

St. Stephen Parish

6300 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109



Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco, Pastor
Reverend Thomas Kiely, In-Residence
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Permanent Deacon Anthony Cioe
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May 1, 2011 – 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

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 – 7:00pm 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-Deacon Anthony Cioe-227-2154
Rectory Office Hours-Monday thru Friday 9am-4:30pm

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.



Family or Friends having a 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 the church 10 minutes prior to 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 2012 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

MONDAY 9:00am	May 2, 2011 Emilio DeMayo r/b Frank Pigliacelli
TUESDAY 9:00am	May 3, 2011 Mary Jo Stedrak (1-year anniversary) r/b Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	May 4, 2011 Msgr. Edward J. Kennedy r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY 9:00am+Novena	May 5, 2011 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 6, 2011 (First Friday Adoration) Harry Wilson r/b His Wife, Katherine Wilson
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 7, 2011 Andrew Petrucci r/b The Scavuzzo Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 8, 2011 (Mother's Day) Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter, Rose Marie
10:30am	Jean Wenstrom r/b The Mattera Family Julian J. Terzini (1-year anniversary May 9 th) R/b Sue Newell & Family Susie Furlano r/b Bill Kamman Marlene Matteo r/b Theresa Guaracino-Roak

The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of Mary Jo Stedrak.

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.

April 16/17, 2011 Attendance/Collection	658/	\$5,894
April 17/18, 2010 Attendance/Collection	629/	\$5,905
Easter, 2011 Collection (thus far, still coming in)		\$15,205
Easter, 2010 Collection		\$20,849

Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$5,673
Actual Y-T-D Weekly Average:	\$5,818

Upcoming Special Collections:

- May 1, 2011: "Catholic Home Mission"
- June 2, 2011: "Feast of the Ascension"
- June 5, 2011: "Catholic Communication"



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:

- Rose Alessandroni, Victor Ambruso, Joe & Dolly Angelastro, Evelyn Capocetta, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Patricia DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Marie DiFrank, Patricia Domer, Diane Fesko, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Vilma Gambino, Thomas Holmes Sr., Rita Insley, Ben Johnson, Donna Krawchuk, Sandy Lepo, Joann Lunsford, Vincent Marchese, Harry Mayer, Dorothy McPeak, Marie Melchiorre, John Meyer, Michael & Family, Debbi Morrissey, Mark Newell, Freda Novak, Jennifer Osborn, Edith Parrissi, Cassandra Pendtleton, Rita Picciano, Declan Roberts, Rosemarie Rosolia, Raphael Rubin, William Sauer, Carmella Scrivani, Steven Stepanavage, Mary Terzini, Lillian Tomarchio, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Helen Villanueva, John Vindick, Anthony Vocale, Rita Weingard.

If you know that someone on the above sick list is no longer in need of prayers, please contact the rectory office at 662-9338, ext.6 so that we may remove their name. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule for May 7/8

(Monthly Schedules are also posted on our website)

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: D. Surgner, T. Mason, K. Hulsey
EM's: T. Veneziani, P. Petronis, The Pandolas, B. Taylor
Lectors: R. Taylor, P. Palazzo

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: C. Padua, M. Ciarrocca, O. Graff
EM's: S. Marano, The Rosarios, N. Schmidt, T. Modzier
Lectors: L. Sperduto, J. Gerst

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C & N Hughes, H. Atchison
EM's: M. Meloni, J. Messina, C. Otto, L. Picknally, P. Cioe
Lectors: The Links

St. Stephen's "Discussion Club"

Begins May 5, 2011

Every Thursday night at 7pm in the Rectory we will be discussing

"A Knight for Truth: Transformation in Christ"

All are welcome!



2011 House of Charity Appeal

2011 House of Charity Appeal Y-T-D	\$42,305 (81%)
2011 House of Charity Goal	\$52,250

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 **110 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.

Evangelization Workshop

May 12th – 7-9pm at St. Stephen School

REACHING OUT TO NEW MEMBERS
IN OUR COMMUNITIES

This workshop offers suggestions to parishes on how to cultivate an active core of Catholics to serve as ministers of evangelization in parishes, homes, neighborhoods, and workplaces. At the same time, it provides practical tools for inviting inactive Catholics or those without church affiliation to become part of the faith community and make them feel welcome in the life of the Church.

Who is invited? Pastors, pastoral associates, pastoral councils, parish evangelization teams, parish staff and all those interested in becoming evangelizers.

