

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

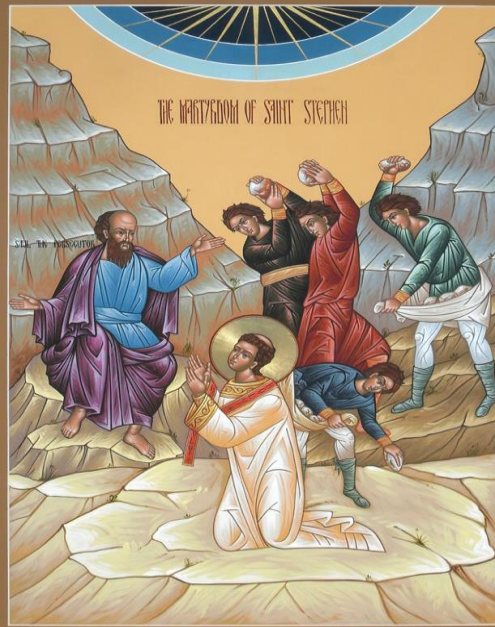
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Keith Knight
Earl Nolte

Rectory Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00am - 4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9338

Emergencies
(856) 261-9336
(Accidents, Dying or Death)

Parish Email
ecclesia@comcast.net

Parish Website
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.*

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 19, 2020

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.

Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist –

Upon request after the 4:30pm Mass in the Chapel.

Prior notification is necessary by calling the rectory.

Also call the rectory if someone is sick or housebound.

A Priest should be called if death is imminent.

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.

Funerals – Arrangements must be made directly with a Funeral Home after notifying the Parish. All viewings should take place in the Funeral Home. Funeral planning brochures are available in the Rectory Office.

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.


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 2021 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	January 19, 2020
9:00am	Rosana Martino r/b Louise & Leni D'Alessandro
10:30am	Joseph Raab r/b Rita Vogt and Family Rose LaPorta r/b George & Gail Tutwiler
MONDAY	January 20, 2020
9:00am	Rev. Andrew J. Bolcar r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY	January 21, 2020
9:00am	In Honor of Tony Stedrak's 99 th Birthday r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	January 22, 2020
9:00am	Rev. James Dabrowski r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	January 23, 2020
9:00am/Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY	January 24, 2020
9:00am	The Buffington Siblings r/b Sister-in-Law
SATURDAY	January 25, 2020
4:30pm	Mrs. Jennie Schoelkopf r/b The McHugh Family
SUNDAY	January 26, 2020
9:00am	Cay Nguyen r/b People of the Parish
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Edmund Ciccarone r/b Anne Paolini



**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.

January 11/12, 2020 Offertory Collection:	\$3,863
2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,500
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$3,938

Next Special Collection / Envelope:

**February 26:
Ash Wednesday/Church in Europe**



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:

- Ted Anderson, Ralph Baylor, Grace Becker,
- Mary Bumbalow, Anna Buono, Patrick Carr, John Christy,
- Melissa Connelly, Athan Criaris, Fanny DiBenedetto,
- Kim DiTheodore, Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Priscilla Handy,
- Ronald Heck, Wayne Hocking, Donna Kane, James Kelly,
- Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo,
- Sandra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, Nancy Loperfido,
- Ken Maminski, Tom McFadden, Larry Miller, John Moffett,
- Joy and Ed Morrisson, Yvonne Mulhern, Rich Passaro,
- Dean & Mary Russell, Louise Siciliano, Nancy Sonnie,
- Bill Spicher, Peggy Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Rita Vogt,
- Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

Ministry Schedule – January 25/26

Saturday, 4:30pm

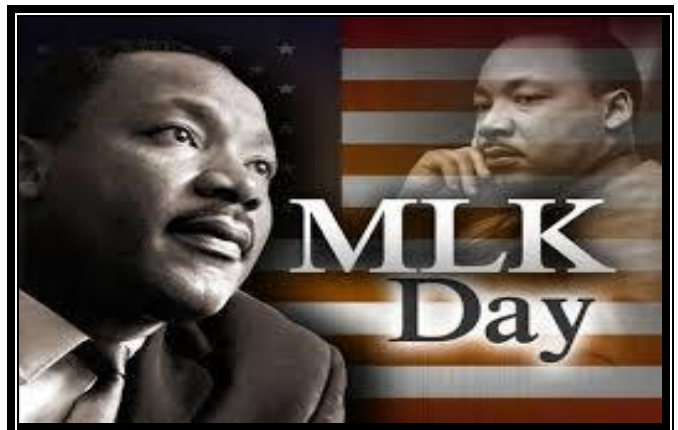
EM's: A. Knight, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, R. Davis
Lectors: Joan Rivera, J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: T. Modzier, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, M. Conway, L. McHugh
Lectors: M. McHugh, M. Miller

