

St. Stephen Parish

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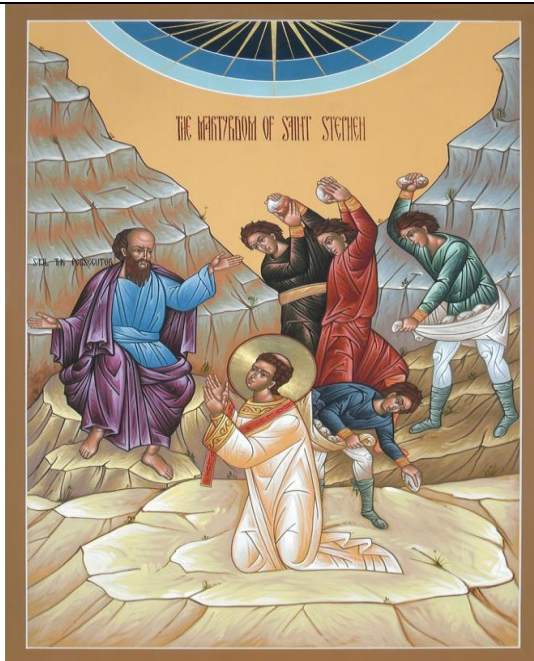
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Rose Marie Davis
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00am - 4:30pm



Contact Info

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(856) 261-9336
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Parish Website:
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.*

October 1, 2017 – The 26th 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.

Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist –

Upon request after the 4:30pm Mass in the Chapel.

Prior notification is necessary by calling the rectory.

Also call the rectory if someone is sick or housebound.

A Priest should be called if death is imminent.

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.

Funerals – Arrangements must be made directly with a Funeral Home after notifying the Parish. All viewings should take place in the Funeral Home. Funeral planning brochures are available in the Rectory Office.

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.

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".

SUNDAY	October 1, 2017
9:00am	Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Jennie Zinicola (5 th Anniversary) r/b Family
MONDAY	October 2, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	October 3, 2017
9:00am	Ida Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY	October 4, 2017
9:00am	Marlene Matteo r/b Family
THURSDAY	October 5, 2017
9:00am/Novena	Charles Redrup r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
FRIDAY	October 6, 2017 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am	Jennie Zinicola r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
SATURDAY	October 7, 2017
4:30pm	Sebastian & Adeline Canalicchio r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz
SUNDAY	October 8, 2017
9:00am	Louis & Josephine Buondonno (Anniversary Remembrance) r/b Daughter
10:30am	Theresa Cavaliere r/b Edith Alessi



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.

Sept. 23/24 Hurricane/Earthquake Relief:	\$2,000
September 23/24, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$4,441
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,186

Special Collections:

October 1st: "Pro-Life" (Diocese)
October 22nd: "Mission Sunday" (Diocese)



Our Lady Invites You...

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 14th 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.

Pray for the urgent conversion of America.
More info at AmericaNeedsFatima.org

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:

Joseph & Dolores Afilani, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Barbie Brown, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Lina Ciarrocchi, Edmund Ciccaraone, 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 October 7/8

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner
EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, J. Gerst

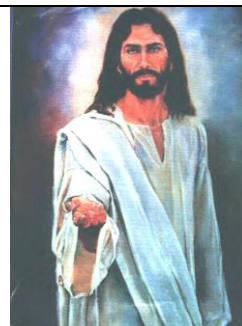
Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, M. Conway, Mi. Conway
EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, R. Leone, E. Nolte
Lectors: D. Heck, M. Miller

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: M. Daniels, Ma. Daniels, C. Nicdao
EM's: T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, W. Delfin, S. Underwood, M. Meloni
Lector: R. Aleszczyk

A SPECIAL INVITATION



"O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine."

First Friday Adoration October 6, 2017

"A Genius conceives a masterpiece... He is delighted with it; he will realize it by every possible means and at the cost of any sacrifice. He is dominated by his masterpiece; he sees it continually.

Well, (in like manner) fix your mind on our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and ponder on his love."
Saint Peter Julian Eymard

RSVP to Rosemarie Leone
@ 856-662-0035.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 10/2-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study
- 10/3-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Health/Wellness
- 10/4-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 10/5-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 10/6-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 10/7-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 10/8-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



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 October 4th @ 6:15pm

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues Oct. 5th @ 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 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.

Health & Wellness Meeting Oct. 3rd

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 for more information.

