

St. Stephen Parish

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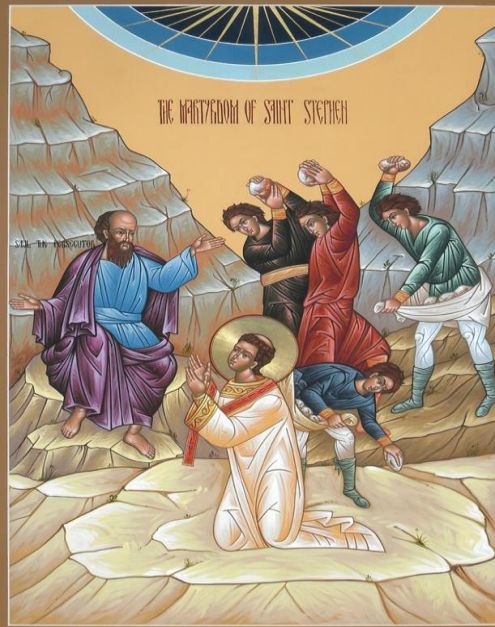
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Keith Knight
Earl Nolte

Rectory Office Hours
Monday - Friday
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 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 6, 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".

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| SUNDAY | October 6, 2019 |
| 9:00am | Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri |
| 10:30am | David Croge r/b The Angstmans Francisco Van r/b The Bui Family |
| MONDAY | October 7, 2019 |
| 9:00am | Rev. William F. Ryan r/b People of the Parish |
| TUESDAY | October 8, 2019 |
| 9:00am | Louis & Josephine Buondonno r/b Daughter |
| WEDNESDAY | October 9, 2019 |
| 9:00am | People of the Parish – Living & Deceased |
| THURSDAY | October 10, 2019 |
| 9:00am/Novena | For the Healing of Sister Leona Kotula |
| FRIDAY | October 11, 2019 |
| 9:00am | In Thanksgiving to Duane & Pam Heck & Family for their many years of service at St. Stephen's |
| SATURDAY | October 12, 2019 |
| 4:30pm | Joseph & Mary Nicoletto r/b The Pandola Family |
| SUNDAY | October 13, 2019 |
| 9:00am | Gaetano Minutillo r/b Earl & Pat Nolte |
| 10:30am | Salvatore Messina r/b Greg & Valerie Mayer Joan Ward (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt Joseph Bui & John Bui r/b The Bui Family |



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.

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| September 28/29 Offertory Collection: | \$3,653 |
| 2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target: | \$4,500 |
| Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: | \$3,797 |

Next Special Collection:

October 20th - "World Mission Sunday"

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.



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, Pricilla 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, Nancy Sonnie, Rick Taylor, Peggy Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Rita Vogt, Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

Ministry Schedule – October 12/13

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: J. Gerst, B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: T. Modzier, R. Leone, E. Nolte
Lectors: P. Nolte, M. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, T. Scavuzzo, S. Underwood
Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, W. McHugh



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.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 10/7-Monday-9am Mass
- 10/8-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Board, 7:30pm Joint Council Meeting
- 10/9-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 10/10-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 10/11-Friday-9am Mass
- 10/12-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 10/13--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 9th at 6:15pm

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues October 10th at 7pm in the Rectory

We'll be discussing:

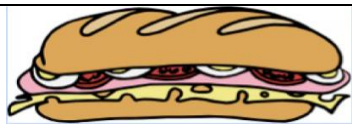


First Friday Adoration

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 weekends of **October 5 & 6 and November 2 & 3.** 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.



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.

What is the Catholic “Consistent Ethic of Life”?

Father Dan Joyce, SJ
Tuesdays October 15th & 22nd
7:00 PM – St. Thomas More Parish Hall
Springdale Road, Cherry Hill

Catholic Social Teaching stands for and promotes a consistent ethic of life. This means the Church is concerned with all those social issues and circumstances that affect human beings and their quality of life.

Session One: "A Consistent Ethic of Life: Church Teaching and Individual Moral Decision-making"

Session Two : "Should the Government Decide My Life and Death Medical Choices for me"?
A Catholic Perspective"

Call the Parish Office at 856-424-3212

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## Gloucester Catholic HS Events

**Open House** for prospective students will be held **October 17** at 7pm. Contact Mr. Tom Flynn in the Admissions office [tflynn@gchsrams.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrams.org) or more information.

**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).

**Scholarship/Placement Exam:**  
**October 26th or November 16th.** Pre-registration is required. Contact [guidance@gchsrams.org](mailto:guidance@gchsrams.org) to secure a testing spot.

**Gloucester Catholic Junior High Visitation Day-**Prospective students **November 7th.** Students in 5th, 6th & 7th grades are invited to check out our junior high! Contact [mkelly@gchsrams.org](mailto:mkelly@gchsrams.org) to register!

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Married Couples

Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive!

The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

The next weekend dates are **Oct 25-27 and Dec 13-15,** 2019. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.

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 26th**. Paul VI High School annually awards academic scholarships to incoming freshmen. To enter the scholarship process, 8th grade students must take the HSPT at Paul VI on **October 26th**. For more information, and to register for the test, please visit our website.

Paul VI presents Tours & Touchdowns- This season's date is **Friday Oct. 11th**. 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.

Paul VI Eagle-for-a-Day visits are available for 8th 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. 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 7th**. 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.

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Paul VI Director of Admissions, kstewart@pvihs.org or Mr. Stephen Jamrogowicz, Paul VI Admissions Associate, sjamrogowicz@pvihs.org.

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## Merion Mercy Academy Events

You are welcome to join us at **Merion Mercy Academy's Open House** to be held on Sunday, **October 6**, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the convent chapel at 11:00 a.m., an information session will follow in the gym from 12:15 p.m. - 1p.m., and school tours will run 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

To register for Open House, please visit: <https://www.merion-mercy.com/openhouse>.

**Merion Mercy's Scholarship and Entrance Exam** will be given on Saturday, **October 26** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The make-up date is November 2.

Please visit the Admissions Process page on our website for more information or register here at: <https://merion-mercy.myschoolapp.com/app#login/apply>. Note that the test registration also serves as the application to the school (all on one form).



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## Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

*Luke 17:5-10*

**Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.**

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.