The participants will have the opportunity to become familiar with different helpful tips and tools to be more active in the process of evangelization and to use the different gifts of the members of an evangelization team. At the same time, they will be introduced to some traditional and new forms of marketing to be more effective when inviting people to the parish community. **Free Admission.**

Please contact us for registration or more information:

Andres Arango

Office of Lifelong Faith Formation

Director of Evangelization

Diocese of Camden

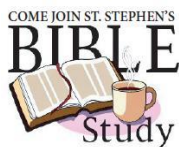
856-583-6121 or andres.arango@camdendiocese.org

Pennsauken Fire Department's 3rd Annual Memorial and Prayer Service, May 1, 2011 at 1:30 PM – St. Stephen Church

Come join us as we pray for those families who have lost a loved one the last year and for the firefighters and families that serve and protect our community.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 5/2-Monday-9am Mass, 1pm Bible Study, 7pm Confirmation Parents Meeting
- 5/3-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 5/4-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD
- 5/5-Thursday-9am Mass followed by Novena, 7pm Discussion Club, 7pm Rosary Makers, 7:15pm Choir
- 5/6-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm, 3pm School Choir
- 5/7-Saturday-9am Men's Prayer Group, 10am First Communion, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass, 6pm Comedy Knight
- 5/8-Sunday-Masses at 9am & 10:30am



**Every Monday @ 1pm
in the Stonegate
Conference Room**

All ladies in the parish, and friends are welcome. Please contact Eileen Heide at heides@comcast.net or call (856) 662-8046 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

St. Stephen's Prayer Line: Belongs to You

If you need someone to pray for you, you are at the right place.

Contact Bernice @ 662-4641 for May requests.

**"You answered me when I called to you;
with your strength you strengthened me."**

Psalms 138:3

First Friday Adoration May 6th



This Friday, May 6th
is the First Friday of the Month.

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament will begin after the
9am Mass and conclude at 7pm.

2nd Annual Spring Social!

Saturday, May 14th, 7-11pm

Come for an evening of enjoyment and camaraderie in appreciation of the parishioners of St. Stephen's Church and School. **Invitation is open to ANY and ALL adults 21 years of age or older.** There will be dinner, wine and beer available, BYOB at your preference, DJ and dancing. **Tickets are \$20 per person OR \$35 per couple.** This is not a fundraiser, but a chance for all to meet and celebrate St. Stephen's family. Tickets are available after all weekend Masses in church and at the Rectory and School during the week, now thru May 8.



Saints' Relics...Save the Date!

On Monday May 23rd, an extraordinary collection of **Saints' Relics** will be on display at St Stephen Parish. You will not want to miss this. More details to follow...

CCHS Road to College Program

Camden Catholic High School will present its annual "Road to College Is Through Camden Catholic" program for 6th & 7th graders and their parents/guardians on May 2, 2011 from 7-8:30pm.

Students: 7-7:30pm prep for the High School Placement Test
Parents: 7-7:30pm description of High School Placement Test, Course Selections leading to competitive college profile, Mr. George Walter, Associate Dean of Enrollment Mgmt. At Villanova University, CCHS College Prep Seminar
Parents & Students: 7:30-8pm Q & A Session followed by Tours and Refreshments from 8-8:30pm.

Please RSVP by May 2, 2011 to

www.camdencatholic.org/roadtocollege.


WANTED: Part-time Caregiver for a Senior

Job description: A women with a valid drivers license 8am until 2pm Monday thru Thursday, give medications and drive to store and take senior woman to see and shop with her sister in Somerdale NJ, take out to lunch and such. Pay is \$12.00 per hour and they could use this woman's car or their own car and we would pay for gas of course. **If you know someone, please call Evelyn at 610-391-1451. Thank you.**




Week of May 1st - 7th

OPEN HOUSE – Registering now for the 2011-2012 School year for Grades PreK3-8th Grade! We have only 2 spots left in Kindergarten for next year but there is room in PreK 3, 4 and 1st Grade! Come and visit us on Tuesday, May 17th from 8:30-10:30 am. Tour our school, meet our faculty, staff and students! If any alumni or parishioners would like to help please call our Advancement Director, Katy Fagan @ (856) 662-5935 or email: advancement@ststephenspennsauken.com

 **2nd Grade News** – Our 2nd grade school and CCD students will be making their First Holy Communion this Saturday, May 7th at 10a.m. Please keep these students in your prayers.

8th Grade News – Our 8th grade students and their parents will be going on the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. this Thursday, May 5th. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable adventure!

 **Drama Department** - Student volunteers from grades 6, 7, and 8 are busy rehearsing for our Spring musical. This year our play has been written by Mrs. Mattera, our school secretary. She, along with Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Amos are working with the students. Our play is entitled *Through the Years* and follows the stage careers of a married couple who met on Broadway.

We are taking advantage of talented students from K-2nd grade to sing and dance in a scene from “Oliver”. A parishioner and members of the school community will be playing the married couple. We are very excited about incorporating various individuals in our play this year!

Won't you join us on the evening of Friday, May 20th or Saturday, May 21st to visit Broadway *Through the Years*?



PTA UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Fri. May 6th** Flower Sale pickup
- May 4th-18th** Johnson's Popcorn sale (delivery May 26th)
- Sat. June 4th** Walk-a-thon

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



BULLDOG NEWS!

