

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

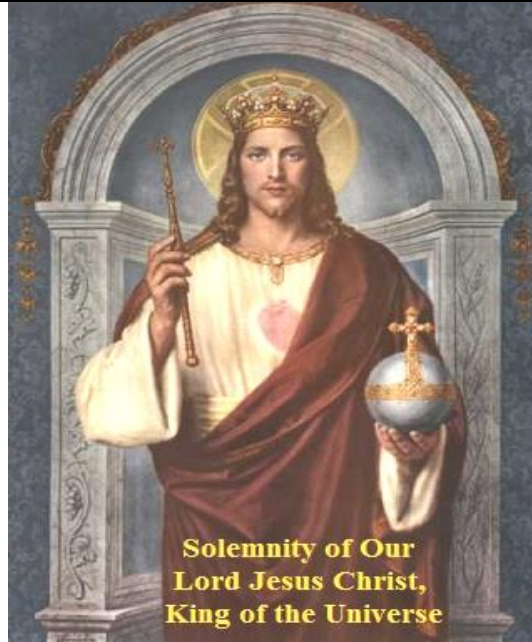
## Pastoral Staff

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](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

Parish Website  
[StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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.*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 24, 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".**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>November 24, 2019</b>
9:00am	Dominic Caruso r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Gertrude V. Cavallo r/b Donald Mignone Rosina Midili r/b The Midili Family Frank & Susie Furlano r/b The Midili Family Angel Morales, Jr. r/b The Morales Family
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>November 25, 2019</b>
9:00am	All Souls Listed on Our Envelopes on the Altar
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>November 26, 2019</b>
9:00am	All Souls Listed on Our Envelopes on the Altar
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>November 27, 2019 (7pm Thanksgiving Vigil)</b>
9:00am	All Souls Listed on Our Envelopes on the Altar
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Michael Mattia r/b People of the Parish</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>November 28, 2019 (Thanksgiving Day)</b>
9:00am/Novena	Peter Nhan r/b Anna Nga
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>November 29, 2019 (Black Friday)</b>
9:00am	Louise Cirullo r/b Her Daughter
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>November 30, 2019</b>
4:30pm	All Souls Listed on Our Envelopes on the Altar
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 1, 2019</b>
9:00am	Andrew Salmonsens r/b His Wife, Mary Jane
10:30am	Rosina Midili r/b Fini Mann & Neighbor Sharon Raymond Steele r/b His Wife, Theresa Joseph R. Maccherone r/b Macy's Handbag Team



## 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>November 16/17 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$3,935</b>
<b>2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target:</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b>	<b>\$3,827</b>

### Special Collections:

- November 24<sup>th</sup>:** "Collection for National Needs"  
(Includes Catholic Communication, Catholic University, Black & Native American Missions, and Military Services)
- December 8<sup>th</sup>:** "Retired Religious Fund"

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**Stonegate II Applications** are still available for **weekday pickup from 9am-3pm** at the Diocesan Housing Building at 1845 Haddon Avenue in Camden. Interested parties may also call **(856) 342-4187** to request applications by mail. The Diocese began accepting applications on November 18<sup>th</sup>.



**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, Melissa Connelly, 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, Bill Spicher,
- Rick Taylor, Peggy Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Rita Vogt,
- Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

## Ministry Schedule – Nov. 27/30-Dec. 1

### Wednesday, 7:00pm (Thanksgiving Vigil)

**EM's:** L. D'Alessandro, M. Monaco, E. Nolte, L. McHugh, R. Davis  
**Lectors:** B. Mattia, M. Miller

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**EM's:** A. Knight, L. D'Alessandro, A. Cirullo, V. Thibault  
**Lectors:** J. Gerst, B. Mattia

### Sunday, 9:00am

**EM's:** E. Nolte, L. McHugh, R. Davis, R. Leone  
**Lectors:** Jared Rivera, P. Nolte

### Sunday, 10:30am

**EM's:** J. Messina, M. Meloni, T. Angstman, W. Delfin  
**Lectors:** M. Miller, W. McHugh



## **Thanksgiving Liturgy Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**

On Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</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. (Note, the Rectory will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday).

