

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

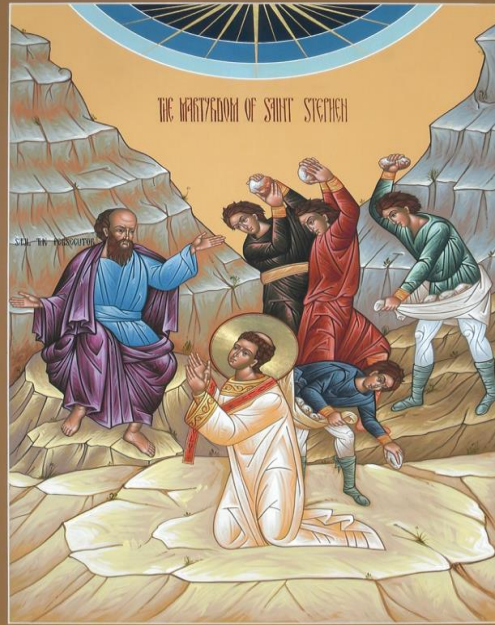
Pastoral Staff

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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 20, 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	October 20, 2019
9:00am	Thomas Cosgrove r/b Joseph Eisenhardt
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Filomena Catalani r/b the Catalani & Phelan Family Juana Xiomwa Kenney r/b Susan Midili In Celebration of Our 50 th Wedding Anniversary r/b The Meloni's
MONDAY	October 21, 2019
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	October 22, 2019
9:00am	For the Priests' Convocation in Avalon, NJ
WEDNESDAY	October 23, 2019
9:00am	Peter Abbatelli, Sr. r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	October 24, 2019
9:00am/Novena	For the Healing of Alex Rende
FRIDAY	October 25, 2019
9:00am	Msgr. William P. Graham r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY	October 26, 2019 (Harvest Mass & Reception)
4:30pm	Milton Burns r/b Barb & Ed Weingard
SUNDAY	October 27, 2019
9:00am	Frances Vocale r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Olga V. Mignone r/b Donald Mignone David & Phyllis Croge r/b Terry Carr & Judy Kinsler



**The Sanctuary Candle
this week is for
*Prayers Answered***

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.

October 12/13 Offertory Collection:	\$3,682
2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,500
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$3,827

Special Collections:

- October 20th - "World Mission Sunday"
- October 27th - "Human Development"

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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 & info.

Remember Our Sick

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,
Edmund Ciccarone, Athan Criaris, Fanny DiBenedetto,
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,
Rich Pilla, Dean & Mary Russell, Nancy Sonnie,
Rick Taylor, Peggy Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Rita Vogt,
Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

Ministry Schedule – October 26/27

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, A. Cirullo, V. Thibault, R. Davis
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: E. Nolte, L. McHugh, R. Davis, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: W. McHugh, M. Miller

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: D. Urgo, T. Scavuzzo, S. Underwood, T. Urgo
Lector: J. Messina



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**.

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Let Us Kneel

Our heartfelt thanks to **Earl & Sean Nolte, Tom & Will McHugh and Bill Mattia** for installing our brand new Kneeler Cushions, a result of our Catholic Strong Campaign. Once again, thank you gentlemen for making our suffering a little more comfortable.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 10/21-Monday-9am Mass
- 10/22-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 10/23-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 10/24-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 10/25-Friday-9am Mass
- 10/26-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Harvest Mass
- 10/27--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**

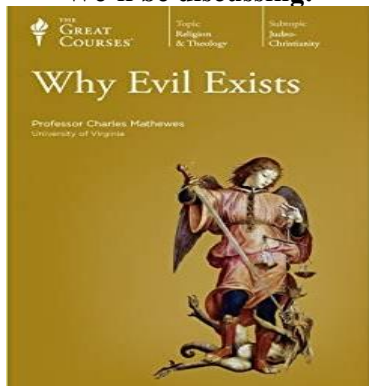
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue October 23rd at 6:15pm

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues October 24th at 7pm in the Rectory

We'll be discussing:

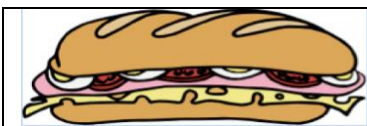


First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, Nov. 1 - 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 **November 2 & 3.** For info call 856-227-4980.



It has come to our attention that some of you have received Emails or texts from someone pretending to be Fr. Rocco asking for financial assistance or gift cards. **This is a scam that should be reported immediately to the rectory office at (856) 662-9338, x6.**

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. 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.