- Track:**  Sat. May 7th 9am vs. St. Mary & St. Rose @ Gloucester HS
- Softball:**  Tues. May 3rd 6pm v. St. Margaret's – HOME
Wed. May 4th 6pm vs. OLOH – AWAY
Mon. May 9th 6pm vs. Holy Trinity – AWAY

If you have alumni information to share, please email: advancement@ststephenspennsauken.com

Recognition and Appreciation of St. Stephen's Parishioners

As a Parish we endeavor to recognize those parishioners who best reflect the **Vision** of St. Stephen's. We are seeking nominations from all parishioners of individuals who have contributed over and above those principles of time, talent and treasure.

We will honor them at our Spring Social and install a nameplate along with the many other parishioners who have been recognized on our board in the vestibule.

This will be a monthly legacy to honor those individuals who are so integral to our success.

You may nominate more than one parishioner.

Name _____

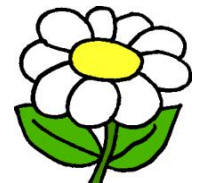
Reason - How this person fulfills the Vision:

This form may be returned to the Rectory or placed in the Offertory Collection basket.



Calling All Bulbs & Plants!

Please don't discard your Easter plants—we'll re-plant them on our church grounds! All plants may be dropped off at the rectory from 9am-4:30pm Monday thru Friday.



St. Stephen Parish Finance Council Meeting - Wednesday, 4/13/11

In Attendance: Father Daniel Rocco, Keith Knight, Lonnie Monaco, Craig Otto, and Anthony Saranchak

Absent: Deacon Anthony Cioe and Kathy Boyer

Fr. Rocco opened the meeting with prayer at 7:05 PM.

Meeting Notes: The minutes from our last meeting on 3/16/11 were distributed.

Parish Finances: We reviewed the end of March balance sheet and aging summary, as well as the profit and loss statements for March and the fiscal year to date (July 2010 through March 2011). ► *Income:* Ordinary income during the July through March period was 2.6% higher than the amount projected in our budget and 1.2% greater than collections during July 2009 through March 2010. In contrast, special collections during the first nine months of the parish's fiscal year are running behind the level experienced last year. The Diocese mandates these collections. Funds collected do not stay in the parish, but instead go directly to the Diocese for various special needs (e.g., pro-life, retired religious, Catholic University, etc.). ► *Expenses:* The parish is current with all of its obligations, including school subsidy, assessment and insurance payments to the Diocese. July through March expenses for most areas of the parish budget remain on or below our projections. Administrative and office costs, rectory expenses, fixed costs (including payroll taxes and insurance payments), and the cost of utilities for July through March were all under budget and lower than expenses for these categories during the same period one year ago. Fiscal year to date expenses for custodial services, buildings and grounds repair and maintenance have been significantly over budget and higher than expenses for the same nine-month period last year. Necessary church, rectory and convent repairs, as well as the unusually large cost of snow and ice removal have driven the higher costs incurred in this area of the budget. ► *Assets:* At the end of March, the church's balance sheet showed a combined total of \$135,719 in operating, scrip, stipend, revolving maintenance, and revolving reserve accounts. The O'Connell scholarship account contains an additional \$31,043, although these funds are restricted and not available for use in connection with normal parish expenses. ► *Liabilities:* End of March liabilities totaled \$5,928, all incurred within the past 30 days.

School Finances: March school finance reports were not available for review by the Finance Council. In the absence of the reports, Tony Saranchak reported that school payroll and payments to the Diocese are all current.

Parish and School Budgets for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year: Tony Saranchak reported on the preparation of parish and school budgets for the fiscal year that begins in July 2011. ► *Parish:* The Diocese has not yet forwarded budget packages to the parishes. Work on the new budget will commence as soon as we receive it. Father Rocco mentioned that, if possible, we should include replacement of one or two of the original the Rectory air conditioning units and the Rectory office's computer in our capital plan. He also distributed copies of a budget request form that we will provide to ministry leaders. ► *School:* Work on the new school budget continues. We have received updated salary and benefit figures from the Diocese. Once the Tuition Assistance Committee provides input, the school can complete its budget.

Stonegate: St. Stephen will no longer pursue construction of a second Stonegate Senior Citizen Residence adjacent to the existing facility.

Convent: Father Rocco attended a meeting at the Chancery in Camden on 3/24/11 to discuss the future status of the Convent with several Diocesan officials. Discussions among the various parties involved continue. In addition, we will compose a letter to Bishop Galante addressing our concerns about the future of the Convent in the context of overall parish and school finances and the major expenses that we anticipate incurring for Convent repair and upgrade during the next few years.

Fundraising Committee: Keith Knight reported on the following fundraising activities: Night at the Races - \$8,678; magazine drive: \$1,000; and candy sale: \$3,000. Thanks are due to everyone who contributed to these fundraisers.

Miscellaneous:

- Registration for the next school year is going well. To date, 179 children have enrolled for K-8 classes – more than at this time last year.
- Father Rocco reported that he used the final Gilbride Estate payment and Snipas memorial funds to purchase cable to link the buildings on our campus.

Fr. Rocco concluded the meeting with prayer at 8:45 PM.

The next Finance Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, 5/11/11 at 7 PM in the Rectory basement meeting room.

Respectfully submitted, Craig Otto - 4/14/11