

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

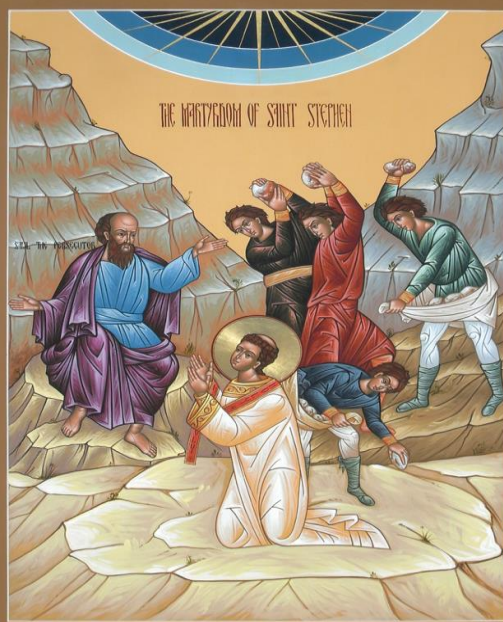
## *Pastoral Staff*

**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

**Rectory Fax**  
(856) 662-4679

**Emergencies**  
(856) 261-9336  
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**Parish Email:**  
[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

**Parish Website:**  
[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.*

## ***March 26, 2017 – The Fourth 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.

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>	<b>March 26, 2017</b>
9:00am	Jean Gugliotta r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
10:30am	John & Anne Marie Meyer r/b Family
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 27, 2017</b>
9:00am	Barbara McHugh r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 28, 2017</b>
9:00am	Jean Gugliotta r/b Mary & Enrico Doganiero
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 29, 2017</b>
9:00am	In Thanksgiving for Our Collection Counters
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 30, 2017</b>
9:00am/Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 31, 2017</b>
9:00am	Pietro Faiola r/b People of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 1, 2017</b>
4:30pm	Charles Irwin r/b Ed & Barb Weingard
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 2, 2017</b>
9:00am	Raymond Steele r/b M/M Gerald Gracey
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Barbara McHugh r/b James & Stella Cuzzupe



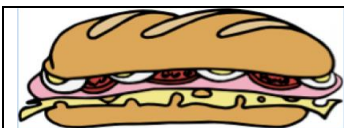
**The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
In Memory of  
Charles & Helen Irwin**

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>March 18/19, 2017 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,264</b>
<b>2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:</b>	<b>\$4,600</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b>	<b>\$4.642</b>

Special Collections:

- March 26<sup>th</sup>: "Catholic Relief Services" (Diocese)
- March 26-April 16: "Easter Flowers" (St. Stephen)
- April 13<sup>th</sup>: "The Needy in Our Area" (St. Stephen)
- April 14<sup>th</sup>: "Holy Land/Good Friday" (Diocese)
- April 16<sup>th</sup>: "Easter Collection" (St. Stephen)



**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 **April 1/2**. 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:**

Dolores Afilani, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Raymond Amatrudo, Sr., Eleanor Becker, Bernadette Bierbach, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccicone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Cranmer, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Biagio Dinoto, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, 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, Rosemarie Rosolia, Patricia Ruhl, Dean & Mary Russell, Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Viviello, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for April 1/2

*\* Designates Alternate Server*

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**Altar Server:** S. Surgner

**EM's:** A. Rende, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, \*A. Knight

**Lectors:** B. Mattia, W. McHugh

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**Altar Servers:** Q. Nguyen, J. Bui

**EM's:** L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, R. Leone, \*M. Bufanio

**Lectors:** Joan Rivera, Jared Rivera

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**Altar Servers:** M. Daniels, Ma. Daniels, K. Conway

**EM's:** D. Urgo, T. Urgo, T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, \*T. Mattered

**Lectors:** R. Aleszczyk, J. Messina



**"ENCOUNTER the LIVING GOD"** *We Encounter the Living God*

... when we share our blessings with those in need. Your *House of Charity* gift enables Catholic Charities offices in each of our 6 counties to provide a range of vital social services to people in need, for example, through food pantry, clothing, furniture warehouse, housing assistance and county sites. **Your Gift Matters.** Please support the 2017 *House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal.*

<b>2017 House of Charity y-t-d</b>	<b>\$13,085 (27.3%)</b>
<b>2017 House of Charity Goal</b>	<b>\$48,018</b>

**Thank you to the 65 families that have given generously thus far.** If you have not pledged as yet, extra pledge cards are available in the rectory office and church vestibule. 591-StStephen



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

3/27-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study  
 3/28-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary/Reflection, 7pm Liturgy Mtg  
 3/29-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes  
 3/30-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion Club  
 3/31-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross  
 4/1-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 4/2-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, 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*

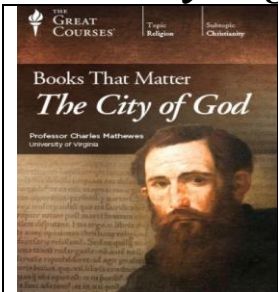
### *Tuesday Night Rosary*

#### **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 March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

### *Thursday Night Discussion Club*



Will continue  
**March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** in the  
 Sr. Bernadette Parish Center  
 with  
 Prof. Charles Mathewes'  
**"Books That Matter-  
 The City of God"**

