

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



*Different Histories...*

*One Faith...*

*Different Ages...*

## *Pastoral Staff*

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Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE

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



## *Contact Information*

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## *September 8, 2013 – The Twenty-Third 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 9, 2013</b> Mary Iacovelli r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 10, 2013</b> Stephen L. Dombrowski r/b Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 11, 2013</b> Gloria Vendetti r/b Lucille Buffington
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am+Novena	<b>September 12, 2013</b> John O'Connor r/b His Wife & Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 13, 2013</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>September 14, 2013</b> Gerry Browne r/b M/M Baylor
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 15, 2013</b> Marie Zinicola r/b Charlene Panzone & Joanne Gee
10:30am	Marianne Magee r/b Family Benedicto Andrade r/b The Conway Family Dc. Daniel Conway, Sr. r/b The Conway Family Marion Kaminski (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b His Wife & Children

## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of The Victims of 9/11.

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>August 31/1, 2013 Attendance/Collection</b>	<b>441/ \$4,996</b>
<b>Sept. 1/2, 2012 Comparison</b>	<b>457/ \$5,810</b>
<b>2013-14 Budgeted Weekly Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,588</b>
<b>Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:</b>	<b>\$4,710</b>

**Special Collections:**

- 9/8/13: "Peter's Pence/Holy Father"
- 9/22/13: "Catholic University"

## 2013 House of Charity Appeal

<b>2013 House of Charity Y-T-D</b>	<b>\$48,432.50 (92.7%)</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 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, Edith Bielinski, 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, 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 14/15

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

\* Designates Alternate Server

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Servers:** T. Mason, S. Caban, T. Albert  
**EM's:** A. Cirullo, C. Pandola, A. Pandola, Sr. Eleanora, \*T. Angstman  
**Lectors:** J. Heininger, L. Heininger

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** J. Bui, J. Mack, M. Conway  
**EM's:** S. Marano, L. McHugh, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, \*R. Leone  
**Lectors:** J. Messina, W. McHugh

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** E. Mattera, N. Hughes, C. Hughes  
**EM's:** T. Link, T. Mattera, L. Solano, M. Miller, \*M. Meloni  
**Lectors:** P. Cioe, J. Bowman

## Peter's Pence Collection Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. Be a pilgrim of charity—please be generous in today's collection.



### Stewardship Reflection

## "Stewards Do Not Possess"

*In the same ways, "everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." LUKE 14:33*

It seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His **Stewards.**

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

9/9-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Finance Committee  
 9/10-Tuesday- 9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 9/11-Wednesday-9am Mass  
 9/12-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club  
 9/13-Friday-9am Mass  
 9/14-Saturday-9am Men's Group, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 9/15-Catechetical Sunday-9am School Mass, 10:30am Mass,  
 Noon Baptisms

*A Message for All the Ladies:*



God values you, and  has a plan for your life!

### ***Monday Ladies' Bible Study***

Will resume September 9<sup>th</sup> from 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***

Opening CCD Mass is September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.

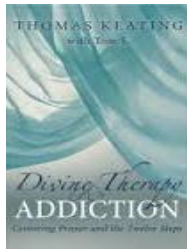
Registration forms may be found in the rectory and on our  
 website. The fee remains at \$125 per family.

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

**WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 7pm in the Parish Center.**

**We'll be 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 meetings 7pm in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

<b>Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Finance Council</b>
<b>Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parish Council</b>
<b>Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Liturgy Board</b>

## ***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](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  
 September, please contact  
**Linda @ 856-661-8045.**





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

### 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).

### Life in the Spirit Seminars

The Life in the Spirit Seminars are an exciting opportunity for you to "step away" and take time to renew and deepen your personal relationship with the person, the work, and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Join us on Sundays from September 8 - October 27 at 7:30-9:00pm at St. Rose of Lima** (parish lounge in rectory basement) 300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights.

The guest speakers will includes **Fr. Joseph Byerley, Fr. Peter Idler, Msgr. Michael Mannion, Deacon Craig Bickel and Deacon Joe Garozzo.**

For more information contact Chick Warrington (856)783-7117 [chickwarrington@comcast.net](mailto:chickwarrington@comcast.net) or Sue Wheeler (856)854-5844 [cswhwheeler45@gmail.com](mailto:cswhwheeler45@gmail.com). All are warmly welcome!

