

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

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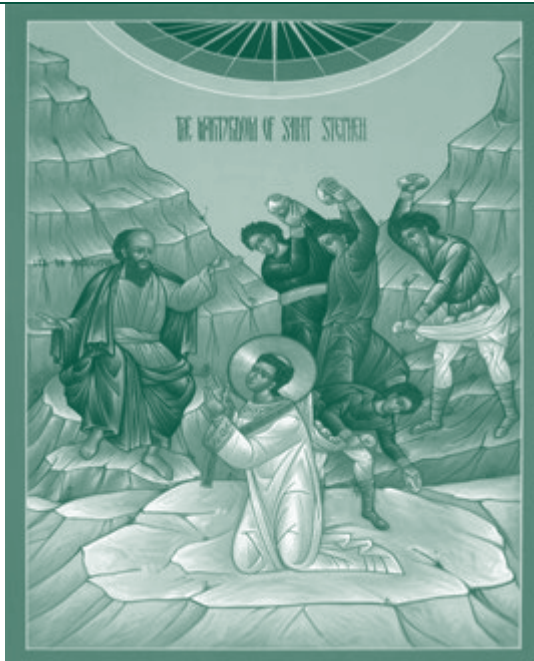
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### Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday:  
9:00am - 4:30pm



## Contact Info

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[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 24, 2017 – The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Daily Mass:** 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 one 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 2018 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 24, 2017</b> Rita Duffy r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 25, 2017</b> Carmel Naples r/b People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 26, 2017</b> Joseph Cornaglia r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 27, 2017</b> Larry W. Gormley r/b People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am/Novena	<b>September 28, 2017</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 29, 2017</b> Theresa Cavaliere r/b Lucille Buffington
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>September 30, 2017</b> Theresa Cavaliere r/b Gary & Donna Ahrens
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>October 1, 2017</b> Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Jennie Zinicola (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b 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.

September 16/17, 2017 Offertory Collection: \$4,542  
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target: \$4,600  
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,160

Special Collections:

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>: "Hurricane Irma Relief" (U.S. & Caribbean)

October 1<sup>st</sup>: "Pro-Life" (Diocese)

October 22<sup>nd</sup>: "Mission Sunday" (Diocese)

(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)



**Knights of Columbus,  
Council 3512  
Hoagie Sale**

As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 & \$6.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **Sept. 30/Oct. 1**. For info call 856-227-4980.



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:

- Joseph & Dolores Afilani, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Barbie Brown, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Lina Ciarrocchi, Edmund Ciccarrone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Cranmer, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Biagio Dinoto, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Antonio Genovese, Richard Gentile, Jr., Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Sr., Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Linda Petrilli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Patricia Ruhl, Dean & Mary Russell, John S., Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Keri Ann Taxis, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Vivillo, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for Sept. 30 / Oct. 1

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: C. Pandola, R. Davis, A. Cirullo, A. Rende, V. Thibault

Lectors: J. Melfi, P. Nolte

**Sunday, 9:00am**

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, M. Conway, Mi. Conway

EM's: M. Miller, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Leone, E. Nolte

Lectors: W. McHugh, Jared Rivera

**Sunday, 10:30am**

Altar Servers: C. Nicdao, K. Fagan

EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, K. Fagan, J. Messina

Lectors: M. Miller, R. Aleszczyk

## Our Lady Invites You...

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon by the Pavers to Our Lady to participate in one of the 20,000 planned Rosary Rallies in honor of the Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.

Facing the threat of war with North Korea, and the sins of abortion, euthanasia, "transgenderism", Satanism and the growing rate of drug addiction and suicide among young people, our nation desperately needs a supernatural solution. The solution was given by the Blessed Mother at Fatima in 1917 when She told people to pray the Rosary for world peace.

**Pray for the urgent conversion of America.**

**More info at [AmericaNeedsFatima.org](http://AmericaNeedsFatima.org)**

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

9/25-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study  
 9/26-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Board  
 9/27-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes  
 9/28-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club  
 9/29-Friday-9am Mass  
 9/30-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 10/1-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

### *Ladies Bible Study*

We are all on a journey, and God's word is a light to our path. Stop in and join us at the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in scripture, lively discussions and fun!

**When:** Mondays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**Where:** St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.  
 Phone or text: 610-805-5363 email: heides@comcast.net

*The woman who walks with God  
 Always reaches her destination!*

### *Tuesday Night Rosary*

#### **To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church**

Come join us as we ask Our Lady to pray with us and for us. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the pinnacle of God's creation. She is the most perfect, the greatest, the holiest human being ever to live. When we repeat her name, we greatly honor God her Creator. Mary never keeps any glory for herself. Her soul magnifies the Lord. (Lk 1:46)

### *Wednesday Night CCD Classes*

#### **Continue September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm**

Spaces still available, registration forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The fee is now \$145 per family (includes \$10 late fee after Labor Day).

### *Thursday Night Discussion Club*

Continues Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Parish Center.  
 We'll be discussing Prof. William R. Cook's  
**"The Catholic Church: A History"**



All Are Welcome to Join Us!

### *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.

### *Automatic E-Giving*

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide Electronic Giving, or eGiving, as a simple, secure & convenient method for making contributions. E-Giving is being used by churches throughout the country and works similar to online bill paying. You may logon to [www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.

