

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

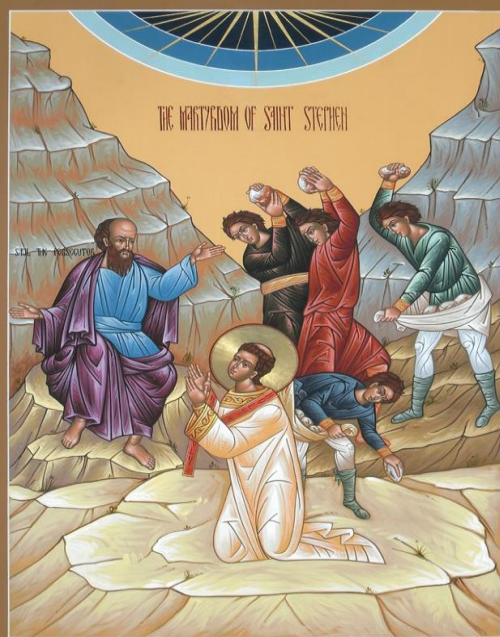
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Rose Marie Davis
Keith Knight

Rectory Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00am - 4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336
(Accidents, Dying or Death)

Parish Email:
ecclesia@comcast.net

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.*

February 25, 2018 – The Second Sunday of Lent

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 2019 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	February 25, 2018
9:00am	Victor Gerst, Jr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family
MONDAY	February 26, 2018
9:00am	Blessed 86 th Birthday to Deacon Al Porowicz
TUESDAY	February 27, 2018
9:00am	Lyn Kelly r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	February 28, 2018
9:00am	Msgr. Joseph F. O'Connell (10 th Anniversary) r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	March 1, 2018
9:00am/Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY	March 2, 2018 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am	Vincent L. Buondonno r/b His Sister
SATURDAY	March 3, 2018
4:30pm	Rose Kelly r/b Maria Hanna
SUNDAY	March 4, 2018
9:00am	Anthony & Mildred Moffa r/b Rita Vogt
10:30am	Judith Mitchell r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Catherine Schneider r/b Toni St. John



**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of
Msgr. Joseph F. O'Connell**

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.

February 17/18, 2018 Offertory Collection:	\$4,747
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,403
2018 House of Charity y-t-d	\$6,505 (14%)
2018 House of Charity Goal	\$48,018

Special Collections / Envelopes:

- March 4: "Operation Rice Bowl" (Diocese)**
 - March 11: "Catholic Relief Services" (Diocese)**
- (Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)*

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**If you are concerned about contracting the FLU,**  
it is not necessary to exchange the Sign of Peace  
by shaking hands or receive the Precious Blood.

**The choice is yours.**



**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 Ciccarone, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Cranmer, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Biagio Dinoto, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Bernice Evans, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Angela Gallecchio, 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, Gene Leone, Sam & Nancy Loperfido, Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Mary Ellen Mayer, William Mayer, Stella McCarthy, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Linda Petrilli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Mary Russell, John S., Helen Setzer, Joan Siperavage, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Keri Ann Taxis, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Vivioello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for March 3/4

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**EM's:** A. Knight, A. Rende, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora  
**Lectors:** J. Gerst, J. Melfi

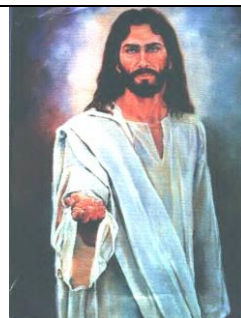
**Sunday, 9:00am**

**EM's:** L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, M. Bufanio, R. Leone  
**Lectors:** D. Steinmetz, M. Miller

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**EM's:** D. Urgo, T. Urgo, T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, M. Meloni  
**Lectors:** J. Messina, W. McHugh  
**CLOW:** T. Scavuzzo

## A SPECIAL INVITATION



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

### First Friday Adoration March 2, 2018

"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*

- 2/26-Monday-9:00am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study
- 2/27-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 2/28-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 3/1-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 3/2-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm Stations
- 3/3-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 3/4-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 February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm**

### **Thursday Night Discussion Club**

Continues March 1<sup>st</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.

