.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:55PM  
Closing prayer by Fr. Rocco

Next PPC meeting at the **Sr. Bernadette Parish Center** on: **October 21, 2013 @ 7PM**

Respectfully submitted by Janis Melfi  
Secretary of St. Stephen's PPC