

St. Stephen Parish

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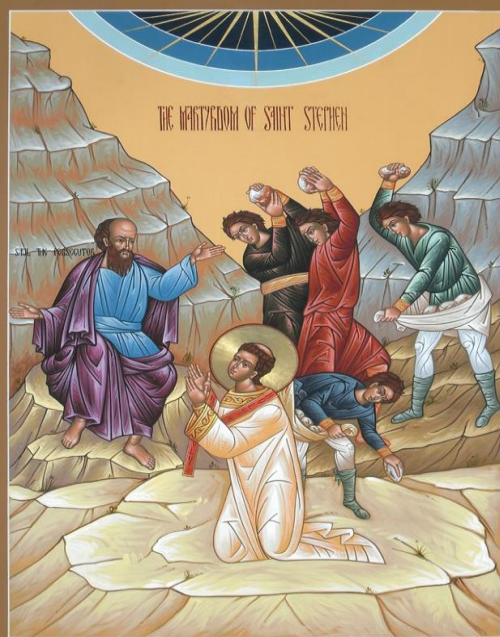
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Keith Knight
Earl Nolte

Rectory Office Hours
Monday–Friday 9am-4:30pm
*Closed All Holy Days of Obligation
and Holidays except Veterans Day*



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339

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.*

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 27, 2019

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 2020 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	January 27, 2019
9:00am	The Deceased Members of the Marano Family r/b Sal Marano
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Frank Pigliacelli r/b Terry Carr
MONDAY	January 28, 2019
9:00am	Rev. Eldridge Evans r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY	January 29, 2019
9:00am	Rosina Midili r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY	January 30, 2019
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY	January 31, 2019
9:00am/Novena	Rev. Cornelius F. Lambert r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY	February 1, 2019 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am	Sam Loperfido, Sr. r/b Nick Picciano
SATURDAY	February 2, 2019
4:30pm	Mark DiStefano r/b The Knight Family
SUNDAY	February 3, 2019
9:00am	Gloria Vendetti r/b Her Husband
10:30am	Frank Pigliacelli r/b Donald & Bill Mignone and Michele Czipo & Family Marta Riquelme r/b George & Gail Tutwiler



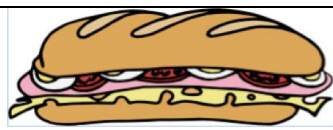
The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of *The Unborn Children*

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 19/20, 2019 Offertory Collection:	\$4,201
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,283

Next Special Collection / Envelope:

March 6th: "Ash Wednesday/Church in Eastern Europe"



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 2 & 3**. **For info call 856-227-4980.**



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:

Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Ted Anderson, Mary Bumbalow, Anna Buono, Edmund Ciccarone, Carol Cranmer, Fanny DiBenedetto, Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Donna Kane, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Sandra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, Nancy Loperfido, Ken Maminski, Larry Miller, Joy and Ed Morrisson, Sue Ott, Rich Passaro, Nancy Sonnie, Callum Steinmetz, Rick Taylor, Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard, Emily Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for February 2/3

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: J. Gerst, J. Melfi

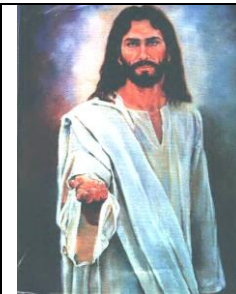
Sunday, 9:00am

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

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo
Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, M. Turan

First Friday Adoration



February 1, 2019

"O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine, all praise
and all thanksgiving be every
moment thine."

**RSVP to Rosemarie Leone
@ 856-662-0035.**

Dan Rather once interviewed Mother Theresa.

It was always a delight to watch cynical journalists interview Mother Theresa because she would invariably make them look like fools.