### *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

During the 10:30 AM Mass, children between the ages of 4 and 7 are 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 rejoice their parents. We hope that you will allow your children to participate in this religious education experience.

### *Parish Library*

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Fall reading needs! We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. Please stop by after Masses.

#### **Hours:**

**Saturday, 5:30-6:00pm**  
**Sunday, 10:00-10:30; 11:30-12:00**

### *Prayer Pavers to Our Lady*

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 order forms are on our website and in the rectory office. 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).

### *St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You*



**We are here to pray for you.**

For Prayer Requests in the month of September contact **Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.**

### *First Friday Adoration*

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, October 6, 2017 9:45am-7:00pm.**





**PLEASE JOIN US AT GOOD COUNSEL'S BANQUET  
THURSDAY, October 26, 6:00-9:00pm**

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YOU are invited to attend Good Counsel's Eleventh Annual Fund Raising Banquet to benefit the homeless, pregnant mothers of our Riverside home. Our key note speaker is Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, Founding Father of Franciscan Friars of The Renewal. Come and hear one of the many success stories of one of Good Counsel's moms and how, through your financial support, she now has hope for her future. Reservations are required. Please contact **Mary Ann Lorimer** for information: **#215-989-0021** or **lorimerma@aol.com**. Ask friends to join you and we will reserve a table of 10 just for you! A free will offering will be taken during the dinner. Celebrate the miracles of our Riverside home with us. We look forward to seeing you.



**Paul VI High School News**

**Are you ready to be a Paul VI Eagle? We're ready to help you soar!** - Paul VI High School is ready for you! Please join us this fall for Open House, our scholarship test, and more!

**Paul VI Scholarship Test** will be conducted at Paul VI, on **Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>**. Paul VI High School annually awards academic scholarships to incoming freshmen. To enter the scholarship process, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must take the HSPT at Paul VI on October 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information, and to register for the test, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions).

**Paul VI presents Tours & Touchdowns-** This season's dates are **Friday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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. For more information, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions).

**Paul VI Eagle-for-a-Day** visits are available for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout the fall admissions season. To see the schedule of available dates, and to make a reservation, please visit [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 9<sup>th</sup>**. Middle school students and their families are invited to meet our faculty, coaches and students, enjoy special performances by our performing arts groups, and see our beautiful school. Reservations are appreciated. 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)**

**Health & Wellness Meeting Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The next Health and Wellness Team meeting will be held on Tuesday 10/3/17 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. New members are welcome! Please contact Joanne DiBraccio at [Joanniedb@comcast.net](mailto:Joanniedb@comcast.net) for more information.



**Merion Mercy Academy News**

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and their families are welcome to join us at Merion Mercy Academy's Open House to be held on **Sunday, October 8**. The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Mass followed by a welcome and overview and tours. The Scholarship and Entrance Exam will be given on Saturday, October 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**The make-up date is November 4.**  
**The Application/Test Registration**  
**can be completed online at [www.merion-mercy.com](http://www.merion-mercy.com).**



**Camden Catholic High School News**

**Camden Catholic High School Open House**

Thursday, **October 26** at 7 p.m. (check-in begins at 6:30). Learn how we empower today's students to find their purpose through academics, arts and spirituality. Meet our faculty, students, coaches and administration, tour the campus, and "Catch the Spirit" of CCHS!  
RSVP online: [www.camdenatholic.org/openhouse](http://www.camdenatholic.org/openhouse).

**Camden Catholic High School Scholarship & High School Placement Test** Saturday, **November 4** at 8:30 a.m. Pre-Register online [www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents). Students interested in competing for Merit and Arts Scholarships *must* take the test at Camden Catholic.

**Irish Experience Guest Days** for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are being scheduled at Camden Catholic High School. Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy. Select your day at [www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents) or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: [janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

**Girls Leadership Workshop**

Hosted by the Leadership Academy of Camden Catholic High School on Sunday, October 29 for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Visit [www.camdenatholic.org/irishsynergy](http://www.camdenatholic.org/irishsynergy) for more info.

**Designer Bag Bingo: October 13**

Pisa Dining Hall @ CCHS. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. First game begins at 7 p.m. \$25 in advance. \$35 at the door.

Purchase tickets [www.camdenatholic.org](http://www.camdenatholic.org) or email [ann.clinton@camdenatholic.org](mailto:ann.clinton@camdenatholic.org) to reserve.

Tickets include 10 games and 50/50. One purse winner each game! And door prizes! One special purse will be raffled off. Bring your own appetizers and refreshments

# 2017 Camden Diocese Charismatic Conference



**October 6, 7 & 8, 2017**  
**Wildwood Convention Center**  
Boardwalk and Burke Avenue  
Wildwood, NJ

50th Anniversary of the  
Charismatic Renewal  
100th Anniversary of  
Fatima

*"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit." Luke 1:41*

**Main (Adult) Track**  
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**Fr. Yvans Jazon**



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MC**

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Youth Director

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Kimberly Pesotski**



**St. Mary of Mount Carmel  
Youth Director**

For registration materials or more information call (609) 652-7729, e-mail: [support@camdencharismatic.org](mailto:support@camdencharismatic.org)  
Registration forms and on-line ticketing available at <http://www.camdencharismatic.org>

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