

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

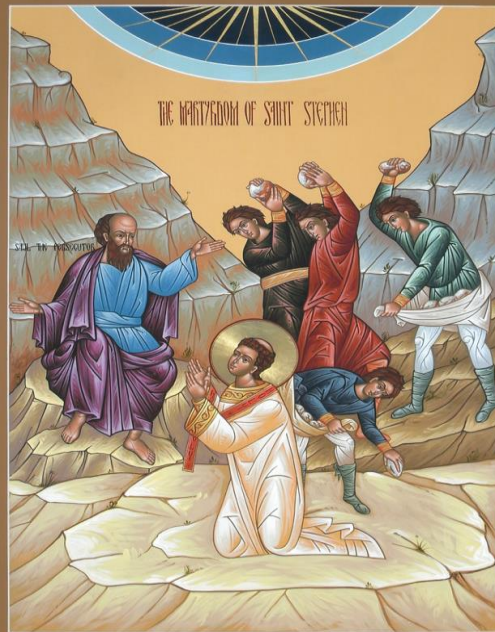
## Pastoral Staff

**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

**Parish Trustees**  
Keith Knight  
Earl Nolte

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



## Contact Info

**Rectory Phone**  
(856) 662-9339

**Rectory Fax**  
(856) 662-4679

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

**Parish Email:**  
[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

**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.*

***The 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 14, 2018***

**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 2019 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>October 14, 2018</b>
9:00am	Ann Kershner r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Vincent Barone r/b Virginia DiLaurentis
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>October 15, 2018</b>
9:00am	For All Victims of Abuse r/b People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>October 16, 2018</b>
9:00am	For the Good Intentions and Works of Our Knights of Columbus Council 3512
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>October 17, 2018</b>
9:00am	Vincent J. Baltrukonis r/b The Rocco Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>October 18, 2018</b>
9:00am/Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>October 19, 2018</b>
9:00am	Tom Love r/b Lucille Buffington
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>October 20, 2018</b>
4:30pm	Denise Penn r/b Ralph & Jean Baylor
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>October 21, 2018</b>
9:00am	Thomas A. Love, Sr. r/b George & JoAnn Murray
10:30am	Edie Ryan r/b Brian & Jill Klaus



**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.

<b>October 6/7, 2018 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,024</b>
<b>2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:</b>	<b>\$4,600</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b>	<b>\$4,092</b>

Upcoming Special Collections / Envelopes:

- October 21: "World Mission Sunday" (Diocese)**
- October 28: "2018 Disaster Relief" (Just added - No Envelope)**
- November 1: "All Saints Day" (St. Stephen)**
- November 2: "All Souls Day" (St. Stephen)**

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## 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 & information.



**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., Alice Jean Baylor,
- Anna Buono, Edmund Ciccarone, Carol Cranmer,
- Fanny DiBenedetto, Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber,
- Pricilla Handy, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Sandra Lippi,
- Katelyn Lum, Sam & Nancy Loperfido, Ken Maminski,
- Joy and Ed Morrisson, Sue Ott, Rich Passaro,
- Andy Salmonsens, Nancy Sonnie, Callum Steinmetz,
- Rick Taylor, Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for October 20/21

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**EM's:** Sr. Eleanora, T. Scavuzzo, A. Knight, C. Pandola  
**Lectors:** J. Gerst, J. Melfi

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**EM's:** L. D'Alessandro, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, M. Conway, R. Leone  
**Lectors:** D. Steinmetz, P. Nolte

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**EM's:** M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, S. Underwood  
**Lector:** W. McHugh

## Stewardship Reflection 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time "Stewardship Sharing"

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (MARK 10:25)*

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, **Stewards** are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

## 2018 Disasters National Collection

Bishop Sullivan has asked us to participate in a country wide special collection for the 2018 Disasters victims of Hurricane Florence and the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia. We will have this collection the weekend of **October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**. Your generosity is appreciated.