He asked Mother Theresa about prayer:

"What do you say to God when you pray?" he inquired. "Nothing," replied Mother Theresa, "I just listen." "What does God say to you?" he responded rather derisively. "Nothing," replied Mother Theresa, "He just listens." That's what prayer before the Blessed Sacrament can become. We are still, silent and we listen to God listening to us. And the more time we spend before the Blessed Sacrament in silence the more we will begin to hear God listen, the more aware we will become of his presence in our lives. -Douglas McManaman

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 1/28-Monday-9am Mass
- 1/29-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 1/30-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 1/31-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion
- 2/1-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 2/2-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 2/3-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

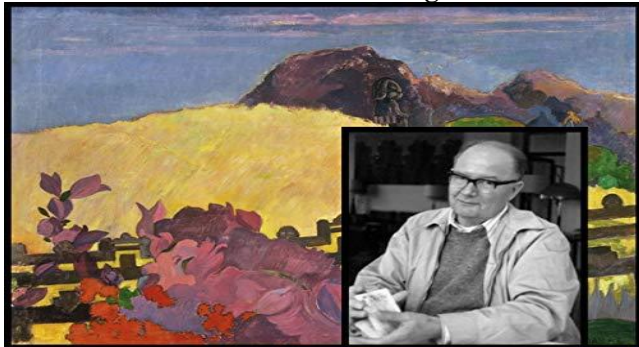
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue January 30th @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues January 31st @ 7:00pm.

We'll be discussing:



Bernard Lonergan
 Christianity's Response to a Secular Age
 Dr. Gordon A. Rixon, S.J., Ph.D.
 University of Toronto

STONEGATE II Hotline

If you are interested in filling out an application for the new Stonegate II apartments, you may call (856) 342-4187 and leave your NAME, ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER. A Diocesan Housing representative will then return your call with additional instructions & info.

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 rejoin 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. Choir gathers in the church 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 the month of January contact **Diane @ 856-308-8224.**
 In February contact **Betty @ 856-662-6928.**

Paul VI High School News

Paul VI High School ANNUAL 8th GRADE WINTER DANCE. Eighth grade students are invited to Paul VI High School for the annual 8th Grade Winter Dance on Friday, **February 1st** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for students who make reservations prior to Feb. 1st, \$8 at the door. Reservations are available by visiting the **ADMISSIONS EVENTS** page of the Paul VI website, www.pvihs.org. *Each student must present a completed, signed permission form to be admitted. Permission forms are available on the school website, www.pvihs.org.*

Paul VI PROSPECTIVE PARENTS' WINE & CHEESE will be held on Friday, February 1st from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Paul VI Dining Hall. Parents are invited to meet current PVI parents and staff at this annual, informal event. For reservations, please visit the **ADMISSIONS EVENTS** page of the Paul VI website, www.pvihs.org.

Paul VI High School REGISTRATION FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS. Paul VI High School congratulates those students accepted into the Class of 2023! Registration will take place at the school on Saturday, **February 23rd**, between 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Questions about registration, or inquiries to apply to Paul VI, may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, (856) 858-4900 ext. 336, or kstewart@pvihs.org.

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Camden Catholic High School News

Admissions Information Session

Thursday, **January 31** at 7 p.m. Whether you are an 8th grader still making your decision about high school, or a 6th or 7th grader planning for your future, please join us to learn more about the admissions process, curriculum, arts and athletics at Camden Catholic High School. This is a general information session in which you will have the opportunity to meet our students, faculty and administration, tour our campus, and have your questions answered.

RSVP www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents
or call **856-663-2247 ext. 136.**

The Arts at CCHS Presents the 2019 Spring Musical: **Guys and Dolls** March 8, 9, 15 & 16 at 7:30PM and March 10 and 17 at 2PM

“Luck be a lady” at this fantastic production featuring one of Broadway’s most beloved shows presented by over 100 CCHS students. Sing, dance and laugh from the bustle of Times Square to the dance clubs of Havana in this show. Alumni Night is March 15 with a complimentary Wine & Cheese Reception at 6PM for all alumni (RSVP kate.bieg@camdenatholic.org).

Tickets (\$12/person) and Ad & Patrons available online:
www.cchsperformingarts.com
or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.



Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students are being scheduled at Camden Catholic High School. Limited dates remain in 2019 (February 5 and 14 and March 14 and 19). Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy.

Select your day at
www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents
or contact **Janet Indelicato** to schedule:
janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org
or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

CCHS Class of 2023: Admissions Applications

The Camden Catholic Admissions Office will review applications for admission for the 2019-20 school year on a rolling basis. Apply online today:
www.camdenatholic.org/admissions.

Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.