

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

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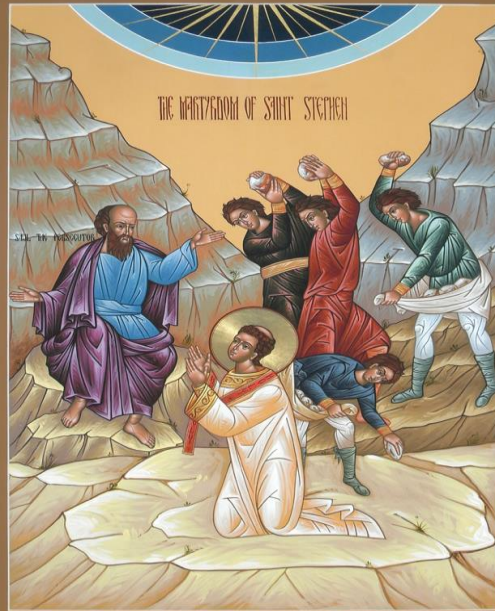
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Rectory Summer Hours

Monday–Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm

Friday: 9:30am-2:00pm



Contact Info

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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 27, 2017 – The 21st 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 27, 2017
9:00am	Lenora N. Annibale r/b George & Michelle Morales and Family
10:30am	Fermina & Nestor Nicdao r/b The Nicdao Family
MONDAY	August 28, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	August 29, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
WEDNESDAY	August 30, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY	August 31, 2017
9:00am/Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY	September 1, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY	September 2, 2017
4:30pm	Loretta Frances Flanning r/b Rita H. Burns
SUNDAY	September 3, 2017
9:00am	Victor Gerst, Sr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Betsy Gartland 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 19/20, 2017 Offertory Collection: \$4,321
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,102

Special Collections:

September 3rd: "Holy Father Peter's Pence" (Diocese)
 September 3rd: "Mission Co-op" (Diocese)
 (Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

Rectory Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00am – 4:30pm
 Friday: 9:30am – 2:00pm



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, 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 September 2/3

Saturday, 4:30pm
Altar Server: J. Bui
EM's: A. Knight, L. D'Alessandro, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: B. Mattia, D. Heck

Sunday, 9:00am
Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, M. Conway, Mi. Conway
EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, M. Conway, R. Leone
Lectors: J. Gerst, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers: M. Daniels, Ma. Daniels, K. Conway
EM's: G. Tutwiler, T. Urgo, D. Urgo, J. Messina, T. Mattered
Lector: M. Miller

Stewardship Reflection

"Stewardship Gratitude"

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of **Stewardship**. We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is **return** a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

8/28-Monday-9am Mass
 8/29-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 8/30-Wednesday-9am Mass
 8/31-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
 9/1-Friday-9am Mass (No Adoration)
 9/2-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 9/3-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

STARTING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017



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

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 tentatively resume on September 17th.

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

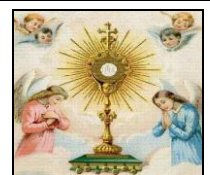
In September contact Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.

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)

The Wild Goose

Discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.
An awesome video series of 14 segments
by **Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR**

Why the wild goose? How can you use it?
Check it out: www.thewildgooseisloose.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Rose of Lima Lounge
300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035
Sundays 7:30pm- 9:30pm
Sept. 10, 2017 – Oct. 29, 2017

Come and watch the videos, have a snack,
and join in small group discussions.
Can't attend all the sessions?

Just come when you can! You'll be glad you did!

For more information, contact Sue:
85 -745-1550 or cswheeler45@gmail.com

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Who? What? Where?

Discern your role in the church and the world. The Samuel Group discovers how to make decisions for life's journey. The experience is for those ages 18 – 39 and will be forming this September. Participants are encouraged to bring their unique questions, desires, strengths and weaknesses to God and learn to respond to His loving voice. **Sessions launch on September 17 at St. Thomas More Church, 1439 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 from 1 – 5 pm.**

To register or for more information:
<http://www.camdendiocese.org/samuelgroup/> or email
Sr. Dianna Higgins sisterdiannafmij@yahoo.com

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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.

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Harvest Fest Sept. 23rd

Come One, Come All, to **St. Simon Stock Parish's** annual Harvest Fest, which will be held on Saturday, September 23rd from 5 pm until 10 pm at St. Simon Stock Parish, 178 W. White Horse Pike, Berlin, NJ. The Harvest Fest is a family-friendly event that features delicious food, great music, a Beer and Wine Bar for the adults, and lots of fun games and attractions for the kids, a 50/50 Raffle every hour, and an Amazing Chinese Auction of over 30 baskets!

Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Mary Queen of All Saints invites you to our "Passion for Fashion" Tea Party on **Sunday, September 24th from Noon until 3pm** at St. Cecilia's School Hall on 49th Street in Pennsauken. Cost is \$3 per person. Our Tea Luncheon will be featuring handmade tea sandwiches, desserts, and a variety of teas. **Please bring your own tea cup.** Prizes will be awarded for the Fanciest & Prettiest tea cups and for the fanciest hats worn. You may shop our line of Designer Fashions while you enjoy your tea. No clothes are over \$50 and accessories are as low as \$5. All purchases are cash or check and carry.

For further info call Geri @ 856-665-5468.

The Holy Father's Peter's Pence Collection - September 2/3, 2017



“A LITTLE MERCY MAKES THE WORLD LESS COLD AND MORE JUST.”
—Pope Francis, *Angelus*, March 17, 2013

The Peter's Pence Collection has ancient Christian roots, linking back to the New Testament times when people would provide material support to those preaching the Gospel to distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today the collection is the way we as members of the Catholic Church unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the assistance of those most in need.

How Pope Francis Invites Us to Make the World Less Cold and More Just

In his 2016 *Urbi et Orbi* address, Pope Francis reminds us, “The Lord . . . enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and

prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence.” By opening our eyes to the suffering and injustice in the world, we can open our hearts to the call of Pope Francis that “efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people.”

How We Can Join Pope Francis and Be a Witness of Charity

By supporting this collection, you support the charitable works of Pope Francis. Your donations are a witness of charity and help the Holy See reach out compassionately to those who are marginalized. Contributions to this collection provide assistance to victims of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

How You Can Help

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father as he reaches out compassionately to make the world less cold and more just, and for those around the world who are suffering and will benefit from this collection.

SHARE

As a way to spread the message of mercy and peace, share this flier with someone who might be interested and tell others how Pope Francis supports the marginalized.

GIVE

Please give generously to this collection, as a witness of charity, and give hope to those who suffer around the globe.



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