

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

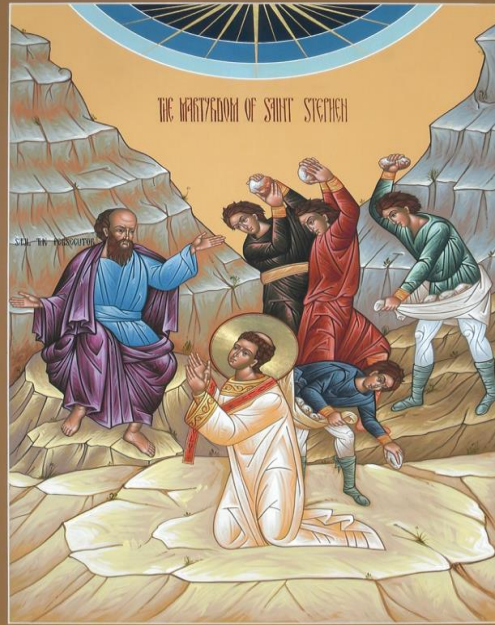
Pastoral Staff

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 26, 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".

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| 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 |
| MONDAY | January 27, 2020 |
| 9:00am | Rev. Andrew J. Bolcar r/b People of the Parish |
| TUESDAY | January 28, 2020 |
| 9:00am | People of the Parish – Living & Deceased |
| WEDNESDAY | January 29, 2020 |
| 9:00am | Rev. James Dabrowski r/b People of the Parish |
| THURSDAY | January 30, 2020 |
| 9:00am/Novena | Rick Taylor r/b Ed & Grace Booton |
| FRIDAY | January 31, 2020 |
| 9:00am | Mrs. Eileen T. Pisko r/b The McHugh Family |
| SATURDAY | February 1, 2020 |
| 4:30pm | George H. Strohm r/b Maria & Joe Haas |
| SUNDAY | February 2, 2020 |
| 9:00am | Rick Taylor r/b Jim Pennestri |
| 10:30am | Rose LaPorta r/b Greg & Valerie Mayer |

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|  | <p>The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of Nick DiLaurentis</p> |
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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.

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| January 18/19, 2020 Offertory Collection: | \$3,543 |
| 2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target: | \$4,500 |
| Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: | \$3,925 |

Next Special Collection / Envelope:

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

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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 – February 1/2

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: M. McHugh, J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, M. Conway
Lectors: Jared Rivera, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: M. Meloni, T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, G. Tutwiler, J. Messina
Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, M. Miller

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time "Stewards Follow"

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."
-Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him in Stewardship. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

1/27-Monday-9am Mass, 7pm Fire Company Meeting
 1/28-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 1/29-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 1/30-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
 1/31-Friday--9am Mass
 2/1-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 2/2-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

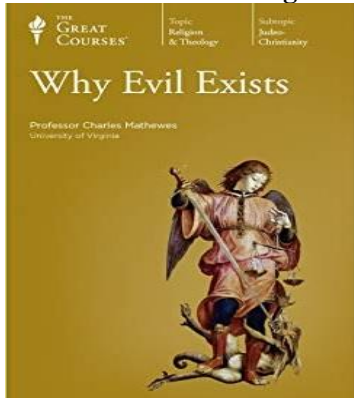
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue January 29th at 6:15pm

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues January 30th 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.**
 In February: **Lois @ 856-665-1221**



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.**

**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

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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).

**Gloucester Catholic  
High School News**

**Become a "Ram for the Day".** Schedule a shadow day  
be visiting [www.gchsrams.org](http://www.gchsrams.org) and click on the Ram for a  
day link. You can also email Mr. Tom Flynn in the  
Admissions office [tflynn@gchsrams.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrams.org).

