

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

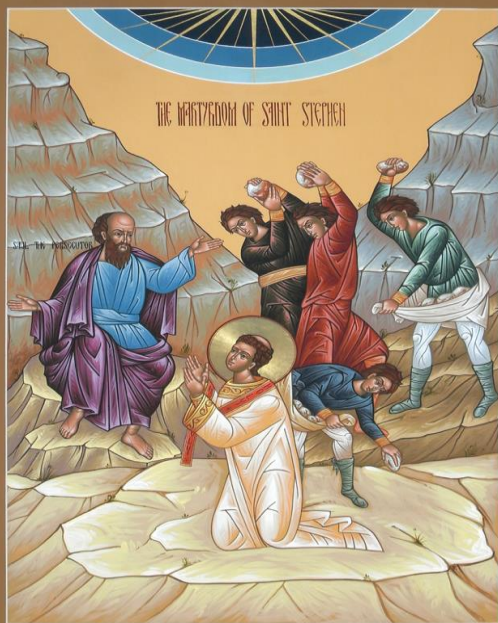
## *Pastoral Staff*

**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

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(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.*

## *May 7, 2017 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**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>May 7, 2017</b>
9:00am	Angelina Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Jacqueline Catino r/b Her Loving Husband, Carl James Maggioncalda r/b Linda & Skip Denz
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 8, 2017</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 9, 2017</b>
9:00am	Elizabeth Flamini r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 10, 2017</b>
9:00am	Dot Biehler r/b The Haas Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 11, 2017</b>
9:00am/Novena	Ronald Fitzpatrick r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 12, 2017</b>
9:00am	Teresa Schute (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) r/b Family
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 13, 2017</b>
4:30pm	Madeline Tryson (Birthday Remembrance May 12 <sup>th</sup> ) r/b The Tryson Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 14, 2017 (Mother's Day)</b>
9:00am	Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
10:30am	Marlene Matteo r/b Her Children



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.

April 29/30, 2017 Offertory Collection:	<b>\$5,879</b>
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	<b>\$4,600</b>
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	<b>\$4,717</b>

Next Special Collection:

May 28<sup>th</sup>: "Catholic Communications" (Diocese)

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## **House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal**

2017 House of Charity y-t-d	<b>\$17,495 (36.4%)</b>
2017 House of Charity Goal	<b>\$48,018</b>

Thank you to the 82 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.



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., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, 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, Linda Petrilli, 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 Viviiello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

### Ministry Schedule for May 13/14

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

Altar Server: TBD

EM's: A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, A. Rende, R. Davis, V. Thibault

Lectors: J. Melfi, J. Scavuzzo

**Sunday, 9:00am**

Altar Server: TBD

EM's: E. Nolte, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, M. Conway, R. Leone

Lectors: D. Heck, Joan Rivera

**Sunday, 10:30am**

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: M. Meloni, T. Mattera, G. Tutwiler, D. Urgo, T. Urgo

Lectors: M. Miller, M. Turan

### Stewardship Reflection

## ***"Stewards Not Alone"***

*"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...' ACTS 2:38A*

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we as Christian **Stewards** take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

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

5/8-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study  
 5/9-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 5/10-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Closing Mass  
 5/11-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion  
 5/12-Friday-9am Mass  
 5/13-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 5/14-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*

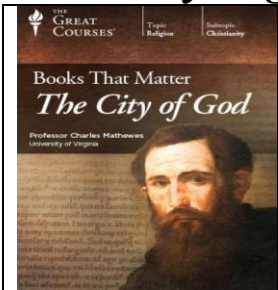
#### **To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church**

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*

**Closing Mass: May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.**

### *Thursday Night Discussion Club*



Will continue  
**May 11<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, June 2, 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 May contact  
**Diane @ 856-308-8224.**

## **Knights Flea Market May 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Knights of Columbus will be having their semi-annual flea market on Saturday, May 13, (rain date May 27) from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm at St Cecilia's School parking lot. Spaces are available.

**For further information, please call  
Lonnie Monaco at 856 662-6049.**

### **Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading**

**John 10:1-10 - Jesus is the gate for his sheep.**

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

# *An Evening of Remembrance and Healing*

*Mass celebrated by Msgr. Michael T. Mannion*



*And He Will Raise You Up  
On Eagle's Wings...*

For those who have suffered the loss of a child of any age through miscarriage, still-birth, abortion, SIDS, illness, disease or any untimely death.

We encourage and welcome all members of the family and friends affected by the loss of this child to join in this Mass of celebration for the life that touched ours briefly, yet stays in our hearts forever.

**MONDAY**

**May 15, 2017**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Church of the Resurrection  
St Maximilian Kolbe Parish  
200 Tuckahoe Road, Marmora, NJ**

*Please Bring a Picture or Special Remembrance of Your  
Child (roses will be available to those who lost their child before birth)*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL: Betty (609) 425-3553  
or email at [elizpearce@comcast.net](mailto:elizpearce@comcast.net)**



**Our Lady of Hope  
CARNIVAL  
May 18 - 20**

**Rides! Games! Raffles!  
Food Court! Beer Garden!**

**THURSDAY IS FAMILY NIGH  
ALL RIDES \$20**

**Our Lady of Hope  
Parish Grounds  
701 Little Gloucester Road  
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# SUNDAY MAY 21, 2017

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