

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

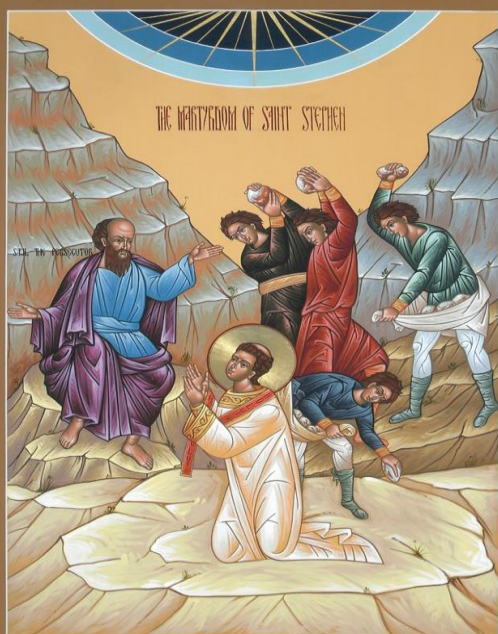
## Pastoral Staff

**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 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 11, 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".**

**SUNDAY November 11, 2018**  
 9:00am Thomas W. Ash r/b Jim Pennestri

10:30am -William Sauer r/b His Family  
 -Raymond Steele r/b His Wife, Theresa  
 -Roswell Douglas Holmes, Sr., (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 Retired Chief of Police, Camden, NJ r/b Priscilla Handy

**MONDAY November 12, 2018**  
 9:00am John Forrester r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt

**TUESDAY November 13, 2018**  
 9:00am All Souls r/b People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY November 14, 2018**  
 9:00am Aldo Cicalese r/b People of the Parish

**THURSDAY November 15, 2018**  
 9:00am/Novena Louise Cirullo r/b Her Daughter, Anna

**FRIDAY November 16, 2018**  
 9:00am Stanley & Anne Bernoskie r/b Nick Picciano

**SATURDAY November 17, 2018**  
 4:30pm Anthony Scafidi (Birthday Remembrance)  
 r/b Rosina, Susan, & Anthony Midili

**SUNDAY November 18, 2018**  
 9:00am Bernice Evans r/b Duane & Pam Heck

10:30am Joseph Bui, Marie Bui, and Francis Mai  
 r/b The Bui Family



**The Sanctuary Candle**  
**this week is in Memory of**  
**Roswell Douglas Holmes, Sr.**

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.

**November 3/4, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$4,356**  
**2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600**  
**Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,158**

Next Special Collection / Envelope:

**November 18<sup>th</sup>: "Human Development" (Diocese)**

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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, Larry Miller, Joy and Ed Morrisson,  
 Sue Ott, Rich Passaro, Nancy Sonnie, Callum Steinmetz,  
 Rick Taylor, Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for November 17/18

### Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, Sr. Eleanora, A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola  
Lectors: B. Mattia, Joan R.

### Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, R. Davis, R. Leone, E. Nolte, T. Modzier  
Lectors: W. McHugh, P. Nolte

### Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: J. Fagan, J. Messina, T. Angstman, W. Delfin  
Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, M. Miller

## Thanksgiving Liturgy Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>

On Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm, we will celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Liturgy. This regular event in our parish over many years is a wonderful experience of prayer, singing and celebrating all for which we have to thank Almighty God. Loaves of bread will be blessed as a way of extending the blessing of the Eucharist to your Thanksgiving tables.

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 In Loving Memory of  
**Roswell Douglas Holmes, Sr.**  
 Retired Chief of Police – Camden, NJ



**November 19, 1926 - November 11, 2012**

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

- 11/12-Monday-9am Mass
- 11/13-Tues.-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Councils
- 11/14-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 11/15-Thurs.-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 11/16-Friday-9am Mass
- 11/17-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 11/18-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)

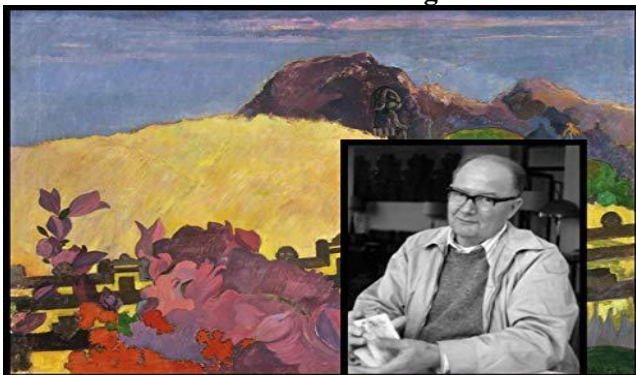
### ***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***

**Continue November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm.**

### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

**Continues November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 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



### ***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, December 7**  
**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 **November** contact  
**Lois @ 856-665-1221**

# Works of Mercy – Items Needed



Our Religious Formation Students, who meet at St. Stephen on Wednesday nights, are always looking to perform the Works of Mercy, as Jesus calls us to in the Gospel of Matthew 25. We were contacted by a woman, Carole B., living in our area, who requested us to help those people in her native country of TOGO, who live in poverty and lack many basic needs of life. So, for the next few weeks, we are requesting **used clothes and shoes, especially for children, as well as toothpaste, toothbrushes, and soap.** These items may be placed in the rear of Church by the Food Baskets during weekend Masses. Thank you for your generosity and for helping our Students learn the importance of Giving and Sharing.