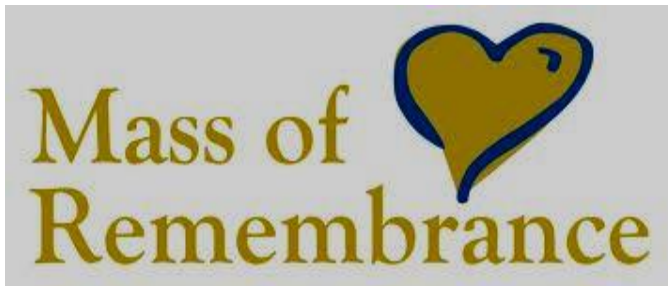
Prayer Pavers to Our Lady

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 the month of October contact **Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.**



Sunday, November 3rd @ 10:30am
“BY NAME I HAVE CALLED YOU”

St. Stephen’s Mass to honor the families of our deceased members will take place on **Sunday, November 3rd at the 10:30am Liturgy.**

Our families will present flowers for a Memory Bouquet and they will be blessed and receive token angels in memory of their loved ones. Please plan to join us on this special day, and offer your love and condolences to our families.

This year we will remember:

- Dolores Afilani**
- Joseph L. Afilani, Sr.**
- Alice Jean Baylor**
- Filomena Catalani**
- Mark G. DiStefano**
- Doris J. Georgio**
- Walter R. Kittel**
- Tilda J. Lamaina**
- Samuel Loperfido, Sr.**
- Edward F. Lukasiewicz**
- Josephine Marzilli**
- Salvatore Messina**
- Rosina L. Midili**
- Catherine M. Milorey**
- Dolores G. Moles**
- Susan J. Ott**
- Julie E. Paglione**
- Frank D. Pigliacelli**
- Mildred Rowan**
- Andrew Robert Salmonsens**
- Jean Sise**
- Dorothy Tutwiler**
- Frances Vocale**

Mass of Remembrance for our Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 - 12:05 PM
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
642 Market Street, Camden

Followed by lunch in Cathedral Hall

We will remember in a special way those who have died this past year, namely;

- Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante**
- Rev. Monsignor William P. Graham**
- Deacon Matthew J. Hanrahan**
- Deacon Anthony V. Kijonka**
- Reverend Cornelius F. Lambert**
- Rev. Monsignor Robert T. McDermott**
- Deacon William V. Norquist**
- Deacon Liam C. O’Clisham**
- Deacon Albert J. Riviello**
- Reverend William F. Ryan**
- Deacon Aladino Velez**
- Reverend John P. Ward**
- Deacon William L. Watts**

We need a count for Mass and Lunch.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 30th

Fax 856-966-5957; Phone 856-583-2855 or
Email spatullo@camdendiocese.org

Please invite your parishioners to attend the Mass.

Note: It is important that you respond since we have limited space for parking.

JOINT MEETING OF THE PARISH & FINANCE COUNCILS

October 8, 2019

Council Members Present: Earl Nolte, Melanie Lopez, Liz McHugh, Joe Haas, Janis Melfi, and Father Rocco.

Finance Members Present: Lonnie Monaco and Keith Knight

Also present: George Tutwiler, Knights of Columbus

Opening prayer by Father Rocco at 7:30PM.

Presentation by George Tutwiler

A brief overview of the upcoming construction in affiliation with Sunseng Market/Mega Palace owner Mr Ung. There is to be series of businesses to front Rt. 38, potentially to include 5 restaurants and fifteen stores.

There will be easy access for the Stongate residents.

Time line: Groundbreaking and construction mid-2020

Regarding the school building, there is still a possible catering hall use (3 to 4 years away)

FINANCES: Per Father our finances are in “good shape.”

We are earning approximately \$2,800/month in interest to our Main Revolving account, currently at \$1,129,077.

Maintenance account has approximately \$55,000, Church Operating account is at \$31,684.

We have amassed \$34,000 from Catholic Strong to be used for church maintenance projects.

Under consideration is church cleaning and a new carpet for vestibule.

We currently have bills due in the amount of \$1,532 and a balance of \$3,056 due for our new kneeler cushions.

HARVEST MASS AND RECEPTION OCTOBER 26

This will be a catered affair to be held after 4:30 mass on the above date at the church.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Look for more info in the bulletin.

STONGATE II PROJECT

As we have all been aware the above project is on its way. We expect completion at the end of 2019. Move in time hopefully spring of 2020. Once construction is complete and the proverbial dust has settled we will have more of our parking returned. There will be a meeting for prospective tenants , date to be announced.

THE CONVOCATION AND ITS AFTERMATH

Ten parishioners had been sent to Atlantic City in late March of this year. They were joined with 800 fellow Catholics from the Diocese of Camden. It was four days of Masses, prayer, hymns and inspirational speakers and workshops. The goal is to inspire our parishes to grow and to reach out to our communities. We are missionary disciples.

Our ten members have been meeting to assess our parish and to target those in need. Above all to make our church family feel welcome. There are several projects which the convocation has proposed, i.e. ride share, meet and greet parishioners after Masses, joining the Stonegate communities with our parish, introducing speakers (Deacon Anthony to speak on faith sharing stories). More ideas are needed.

The convocation is meeting on NOV. 5 at 7:30pm in the church.

WE ARE OPENING OUR MEETING TO ANY AND ALL PARISHIONERS!!! (we welcome all suggestions)

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:45 PM with a closing prayer.

Next PPC meeting is tentative.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Melfi, Secretary of St. Stephen's PPC