Save the Date "**Gloucester Catholic High School's  
Registration Day-Saturday, February 22, 2020 from  
9:00am until 12:00pm.** Registration will occur at  
Gloucester Catholic's Main Building Cafeteria. For more  
info email Mr. Tom Flynn in the Admissions office  
[tflynn@gchsrams.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrams.org)

**Gloucester Catholic Maroon & Gold Exposition Day-  
February 8-** Join us in a celebration of Gloucester  
Catholic pride as GC will sponsor a Maroon & Gold  
Exposition on Saturday, February 8, from 9 a.m. to 12  
noon in which Ram students will display their talents in  
the arts and athletics. During the day's activities, come  
view beautiful art work displayed by Gloucester Catholic  
students, who are mentored by GCHS faculty member Mr.  
Dave Sipple. Art work will be on display in the St. Mary's  
Building from 9:00 a.m. through 12 noon. Gloucester  
Catholic faculty and staff members will be available for a  
Meet & Greet Open House.

Attendees that day may also watch Gloucester Catholic's  
boys' basketball team take on Haddon Hts. at 1 pm.  
Refreshments will be available throughout the Exposition!  
For more info email Mr. Tom Flynn in the Admissions  
office [tflynn@gchsrams.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrams.org)

**Gloucester Catholic Jr Sr High School 16th Annual  
Basket Auction. Thursday, April 30th.** The fundraiser  
solely benefits GCHS students. The auction success  
depends on donations for its success. To make a donation  
or for more information please contact Heather Mondel at  
[heathermondel@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermondel@yahoo.com)

**5th Annual Johnny Gaudreau Scholarship Golf  
Tournament Set for Friday, July 24** -The Johnny  
Gaudreau Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place on  
Friday, July 26, 2019 at the Blue Heron Country Club in  
Egg Harbor, NJ. All proceeds directly fund scholarships  
and tuition assistance. For more info contact Pat Murphy  
at [pmurphy@gchsrams.org](mailto:pmurphy@gchsrams.org).

**St. Stephen Church**  
Parish, Finance, and Liturgy Councils  
January 14, 2020

**Parish Council Members Present:** Earl Nolte, Melanie Lopez, Joe Haas, Dennis Rooney, Janis Melfi, and Father Rocco.

**Finance Members Present:** Lonnie Monaco, Rose Davis and Keith Knight.

**Liturgy Board Members Present:** Pat Nolte, Louise D'Alessandro and Nancy Werner-Kaiser.

**JOINT MEETING OF THE PARISH FINANCE AND LITURGY COUNCILS**

**Opening prayer by Father Rocco at 7:00PM.**

**FINANCES AND MAINTENANCE**

Per Father Rocco, our finances are within budget after the first 6 months of the fiscal year. It was noted that our Ordinary Income as well as Mass Attendance were on the decline. We will understand the impact of this decline as we conclude the last 6 months of the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> at which time we will need to take appropriate steps.

We are accruing monthly interest from our maintenance, Catholic Strong and main revolving accounts. Since our Ordinary Income is down, it is being supplemented with interest from our main revolving account, about \$2,900 per month. **The Main Revolving Account has \$1,131,956.**

**We have amassed \$37,154 from Catholic Strong** to be used for FUTURE church maintenance projects. Under consideration is church cleaning and new carpet for vestibule. These to be proposed for bids AFTER Stonegate II is open.

**STONGATE II PROJECT:** Proposed opening dates February 15 – March 1, 2020.

**SUMMER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:** Due to decreasing Mass attendance, especially during the summer months, the Councils discussed and agreed upon **ONE MASS ON SUNDAYS from Memorial Day (May24) through and inclusive of Sept 20, 2020.** After further discussion, it was felt that the best time would be in between the 9am and 10:30am Mass times. **The final decision was a 10:00AM SUNDAY morning Mass time.** This will NOT affect the Saturday Mass. That will continue at 4:30pm.

❖ Meeting Adjourned @ 7:45 PM with a closing prayer.

❖ Next PPC meeting is tentative

Respectfully submitted,

*Janis Melfi, Secretary of St Stephen's PPC*