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

- 10/15-Monday-9am Mass
- 10/16-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 10/17-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 10/18-Thurs.-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 10/19-Friday-9am Mass
- 10/20-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 10/21-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

***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***  
**Continue this Wednesday @ 6:15pm.**

***Thursday Night Discussion Club***  
**Continues this Thursday @ 7:00pm.**

We'll be discussing:  
**"The Catholic Theological Union Lecture Series: Rediscovering Vatican II"**

***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**9:45am-7:00pm.**



***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](http://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](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  
**October contact Maryann:**  
**856-333-6525.**

## Paul VI High School Events

Are you ready to be a Paul VI Eagle? We're ready to help you soar! - Paul VI High School is ready for you! Please join us this fall for Open House, our scholarship test, and more!

**Paul VI Scholarship Test** will be conducted at Paul VI, on **Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>**. Paul VI High School annually awards academic scholarships to incoming freshmen. To enter the scholarship process, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must take the HSPT at Paul VI on October 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information, and to register for the test, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions).

**Paul VI presents Tours & Touchdowns on Friday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>**. Arrive at the PVI football gate by 6 o'clock for a student-guided tour of our beautiful facility, and stay for Friday night football under the lights. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations are appreciated. For more information, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions).

**Paul VI Eagle-for-a-Day** visits are available for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout the fall admissions season. To see the schedule of available dates, and to make a reservation, please visit [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions). Experience a day in the life of a Paul VI Eagle!

**Paul VI High School Open House** will be held at 6:30 PM, **Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Middle school students and their families are invited to meet our faculty, coaches and students, enjoy special performances by our performing arts groups, and see our beautiful school. Reservations are appreciated. For more information, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions).

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Paul VI Director of Admissions, [kstewart@pvihs.org](mailto:kstewart@pvihs.org)

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## All Souls Day Cemetery Masses

We encourage our families to visit our cemeteries and mausoleums and to pray for their dearly departed loved ones and All Souls who have gone before us. In honor of All Souls Day, all diocesan managed chapel mausoleums will be open until 7:00pm on **Friday November 2, 2018**. All Souls Day Masses held in our chapel mausoleums are listed on our website at [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org). We also invite you to visit our cemeteries and mausoleums on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Catholic Cemetery Sunday. We join you in praying for the souls of all those who have gone before us.

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## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so too does your marriage. Without some nurturing and care it will remain weak and unfulfilling. Spread a little fertilizer on your relationship. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow. The next weekend dates are **Oct 19-21 and Dec 7-9, 2018**. 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).

## Camden Catholic High School Events

### Camden Catholic High School Open House

Thursday, **October 25** at 6:30 p.m. Learn how we empower today's students to find their purpose through academics, arts and spirituality. Meet our faculty, students, coaches and administration, tour the campus, and learn more about our "Strong Ties. Inspiring Journeys."

**RSVP online:** [www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents).

### Camden Catholic High School

#### Scholarship & High School Placement Test

Saturday, **November 3** at 8:30 a.m. Pre-Register online [www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents). Students interested in competing for Merit and Arts Scholarships *must* take the test at Camden Catholic.

**Irish Experience Guest Days** for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are being scheduled at Camden Catholic High School. 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](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents)

or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule:

[janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org)

or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

### Camden Catholic High School's Class of '73

Will be holding their 45<sup>th</sup> class reunion

**On Saturday October 20, 2018**

7-11 pm at the CCHS Dining Hall

Dinner Buffet, DJ & Cash Bar

For more information please email

[gloria.maccaroni@verizon.net](mailto:gloria.maccaroni@verizon.net) by 10/6

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**BISHOP EUSTACE  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL**



## OPEN HOUSE

Oct. 28

11am - 2pm

[eustace.org](http://eustace.org)



## Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

*Mark 10:17-30 (shorter form Mark 10:17-27)*

**A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.**

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.