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### Save the Date!

## A Closer Walk with God

St. Rose of Lima Church

New Sunday, November 25, 2018  
Date 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

*When was the last time you asked for the gifts of the Holy Spirit?*

**What is the purpose?** The purpose of A Closer Walk with God (CWG) is to gather in Eucharistic Adoration to ask for the infusion of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Father Joseph Byerley will give two inspirational and informative talks: 1) *God's Covenantal Love* and 2) *In the World, not of the World.* Each talk will be followed by silent time to meditate before Our Lord.

**What do I have to do?** Nothing. You are warmly welcome to come, sit, and relax. A booklet will be provided with space for notes and selected scriptures and quotes from the saints which will be reflective of the meditation topics.

**Where is the event?** The event is held at the St. Rose of Lima Church; 300 East Kings Highway; Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

**Would you like a reminder for the event?** Sign up for important updates on your mobile device from St. Rose CWG. Text the message @strosecwg to the number 81010.

**This is a free event!**

# Christmas Wreath Sale!



Boy Scout Troop 118 will be having a Christmas Wreath Sale after all weekend Masses on **November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.** All proceeds directly support the Scouts and Troop with their activities. All wreaths are fresh **22-inch Noble Fir** with pine cones and bright red bow which makes the perfect Christmas decoration. Each wreath is **\$25.00 (Cash or Check)** and will be immediately available to take with you. If you wish to purchase a wreath and are unable to attend Mass, please contact Elaine Connor for information at [emc08109@yahoo.com](mailto:emc08109@yahoo.com).

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## Knights of Columbus Immaculate Council 3512

Invite all Catholic Men over 18 years old to an OPEN HOUSE so you can see what we do for the family, church and community. The meeting will be held on Monday, **November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** The Council meets at Mary Queen of All Saints in the Rectory basement. Any questions please call George B. Tutwiler 609-634-3631.

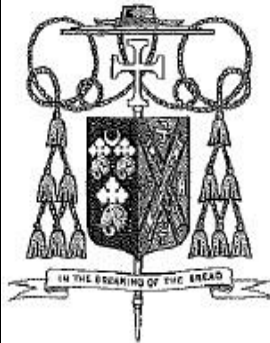
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## Paul VI High School Events

**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)*

**Paul VI Scholarship Test** will be conducted at Paul VI, on **Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>.** Paul VI High School annually awards academic scholarships to incoming freshmen. Students who did not sit for the October test may enter the scholarship process by taking the test on November 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information, and to register for the test, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org).

# Breaking News – Mass Intention Donations



Office of the Bishop  
*Diocese of Camden*

October 23, 2018

Dear Monsignor/Father:

The purpose of this letter is to give clarifications and reminders about certain current laws and Diocesan policies pertaining to the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments, as well as the related compensation to which priests are entitled.

To pastors and parish administrators, if there are practices in your parish which are at variance with what is outlined in this letter, **I ask that you make the needed adjustments so there will not be inconsistencies from parish to parish within this Diocese.**

The fuller directives on these matters are either in the *Code of Canon Law*, the *Diocesan Statutes*, or the most recent Diocesan Policies. But for the sake of brevity, this letter will only repeat and summarize the directives themselves.

Not every reminder in this letter will apply to every priest. Some pertain more to pastors and active priests than retired. Nevertheless, this letter is being sent to *all priests* so that everyone has the correct information and will be in agreement.

## **1. Mass Stipends**

The current, regular Mass stipend in the Diocese of Camden is **\$15 for an announced Mass and \$10 for an unannounced Mass**. Please note, this has changed from the former \$10 for an announced Mass and \$5 for an unannounced Mass.

For the sake of consistency among the parishes, these should be the suggested offerings communicated to a person requesting a Mass and Mass Card. Nevertheless, if the person himself or herself wishes to give a larger or smaller offering for the Mass, they are free to do so.

Per Bishop Sullivan, Mass Intentions will now be **\$15** (formerly \$10).

We will not charge extra for your Mass Card, thus your Intention, with or without a card, will be a donation of \$15, effective immediately.