

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

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Pastor

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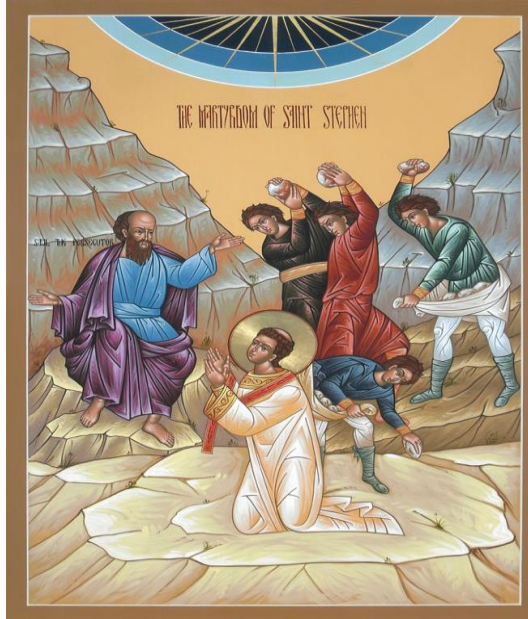
Rose Marie Davis

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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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(856) 662-4679

Emergencies

(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.

August 13, 2017 – The 19th 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	August 13, 2017
9:00am	Betty Picciano (Birthday Remembrance Aug. 14 th) r/b Her Husband Nick
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family
MONDAY	August 14, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	August 15, 2017 (Feast of the Assumption)
9:00am	In Thanksgiving for Our 56th Anniversary r/b Mr. & Mrs. Sen Xuan Ho
7:00pm	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
WEDNESDAY	August 16, 2017
9:00am	Rev. Henry J. McBride r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	August 17, 2017
9:00am/Novena	Rev. Marjan L. Bober r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY	August 18, 2017
9:00am	Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
SATURDAY	August 19, 2017
4:30pm	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SUNDAY	August 20, 2017
9:00am	Lenora N. Annibale r/b Joe & Maria Haas
10:30am	Thomas Van Langen r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood



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.

August 5/6, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$4,206
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,123

Upcoming Special Collections:

August 15th: "Feast of the Assumption" (St. Stephen)
September 3rd: "Holy Father Peter's Pence" (Diocese)



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,
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 Viviello,
Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble,
Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for August 15/19/20

Tuesday, 7:00pm – Feast of the Assumption
Altar Servers: TBD
EM's: L. D'Alessandro, R. Davis, E. Nolte, A. Knight, T. Scavuzzo
Lector: P. Nolte

Saturday, 4:30pm
Altar Servers: TBD
EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, A. Rende
Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am
Altar Servers: TBD
EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Davis, L. D'Alessandro, R. Leone
Lectors: D. Heck, Jared Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers: TBD
EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, M. Conway, T. Scavuzzo, J. Messina
Lector: M. Miller

Feast of the Assumption Tuesday, August 15th

*Mass Times for this
Holy Day of Obligation
will be celebrated at
9:00am & 7:00pm.*

The Rectory and all Diocesan Offices
will be closed on August 15th.



This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

8/14-Monday-9am Mass
8/15-Tuesday-9am & 7pm Mass (Feast of the Assumption)
8/16-Wednesday-9am Mass, 7pm CCD Teachers' Meeting
8/17-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
8/18-Friday-9am Mass
8/19-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
8/20-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

Resumes September 14th @ 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

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.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, October 6, 2017 9:45am-7:00pm.**



(There will be no First Friday Adoration in September)

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 in the month of August contact **Lois @ 856-665-1221.**

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call
1-800-964-6588

Denuncie el Abuso Sexual

Un número telefónico gratuito e independiente ha sido establecido por la Diócesis de Camden para ayudar a las personas a denunciar casos de abusos sexuales por sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos, empleados y/o voluntarios. Las llamadas son manejadas por un trabajador social clínico licenciado. De acuerdo a la ley del estado, los abusos de menores son reportados a la División de Protección de la Infancia y la Permanencia y a la policía.

Para más información o para obtener servicios de consejería y apoyo, llame al:

1-800-964-6588

TỔ CÁO LẠM DỤNG TÌNH DỤC

Địa Phận Camden có đặt để biệt lập một điện thoại miễn phí để cho những ai bị các linh mục, thầy phó tế, sơ, nhân viên hay tình nguyện trong giáo xứ lạm dụng tình dục trẻ em. Sẽ có nhân viên có bằng cấp làm việc xã hội và đáng tin cậy để nhận phôn và lắng nghe. Luật tiểu bang buộc phải báo cáo những trường hợp dưới vị thành niên bị lạm dụng tình dục tới cơ quan bảo vệ trẻ em. Muốn biết thêm chi tiết về hướng dẫn hay giúp đỡ xin gọi số điện thoại: **1 (800) 964-6588**

성폭행 신고 접수

사제, 부제, 수도자, 종업원, 혹은 자원 봉사자들에 의한 성폭행 사례 신고자들을 지원하기 위하여 무료 상담 전화가 캠퍼드 교구에 설치되었습니다. 통화내용은 전문 상담 치료사에 의해서 신중히 처리됩니다. 뉴저지 법률에 의거, 어린이 성폭행 사례들은 뉴저지 아동 보호 및 관리부, 그리고 법률 집행부서로 보고 됩니다.

상담과 지원 서비스에 대한 기타 자세한 정보나 문의 전화는,

1-800-964-6588

Car Needed

An impoverished parishioner with several small children needs a car, any car, that runs and can carry five people. If you would like to donate such a car to her, please call Jim at the rectory at 856-662-9339, Ext. 6.

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.

Welcome

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 (1st & 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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Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.



Today's Gospel directly follows the account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with the Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In the feeding of the 5,000 Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.