### *First Friday Adoration*

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



## *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 rejoin 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 Spring 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  
 for the month of March contact  
**Lois @ 856-665-1221.**

In April contact  
**Bernadette @ 609-220-6359**

# FaithFULL Food Drive April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Please bring your donations to Mass next week.**

As part of the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis has called upon all of us to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The first corporal work of mercy is to Feed the Hungry. At this time of the year, many food pantries find themselves with empty shelves while the requests for food are still great. In response, the Diocese of Camden is organizing its 4<sup>th</sup> annual faithFULL Food Drive. On Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, every parish and school in the diocese will be asked to bring food donations to area food banks. **We are in need of canned tuna, chicken, soup, beans, chili, beef stew, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned fruits, veggies, applesauce, canned fruit juices and vegetable juices.** Thank you for your generosity!

## Paul VI High School News

**Paul VI High School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice HSPT** is being offered on **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. This full-length practice test is helpful in preparing students for the High School Placement Test taken in the fall of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. (The HSPT is the scholarship vehicle used by many private high schools, including Paul VI.) Reservations are required, space is limited. For more information, or to reserve a desk, please visit the **ADMISSIONS EVENTS** page on our website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org)

**Paul VI High School Coffee, Tea, and Tours** will be held on **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Two convenient morning tour times are offered, ideal for families who are interested in Paul VI, or parents whose students are taking the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice HSPT. Reservations appreciated, all are welcome. For more information, or to make a reservation, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org), on the **ADMISSIONS EVENTS** tab.



*Do you or someone you love need care at home?*  
Contact the Diocese of Camden's Home & Parish Healthcare Services Resource and Referral Help Line

**1-888-26 VITALity (1-888-268-4825)**

A Free and simple Gateway to Help at Home for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities seeking to remain healthy, safe, and secure in their homes.

### The VITALity HELP-LINE:

- + Provides information and access into Community, Health and Medical Services.
- + Arranges for Care Coordinators to visit you at your Home to help you navigate the complex healthcare insurance and provider system.

All this is provided at no charge through the charitable efforts of the Diocese of Camden.

Visit [Vitality.camdendiocese.org](http://Vitality.camdendiocese.org) for more information.

A Healthcare Ministry of the Camden Diocese

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# CHRISM MASS 2017

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 4:00 P.M. on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017** at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion at which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

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## Afternoon of Jazz

Don't miss this 26th annual dinner dance to benefit the Diocesan Black Catholic Ministries' Scholarship Fund on **Sun., April 23, 3 – 8 p.m.** at Masso's Crystal Manor, 210 S. Delsea Dr., Glassboro. Send a check made out to "Diocese of Camden" for \$40 per person and mail it to James E. Andrews, Director, Black Catholic Ministries, 631 Market St., Camden, NJ 08102.

Questions? Contact James at (856) 583-2907 or [James.Andrews@camdendiocese.org](mailto:James.Andrews@camdendiocese.org).

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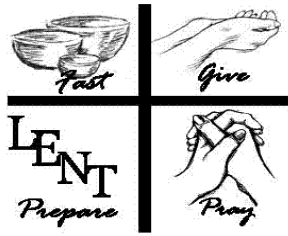
## iRace4Vocations

On **Sunday, April 30, 2017**, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Williamstown High/Middle School (561 Clayton Rd, Williamstown, NJ 08094) for our 6th annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at **1:00pm** followed by our 5k run/1 mile family walk. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with a picnic and family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese. We need our parishioners, all ages, to say yes to this intergenerational day. We need YOU. For more information and to register for the event, visit [camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations/](http://camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations/).

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## Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/17. Through 12/31/17), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **Sunday, June 18, at 3:00 p.m.** Mass in Glassboro, at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish. Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Registration forms are available at all parish offices. **Registration deadline is May 26, 2017.** For more information please contact the parish office at 856-662-9338.



# LENT 2017

## “Open My Eyes, Lord”



### Reflection on Today’s Gospel Reading (John 9: 1-41)

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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| 3/26/17 | Sunday   | Fourth Sunday of Lent                                                                                                                     |
| 3/28/17 | Tuesday  | Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection                                                                                                      |
| 3/31/17 | Friday   | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm                                                                                                              |
| 4/2/17  | Sunday   | Fifth Sunday of Lent                                                                                                                      |
| 4/4/17  | Tuesday  | <b>Penance Service at 7:30pm</b> following the Rosary at 7:00pm                                                                           |
| 4/7/17  | Friday   | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm                                                                                                              |
| 4/9/17  | Sunday   | <b>Passion Sunday</b> – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am                                                                                           |
| 4/13/17 | Thursday | <b>Holy Thursday</b> – Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm<br>-Blessed Sacrament Reposed in the Parish Center until 11:00pm                  |
| 4/14/17 | Friday   | <b>Good Friday</b> - Reading of the Psalms from Noon to 2:45pm<br>-Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 3:00pm |
| 4/15/17 | Saturday | <b>Holy Saturday</b> -Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am,<br>Blessing of Food at Noon, Easter Vigil 8:00pm                                 |
| 4/16/17 | Sunday   | <b>Easter Sunday</b> – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am                                                                                            |