

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

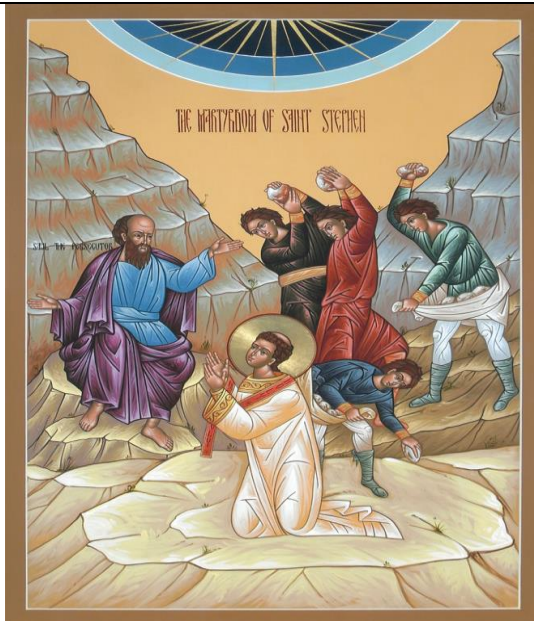
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Rose Marie Davis
Keith Knight

Rectory Summer Hours
Monday–Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday: 9:30am-2:00pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339

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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.*

July 9, 2017 – The 14th 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, 2nd Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3rd 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".

- SUNDAY July 9, 2017**
9:00am Loretta T. Horn-Sauter r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am William Sauer r/b His Family
- MONDAY July 10, 2017**
9:00am People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
- TUESDAY July 11, 2017**
9:00am People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
- WEDNESDAY July 12, 2017**
9:00am Rev. Jerome C. Romanowski r/b People of the Parish
- THURSDAY July 13, 2017**
9:00am/Novena People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
- FRIDAY July 14, 2017**
9:00am People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
- SATURDAY July 15, 2017**
4:30pm James Burns r/b Ralph & Jean Baylor
- SUNDAY July 16, 2017**
9:00am Jennie Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am Reynaldo Delfin r/b The Delfin Family
Raymond Steele r/b His Wife, Theresa Steele



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.

Offertory Figures for July 1 / 2 will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on 6/29/17.

Special Collection:

July 9th: "Solidarity Fund-Church in Africa" (Diocese)

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House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal

2017 House of Charity y-t-d	\$18,220 (38%)
2017 House of Charity Goal	\$48,018

Thank you to the 88 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, Barbie Brown, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Lina Ciarrocchi, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Crammer, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, 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, Keri Ann Taxis, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Viviello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for July 15/16

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: S. Surgner

EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, K. Conway

EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Davis, L. D'Alessandro, R. Leone

Lectors: J. Gerst, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Nicdao, M. Conway, Mi. Conway

EM's: M. Conway, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, T. Angstman, W. Delfin

Lectors: J. Messina, M. Miller

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewards Give Back"

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

- MATTHEW 11:30

When we think of being good *Stewards*, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion of what He has already given to us.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

7/10-Monday-9am Mass
7/11-Tuesday-9am Mass
7/12-Wednesday-9am Mass
7/13-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
7/14-Friday-9am Mass
7/15-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
7/16-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Rectory Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday:
9:00am – 4:30pm

Friday:
9:30am – 2:00pm

Monday Ladies Bible Study

Will resume in September.

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

Registration for 2017-2018 is underway!

Registration forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The fee is \$135 per family (\$10 late fee after Labor Day). Opening CCD Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, September 6th at 6:15pm.**

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will Resume in September.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, August 4, 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 to set up your account.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

(Will resume in September)

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 summer 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 for the month of July contact **Maryann @ 856-333-6525.**

Background on Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

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## CCHS Class of '67 Reunion

Camden Catholic High School Class of 1967 50th reunion will be held on **September 16, 2017** at the DoubleTree in Mount Laurel. For more information and contacts, log onto camdencatholic.org, Classmates.com or Facebook Event CCHS Class of 1967 50th Reunion.



We've noticed many new visitors attending Mass who've generously contributed to our church. Please consider registering as there are many benefits to being officially registered at St. Stephen's:

- To Arrange for the Reception of the Sacraments
- To Receive Certificates of Eligibility to act as a Sponsor
- To Become more intimately involved in our Parish Ministries
- To Begin receiving Offertory Envelopes to track contributions

### St. Stephen Parish Registration Form

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

(This form may be mailed OR placed in the Offertory Basket at Mass)

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband's 1st Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Name (1<sup>st</sup> & maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage: Priest\_\_\_ Special Permission\_\_\_ Divorced\_\_\_ Separated\_\_\_ Single\_\_\_ Widowed\_\_\_ Co-Habit\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_

Children at Home Name:                      Date of Birth:

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Others Living in the Home:                      Date of Birth:

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# DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Office of the Diaconate



## INFORMATION MEETINGS

**Tuesday, July 11th – 7:00 pm**  
Our Lady of Peace Parish  
32 Carroll Avenue – Williamstown

**Wednesday, July 12th – 7:00 pm**  
Diaconate Center  
15 N. East Avenue, Vineland  
(former Sacred Heart High School)

**Wednesday, July 19th – 7:00 pm**  
Saint Joseph the Worker Parish  
901 Hopkins Road – Haddon Township

**Thursday, July 20th – 7:00 pm**  
Diaconate Center  
15 N. East Avenue, Vineland  
(former Sacred Heart High School)

**Thursday, August 10th – 7:00 pm**  
Our Lady of the Angels Parish  
35 East Mechanic Street – Cape May Court House

**Wednesday, August 23rd – 7:00 pm**  
Holy Family Parish  
226 Hurffville Road – Sewell



**Do You Have the Gifts  
To Serve Christ as a Deacon?**

- † *Do you see in yourself the gifts needed for helping others?*
- † *Are you drawn to pray and listen to the Word of God?*
- † *Do you participate actively in Church ministry?*

If you can answer these questions with a confident

**YES!**

perhaps you should learn more about the deacon's ministry in the Catholic Church.



You are cordially invited to attend an information meeting. Wives are invited & encouraged to attend.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:**  
Contact: Linda Decosta - 856.583.2858 - [linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org](mailto:linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org)

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