### Seeking a Position of Service

Local Christian writer/former librarian seeks situation offering caregiving/domestic services in exchange for room & board in nonsmoking household. Experienced w/ excellent references. Email [eliz.kessler@hotmail.com](mailto:eliz.kessler@hotmail.com). OR contact rectory @ 856-662-9338, x6.

## UPCOMING CAP SESSIONS

*We can be sure that we love God's children when we love God and do what he has commanded. 1 John 5:2*

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment-training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

**CAP 1** teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

**CAP 2** is called *No More Bullies, No More Victims* and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

**CAP 3** is called *Cyber-Empowerment* and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere. Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1 or 2 again if they prefer.

The following sessions will be offered in **September:**

#### CAP Phase 1

Saturday, September 14, 2013, 10:00am, Newman House, Glassboro

Monday, September 16, 2013, 7:00pm, Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Center

Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 7:00pm, St. Katharine Drexel, Egg Harbor Twp

Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 7:00pm, Our Lady of Peace, Williamstown, Marian Hall

Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 7:00pm, St. Damien, Ocean City, St. Frances of Cabrini Church, 2nd & Atlantic Ave

#### CAP Phase 2 – Bullying Prevention

Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 7:00pm, Christ the Good Shepherd, Vineland

Monday, September 23, 2013, 7:00pm, Incarnation, Mantua, Kernan Center

To attend one of these classes, please call the CAP registration line in the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (856) 583-6165 or email [Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Diane.Diggons@camdendiocese.org) to register.

Please register at least five days before the session you would like to attend. The CAP schedule, location phone numbers and directions may be found on the diocesan website @ [www.camdendiocese.org](http://www.camdendiocese.org).

### 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 NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call **1-800-964-6588**.

### **Knights' Flea Market Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 21, from 8:30am to 2:30pm at Mary Queen of All Saints (formerly St Cecilia's) school yard.  
**For information, contact Lonnie at 856 662-6049.**

### **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.

### **Celebrate John Paul II Anticipating His Canonization Sunday, September 29, 2013 Faith, Family, Fun & Food**

**Pope John Paul II Retreat Center  
414 S. Eighth Street, Vineland, NJ 08360  
(856) 691-2299**

#### **Programs from 7:30am – 6:00pm**

**Church:** 8am Italian Mass, 10:30pm Spanish Mass, 2:30pm Polish Mass, Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
4:00pm English Mass

**Chapel:** Adoration 7:30pm-2:30pm, Veneration JP II Relic All Day, Confessions All Day.

**Retreat Bookstore:** Books, Films, DVD's available  
Retreat House – Meeting Room: Life, Teaching & Spirituality of John Paul II All Day

**Retreat Hall:** Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 8am-10:30am, Dinner featuring Multicultural Food, Entertainment & Fun from 12pm – 6pm.

Visit us at [www.PopeJohnPaul2rc.catholicweb.com](http://www.PopeJohnPaul2rc.catholicweb.com)

### **Bishop Sullivan welcomes young adults to Theology on Tap! Tuesday, September 10, 2013**

Welcoming young adults, single or married, in their 20s & 30s!  
Dubh Linn Square Restaurant and Pub,  
482 East Evesham Road, Cherry Hill, NJ  
Guest Presenter: **Bishop Dennis Sullivan**, Bishop of Camden  
Cost: **No cost to attend.**

Participants are welcome to purchase food and beverages.  
**For more info: (856) 583-6122,**  
[gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org](mailto:gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org),  
or join "Theology on Tap – South Jersey" on Facebook or  
follow "Theology on Tap SJ" on Twitter.

### **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. 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](mailto:Katherine.boyer@camdendiocese.org) to RSVP.

### **Special Needs Faith Formation**

The Archbishop Damiano School for Special Needs Children and the St. John of God Community Services, operated by the Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God, offers children and adults with disabilities Family Faith Formation. The Faith Formation Program serves individuals of all disabilities to receive the Sacraments within the Church as well as ongoing faith development.

Those who have received Sacraments have the option of general Scripture study with arts & crafts, etc. or participation in the Bell Choir. Our program has been developed with a special emphasis on children and adults with autism. Realizing that the family unit is extremely important in developing faith, we invite immediate family, including siblings, to play an active role in the faith formation of those involved in our program.

To register online or for more information regarding the program, please visit us at [www.brothersofstjohnofgod.org](http://www.brothersofstjohnofgod.org). On the main page, you will find the link to our Special Needs Faith Formation Program. You may also contact Bro. Thomas Osorio, O.H. at 856-848-4700, extension 1142 with any questions.