

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## Pastoral Staff

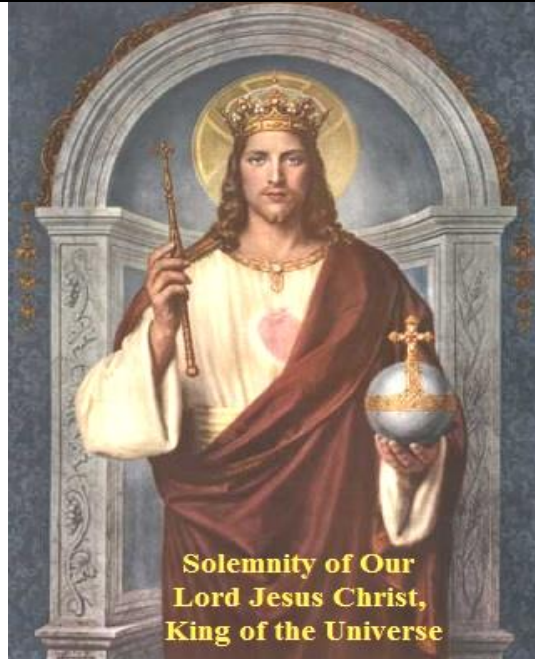
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco  
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

Parish Trustees  
Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

### Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
9:00am - 4:30pm



## Contact Info

Rectory Phone  
(856) 662-9339

Rectory Fax  
(856) 662-4679

Emergencies  
(856) 261-9336  
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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.*

*November 26, 2017 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

**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 2018 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>November 26, 2017</b>
9:00am	John McGrath, Sr. r/b M/M Ralph Baylor
10:30am	Frederick J. Keating r/b The Haas Family Daniel Folcher r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Rita Ziomek r/b Mary Jane & Andy Salmonsens
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>November 27, 2017</b>
9:00am	Rev. Robert J. Kantz r/b People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>November 28, 2017</b>
9:00am	All Souls r/b People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>November 29, 2017</b>
9:00am	Salvatore & Julia DiPaolo r/b Daughter, Lucille
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>November 30, 2017</b>
9:00am/Novena	Louise Cirullo r/b Daughter, Anna
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 1, 2017 (First Friday Adoration)</b>
9:00am	Chris Picciano (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b Dad
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 2, 2017</b>
4:30pm	Rita Nardi r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 3, 2017</b>
9:00am	Joseph Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Marlene Matteo r/b Family Beth Young r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Joe Catalani, Sr. r/b Dante & Maryann Vergulti



## 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.

**Offertory Figures for November 18/19 will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target: \$4,600**  
**Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,301**

Special Collections / Envelopes:

- December 3-25: Christmas Flower Memorials (St. Stephen)**
- December 8: "Immaculate Conception" (St. Stephen)**
- December 10: "Retired Religious Fund" (Diocese)**

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**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:**

- Joseph & Dolores Afilani, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Barbie Brown, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell,
- Lina Ciarrocchi, Edmund Ciccarone, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Cranmer, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Biagio Dinoto, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Angela Gallecchio, Antonio Genovese, Richard Gentile, Jr., Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ,
- Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Sr., Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Stella McCarthy, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Linda Petrilli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Patricia Ruhl, Dean & Mary Russell, John S., Helen Setzer, Joan Siperavage, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Keri Ann Taxis, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Viviello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

### Ministry Schedule for December 2/3

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**EM's:** A. Knight, C. Pandola, L. D'Alessandro, Sr. Eleanora, V. Thibault  
**Lectors:** B. Mattia, R. Taylor

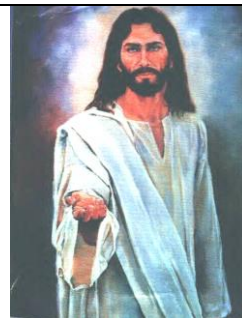
**Sunday, 9:00am**

**EM's:** R. Davis, M. Conway, R. Leone, E. Nolte, T. Modzier  
**Lectors:** P. Nolte, D. Steinmetz

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**EM's:** G. Tutwiler, J. Messina, M. Meloni, T. Mattera, T. Scavuzzo  
**Lectors:** R. Aleszczyk, M. Miller

## A SPECIAL INVITATION



"O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine."