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: J. Messina, W. Delfin, D. Urgo, T. Urgo
Lectors: M. Turan, R. Aleszczyk



On **Monday January 20th** we will observe the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a national holiday. **The Rectory and all Diocesan offices will be closed.**

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

1/20-Monday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed for MLK Holiday
 1/21-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 1/22-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 1/23-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
 1/24-Friday--9am Mass
 1/25-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 1/26-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Tuesday Night Rosary

To Jesus through Mary 7:00-7:30pm @ Church
 "Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the rosary, for the rosary is a weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."
-St. Padre Pio

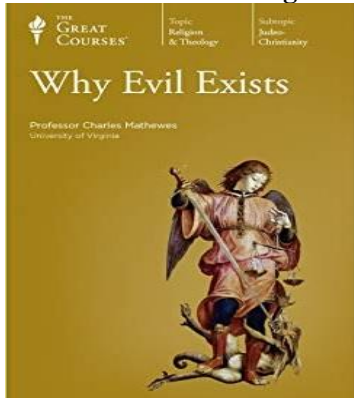
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue January 22nd at 6:15pm

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues January 23rd at 7pm in the Rectory

We'll be discussing:



First Friday Adoration

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



Knights of Columbus, Council 3512



Hoagie Sale!

As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 & \$6.00 each after all Masses the weekend of **February 8 & 9.**
 For info call 856-227-4980.

Art & Environment Ministry

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass is asked to contact our A&E Chairperson **Maria Haas at (856) 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

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 rejoice their parents. We hope that you will allow your children to participate in this religious education experience.

Choir – New Members Welcome!

St. Stephen's Music Ministry cordially invites you to consider joining our Music Ministry family. Our Choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm, with rehearsals lasting 60-90 minutes. If you want to share your talents, please contact Mrs. Nancy Werner-Kaiser through the Rectory Office.

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 January contact **Maryann @ 856-333-6525.**



Rides to Church

Need a Ride to Church?

The **Missionary Discipleship Committee** is sponsoring a volunteer program to give people who need it a free ride to church as often as needed. If interested, please call **(856) 662-9339, Ext. 6, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.**

MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 24, 2020

Buses from South Jersey to Washington, D.C.

2 Options in CAMDEN COUNTY:

8:00 AM Leave Mater Ecclesiae, 261 Cross Keys Rd, Berlin (7 AM Mass for Life) Contact: Tracie McArdle (856) 816 4907 or mc9oak@comcast.net

8:30 AM Leave St. Rose of Lima Church, 300 Kings Hwy, Haddon Hts. (Mass 7:30 in Chapel) Cost is \$10 per person, please bring your lunch. Please park in far side of CVS lot, NOT in the Imaging Center spots. (Bus courtesy of Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Council #1443) Contact: Kathy Miller (856) 547-0564

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**ARE YOU,  
OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW,  
A SURVIVOR OF CHILD  
SEXUAL ABUSE  
BY A PRIEST OR DEACON  
IN THE STATE OF NEW  
JERSEY?**

If so, please contact the  
**Independent Victim  
Compensation Program**,  
created to offer financial settlements  
to abuse survivors.

The IVCP deadline is extended to  
January 31, 2020 for registration and  
February 15, 2020 for the  
submission of claims.

Apply directly online at:  
**www.njdiocesesivcp.com**

## South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries

Offer Numerous Pre-Planning Discounts South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries offers several pre-planning discounts. A pre-need discount is available on any purchase of burial, entombment or inurnment rights purchased while the intended occupant(s) of the right is still living. A pre-need discount can be combined with the VITALity Senior Healthcare Wellness Program. In addition, if you choose to pay in full at the time of purchase you will receive an additional discount. Many of our discounts also allow you to receive a discount on memorialization merchandise such as vases, crucifixes, porcelain portraits and the floral program. To learn more about our discounts, please call South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375).

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Paul VI High School News

Paul VI Slam Dunk Tours: The Paul VI Eagles are ready to soar! Please join us for a special pre-game tour of our beautiful school, followed by an exciting Paul VI home basketball game:

**Paul VI Girls v. Bishop Eustace, Tuesday, Feb. 11,
Tours at 6 PM, Game at 7 PM**

Reservations are appreciated; please visit www.pvihs.org for more information or to make a reservation. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Please come to the gym entrance at tour time; students and an accompanying adult will receive complimentary game passes. Questions? Please email Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Director of Admissions atkstewart@pvihs.org

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### World Marriage Encounter

**WHEN ALL THE HUSTLE-BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER...** Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend date is **March 6-8**.

Call 609-741-8012 for information or  
email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org).  
Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

# Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

*John 1:29-34*

**John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.**

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.