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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

For Prayer Requests in the month of October contact **Diane @ 856-308-8224.**



PLEASE JOIN US AT GOOD COUNSEL'S BANQUET
THURSDAY, October 26, 6:00-9:00pm
THE MERION, 1901 US ROUTE 130, CINNAMINSON
 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.

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### 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)**

### 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).**

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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.

Camden Catholic High School Scholarship & High School Placement Test Saturday, **November 4** at 8:30 a.m. Pre-Register online 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 8th 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 or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: 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 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Visit 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 or email 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

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### West Philadelphia Catholic Girls High School Class of 1969

will be having their 50th Reunion Celebration on **September 15, 2019** at Drexelbrook's Mansion House 4700 Drexelbrook Drive, Drexel Hill, PA 19026 from 12 PM until 4 PM. Please contact Jeane Hugues Milligan & her committee at [wegh1969\\_50th@yahoo.com](mailto:wegh1969_50th@yahoo.com) for further details.

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN  
Office of Child and Youth Protection

*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 *CAP's Bullying Prevention Program* 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 teaching 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, 2 or 3 when they renew their CAP.

The following sessions will be offered in **October 2017**:

**CAP Phase 1**

| Date                    | Time    | Location                                                                              |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, October 4th  | 7:00 PM | Christ the Good Shepherd (Sacred Heart Hall)<br>1010 E. Landis Avenue, Vineland       |
| Tuesday, October 17th   | 7:00 PM | Assumption Regional School<br>146 S. Pitney Road, Galloway                            |
| Tuesday, October 17th   | 7:00 PM | St. Mary (Parish Hall)<br>2001 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill                           |
| martes 17 de octubre    | 7:00 PM | Parroquia de Santa Cruz<br>(Rectoría de Santa Teresa)<br>46 Central Avenue, Bridgeton |
| Wednesday, October 18th | 7:00 PM | St. Mary Mt. Carmel (St. Anthony's Hall)<br>285 Route 206, Hammonton                  |
| Monday, October 23rd    | 7:00 PM | Christ Our Light (St. Mary Rm, Parish Center)<br>402 Kings Hwy North, Cherry Hill     |

**CAP Phase 2**

| Date                   | Time    | Location                                                             |
|------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, October 17th  | 7:00 PM | St. Clare of Assisi Parish (Parish Hall)<br>140 Broad St, Swedesboro |
| Thursday, October 19th | 7:00 PM | St. Joseph the Worker (Chapel)<br>901 Hopkins Road, Haddon Township  |
| Thursday, October 26th | 7:00 PM | All Saints (Spiritual Center)<br>621 Dock Street, Millville          |

**CAP Phase 3**

| Date                 | Time    | Location                                               |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, October 3rd | 7:00 PM | St. Margaret School<br>773 Third Street, Woodbury Hts. |

To attend one of these classes, please call the **CAP REGISTRATION LINE** at the Office of Child and Youth Protection: **(856)583-6165**, or contact Maryellen Schell at [maryellen.schell@camdendiocese.org](mailto:maryellen.schell@camdendiocese.org). Please leave your name and the session date you plan to attend. You **will not** receive a call back. We ask that you 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/cvp](http://www.camdendiocese.org/cvp).

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY**

# Share the Journey

On September 27, 2017, Pope Francis launched a global campaign to support immigrants and refugees around the world called "Share the Journey." Our brothers and sisters often make perilous journeys, leaving their homelands because they are forced to flee their homes to escape conflict, poverty, persecution and violence. There are more refugees and internally displaced people now—over 65 million—than at any other time in recorded history. Our faith calls us to "love our neighbor," to see Christ in those who are in greatest need, and to welcome newcomers seeking the security, peace, and opportunity they cannot find in their home countries.

**We can join Pope Francis and the Church around the world, and share the journey with fellow children of God by:**

Learning about their journeys. Read stories, watch videos, and pay attention to news that can help sensitize us to their reality.

**Then, share what you learn with others by:**

Joining the #sharejourney campaign on social media!

Meeting immigrants and refugees. Contact your local Catholic Charities agency to learn how you can join or support their programs that serve immigrants and refugees.

Saying a daily prayer for all people, and especially children, who have fled their homes in search of peace and safety.

Supporting the work of local and international Catholic agencies, like Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services, who help to care for the needs of immigrants and refugees in the United States and around the world.

**Learn more about and get involved in the "Share the Journey" global migration campaign at [sharejourney.org](http://sharejourney.org).**