### **First Friday Adoration**

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, March 2, 2018**  
**from 9:45am-7:00pm.**



### **House of Charity Alert**

As we launch the 2018 House of Charity Campaign, please check your mailing received at home and verify that the pledge is directed to St. Stephen Parish at 6306 Browning Road in Pennsauken. Many envelopes were mistakenly earmarked to be mailed back to St. Simon Stock's address in Berlin. This error was reported and corrective action has been made by the HOC. It may be best to place your pledges in the Offertory collection.

### **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.**

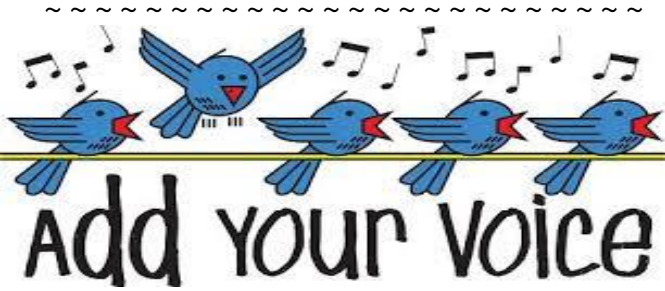
For Prayer Requests in the month of **February** contact

**Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.**

**In March contact Diane @ 856-308-8224**

### Walking Together in Prayer

A prayer group for the **LGBT community**, their families and loved ones, will gather for prayer on Sunday **February 25<sup>th</sup>** and again on Sunday **March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm at the Parish Center of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, 362 Ganttown Road in Turnersville, NJ. All are welcome to join in prayer. For more information, please call Christine at (207) 240-5254.



**St. Stephen's Choir, aka Wing-Its**, is looking for singers to expand the choir. While all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) are welcomed and encouraged to join, we specifically have a need for altos, tenors, and basses. Choir gathers in the church on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm, with rehearsals lasting 60-90 minutes. There is an occasional extra rehearsal as we near Christmas and Easter.

**Only three things are required: a love of singing, your presence at rehearsal, and above all, the desire to praise God in song!**

If you're interested in joining our group, please see **Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Director**, or one of the members. Or, just come to the church on **Thursday at 7:00pm**. We would love to meet you, and now is a great time to join as we will soon start to prepare for Lent and the Church's Holiest Season, Easter!

**We know you're out there, we hear you singing!**



**Join the Choir...**  
**You'll Be Glad You Did!**

### Camden Catholic High School News

The Arts at CCHS Presents "Anything Goes"

Tickets \$12-Visit [www.cchsp Performingarts.com](http://www.cchsp Performingarts.com) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120

**Performances:**

**March 2, 3, 9 & 10 at 7:30 pm, March 4 & 11 at 2 pm**

**Grandi Auditorium at CCHS:**

**300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002**

This musical theater masterpiece featuring songs and lyrics by the legendary Cole Porter and set aboard the S.S. American will be sure to delight audiences with legendary music and dance numbers including "De-Lovely," "I Get a Kick Out of You," "All Through the Night," and "Anything Goes." Join us to be entertained by the talented performing arts and music students of Camden Catholic High School.

**Irish Experience Guest Days**

Only a few dates remain this year for 8th grade students to visit for a day 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.camden Catholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camden Catholic.org/admissionsevents) or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: [janet.indelicato@camden Catholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camden Catholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

### Paul VI High School News

**Paul VI High School presents MARY POPPINS.** Please join us for a stellar production of this family favorite in our beautiful theater. Evening performances will be held at Paul VI on **March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**; Matinee is at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$12 each for general admission, and may be reserved by emailing [nestrella@pvihs.org](mailto:nestrella@pvihs.org).