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

11/25-Monday-9am Mass  
 11/26-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 11/27-Wed.-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Thanksgiving Vigil  
 11/28-Thanksgiving-9am Mass/Novena, Rectory Closed  
 11/29-Black Friday--9am Mass, Rectory Closed  
 11/30--Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 12/1---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

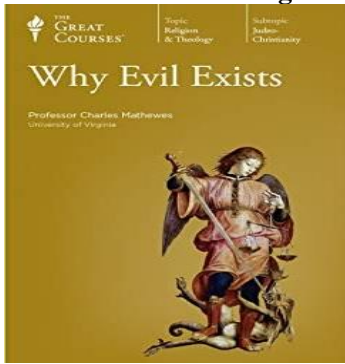
### ***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***

**Continue November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm**

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

**Continues December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Rectory**

**We'll be discussing:**

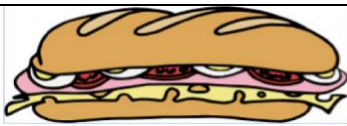


### ***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, Dec. 6 - 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 **December 7 & 8.**  
 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](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 rejoice 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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).

### ***St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You***



**We are here to pray for you.**  
 For Prayer Requests in November contact **Diane @ 856-308-8224.**



## **Need a Ride to Church?**

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, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.**



*Saint Stephen's Music  
Ministry Presents:*

# *An Evening of Christmas Music*

**Friday, December 6, 2019**

**7:30 pm**

***Come one, come all! Bring the kids!  
Meet Santa and get your photo taken with him!***

*Refreshments will be served, after the show.*

## **Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading**

*Luke 23:35-43*

### **Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.**

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

## *Diocesan Victim Compensation Program*

### **NJ Independent Victims Compensation Program**



The Diocese of Camden – along with the other Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey – has established an Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest of the Diocese. The IVCP is independently administered by experienced victim compensation experts Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros.

The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims, and operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution. The administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators. All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to [www.njdiocesesivcp.com](http://www.njdiocesesivcp.com) and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

Bishop Sullivan strongly encourages anyone who was sexually victimized by a priest of the Diocese to participate in the IVCP, and has asked that anyone who knows of someone who was abused to contact them so that they are aware of the IVCP and can participate in it.

### *Sexual Abuse Hotline*



Sexual abuse is a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry. A special toll-free number has been established to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-964-6588.

# The 2019-2020 Liturgical Calendar at a Glance

## Oh Come All Ye Faithful!

Beginning December 1,  
join us to celebrate  
the Christmas Season

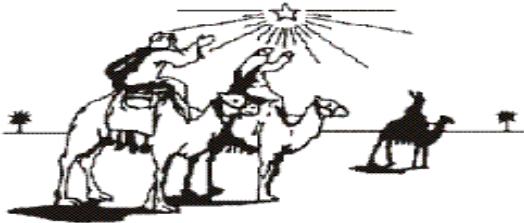


## ANGEL TREE

Once again this year, you will choose the gender and age (Newborn-15yrs.) of your child recipient. The color of the angel tag does not indicate gender.

Kindly place your UNWRAPPED gifts under the tree by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. All NEW TOYS are acceptable and GIFT CARDS are suitable for older children. Destination of the gifts will once again benefit the Needy Families of Pennsauken Township.

## Advent / Christmas Schedule



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Beginning of Liturgical Year  
December 1, 2019

CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
Monday, December 9, 2019  
9:00am Mass  
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

PENITENTIAL SERVICE  
Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 7:30pm  
(After the Rosary)

CONFESSION  
Saturdays: December 7, 14, 21, 3:45-4:15pm

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES  
Tuesday, December 24, 2019  
5:00 PM Children’s Mass & 10:00 PM Vigil

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS  
Wednesday, December 25, 2019  
10:30 AM

ST. STEPHEN’S FEAST DAY MASS  
Thursday, December 26, 2019 - 9:00 AM

NEW YEAR’S EVE VIGIL  
Mary the Mother of God  
Tuesday, December 31, 2019  
5:00PM

NEW YEAR’S DAY MASS  
Mary the Mother of God  
Wednesday, January 1, 2020  
9:00 AM

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES  
February 26 - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

LENTEN FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 at 7pm

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE  
To Be Determined

### 2020 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 5: Palm Sunday Masses-9am & 10:30am
- April 9: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper-7pm
- April 10: Good Friday Liturgical Service – 3pm
- April 11: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – 8pm
- April 12: Easter Sunday Masses – 9am & 10:30am

FIRST PENANCE  
To Be Determined

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
To Be Determined

CONFIRMATION  
To Be Determined

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
Thursday, May 21, 2020 – 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION  
Saturday, August 15, 2020 – 4:30 PM

FALL HARVEST MASS  
Saturday, October 24, 2020 – 4:30 PM

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS DAY  
Sunday, November 1, 2020 - 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE  
Sunday, November 1, 2020 – 10:30 AM

THANKSGIVING VIGIL MASS  
Wednesday, November 25, 2020 - 7:00 PM