

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## ***Pastoral Staff***

**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**

Pastor

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**

Coordinator of  
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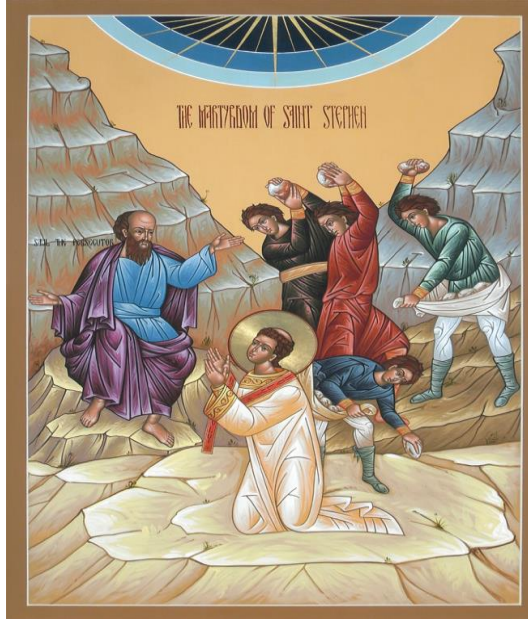
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**Rectory Summer Hours**

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

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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.*

***August 6, 2017 – The Transfiguration of the Lord***

**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>August 6, 2017</b>
9:00am	Maria Calzonetti (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b Family
10:30am	-Mary Sonnie (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Her Children -Rose Mary Wehrle r/b Valerie Tutwiler & Greg Mayer -Mary V. Iacovelli r/b Donald Mignone -Anna Phan Phi Hoa r/b The Bui Family
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>August 7, 2017</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>August 8, 2017</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>August 9, 2017</b>
9:00am	In Celebration of Norbert Sonnie's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday r/b His Children
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>August 10, 2017</b>
9:00am/Novena	Rev. Marjan L. Bober r/b People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>August 11, 2017</b>
9:00am	Rev. Henry J. McBride r/b People of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 12, 2017</b>
4:30pm	In Thanksgiving for the Sale of Our School
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 13, 2017</b>
9:00am	Betty Picciano (Birthday Remembrance Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> ) r/b Her Husband Nick
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family



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.

July 29/30, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$4,191
July 29/30, 2017 Air Conditioning Fund:	\$1,101
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,106

Upcoming Special Collections:

August 15<sup>th</sup>: "Feast of the Assumption" (St. Stephen)  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>: "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 12/13/15

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: C. Pandola, R. Davis, A. Rende, A. Knight, V. Thibault

Lectors: J. Melfi, J. Gerst

**Sunday, 9:00am**

Altar Servers: TBD

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

Lectors: Joan Rivera, D. Steinmetz

**Sunday, 10:30am**

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, G. Tutwiler, T. Mattera, W. Delfin

Lectors: J. Messina, M. Turan

**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

## *Feast of the Assumption Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>*

*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 15<sup>th</sup>.



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

8/7-Monday-9am Mass  
8/8-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
8/9-Wednesday-9am Mass  
8/10-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena  
8/11-Friday-9am Mass  
8/12-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
8/13-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 14<sup>th</sup> @ 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](http://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](mailto: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.**

## Knights of Columbus

Immaculate Conception Council #3512

All Catholic Men 18 years or older are invited to our Knights of Columbus Social Meeting.

**This meeting will be held on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the basement of the Rectory at Mary Queen of All Saints Parish.** Come out and spend an hour or so with us to learn more about what we do for our Church and Community. Find out not only what you can do to help us grow as Knights, but also what benefits you will receive from being a Knight.

If you have any questions, please call George Tutwiler at (609) 634-3631. I look forward to seeing you on Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>.

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### 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.

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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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### Paul VI High School Little Eagles Basketball Camp

For students entering grades 3 – 5 will be held from **August 7 – 10, 9 AM to 12 noon.** Cost is \$125 per child; 3 or more children, \$100 per child. Girls contact: Ms. Lisa Steele, 856-725-5354, [lisaksteele@gmail.com](mailto:lisaksteele@gmail.com).

Boys contact: Mr. Bobby Holloway, 609-352-8596, [4bholl@gmail.com](mailto:4bholl@gmail.com). Registration forms are available on the front page of the Paul VI website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org).

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### Laptop Donation Wanted

A Parishioner is looking for a used but usable laptop computer for a worthy cause. Operating System may be Vista, Windows 7, or Windows 8. Please call 856-488-1375 if you are able to accommodate this request. All original data will be erased. Thank you.



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

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*(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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# *The Transfiguration of the Lord*



## Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading - Matthew 17:1-9

**Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.**

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration.

In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him.

In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.