**Paul VI Alumni Night at the Play.** PVI Alumni are invited to visit their alma mater for the **Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 p.m.** performance of **MARY POPPINS**. General admission tickets for \$12 can be reserved by contacting [nestrella@pvihs.org](mailto:nestrella@pvihs.org). To register for the complimentary wine and cheese held before the show from **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**, please visit the website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org).

**Paul VI Dance Audition Clinic:** **Saturday, March 3, 1:00 to 4:00 PM.** Don't miss this unique opportunity to work with coaches and choreographers from the Paul VI Dance Teams, in our beautiful dance studio. Open to dancers 7<sup>th</sup> grade and above, our clinic is designed for dancers who are auditioning for a dance team, or want to improve audition skills. Fee for the clinic is \$60, payable the day of the event. For more information, and to reserve your spot, visit the front page of the Paul VI website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org). Questions about the dance clinic? Please email Ms. Michele Diegel, [mdiegel@pvihs.org](mailto:mdiegel@pvihs.org)

**Paul VI Project Dance Auditions:** **Sunday, March 4, 1:00 PM.** Dancers over age 11, of all levels in jazz, ballet, tap, hip hop and modern dance are invited to audition for PROJECT DANCE, the annual dance festival at Paul VI High School. For more information, please visit [www.nextstagedance.com](http://www.nextstagedance.com) or email [cdaniels@pvihs.org](mailto:cdaniels@pvihs.org). Show dates are May 24 & 25.



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# LENT 2018

*“Through Death  
to New Life”*



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| 2/25/18           | Sunday   | Second Sunday of Lent                                                                                                                       |
| 2/27/18           | Tuesday  | Rosary 7:00pm                                                                                                                               |
| 3/2/18            | Friday   | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm                                                                                                                |
| 3/4/18            | Sunday   | Third Sunday of Lent                                                                                                                        |
| 3/6/18            | Tuesday  | Rosary 7:00pm                                                                                                                               |
| 3/9/18            | Friday   | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm                                                                                                                |
| 3/11/18           | Sunday   | Fourth Sunday of Lent                                                                                                                       |
| 3/13/18           | Tuesday  | Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection                                                                                                        |
| 3/16/18           | Friday   | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm                                                                                                                |
| 3/18/18           | Sunday   | Fifth Sunday of Lent                                                                                                                        |
| 3/20/18           | Tuesday  | <b>Penance Service</b> at 7:30pm following the Rosary at 7:00pm                                                                             |
| 3/23/18           | Friday   | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm                                                                                                                |
| <b>Holy Week:</b> |          |                                                                                                                                             |
| 3/25/18           | Sunday   | <b>Passion Sunday</b> – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am                                                                                             |
| 3/29/18           | Thursday | <b>Holy Thursday</b> – Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm<br>-Blessed Sacrament Reposed in the Parish Center until 11:00pm                    |
| 3/30/18           | Friday   | <b>Good Friday</b><br>-Reading of the Psalms from Noon to 2:45pm<br>-Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 3:00pm |
| 3/31/18           | Saturday | <b>Holy Saturday</b><br>-Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am<br>-Blessing of Food at Noon<br>-Easter Vigil 8:00pm                             |
| 4/1/18            | Sunday   | <b>Easter Sunday</b> – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am                                                                                              |



Here in South Jersey, 1 in 6 people, and 1 in 5 children, suffer from food insecurity, which means they might not know where their next meal is coming from. In response, the Diocese of Camden is organizing the fifth annual faithFULL Food Drive. On **Sunday, March 18**, every parish and school in the diocese will collect food for local pantries. Please bring food donations to Mass with you on March 18. Our goal this year is to collect 150,000 pounds.

**CANNED PROTEINS NEEDED:**

Tuna Fish, Chicken, Soup, Beans, Chili, Beef Stew and Peanut Butter.

**CANNED FRUITS & VEGETABLES NEEDED:**

Vegetables, vegetable juice, tomato products, spaghetti sauce, fruit, applesauce, and fruit juice.