### First Friday Adoration December 1, 2017

"A Genius conceives a masterpiece... He is delighted with it; he will realize it by every possible means and at the cost of any sacrifice.

He is dominated by his masterpiece; he sees it continually.

Well, ( in like manner) fix your mind on our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and ponder on his love."

*Saint Peter Julian Eymard*

**RSVP to Rosemarie Leone  
@ 856-662-0035.**

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

- 11/27-Monday-9am Mass, 11 am Ladies Bible Study
- 11/28-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, **7pm Liturgy Board**
- 11/29-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 11/30-Thurs.-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion, 7pm Choir
- 12/1-First Friday-9am Mass, **Adoration until 7pm**
- 12/2-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 12/3-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



We are all on a journey, and God's word is a light to our path. Stop in and join us at the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in scripture, lively discussions and fun!

**When: Mondays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)**

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.

Phone or text: 610-805-5363 email: heides@comcast.net

*The woman who walks with God  
Always reaches her destination!*

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### *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)

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### *Wednesday Night CCD Classes*

**Continue November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm**

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### *Thursday Night Discussion Club*

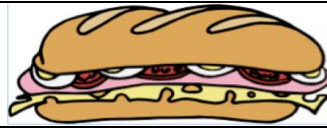
Continues Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Parish Center.

We'll be discussing Prof. William R. Cook's

### **"The Catholic Church: A History"**



All Are Welcome to Join Us!



### **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 2/3**. For info call 856-227-4980.

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### *Art & Environment Ministry*

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass or would like to make a donation for a tree to honor a deceased loved one is asked to contact our A&E Chairperson **Maria Haas** at 665-8393.

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### *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.

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### *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.

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### *Parish Library*

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Fall reading needs! We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. Please stop by after Masses.

**Hours: Saturday, 5:30-6:00pm  
Sunday, 10:00-10:30; 11:30-12:00**

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### *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).

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



### **We are here to pray for you.**

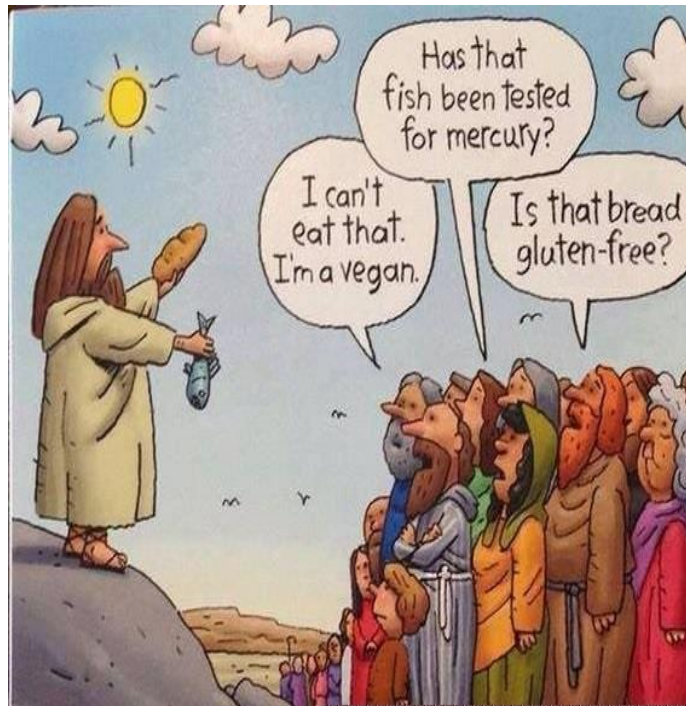
For Prayer Requests in the month of **November** contact **Betty @ 856-662-6928.**

In **December** contact **Maryann @ 856-333-6525.**

# Christmas Wreath Sale!



**Boy Scout Troop 118** will be having a Christmas Wreath Sale after all weekend Masses on **November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<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).



# WILL YOU TAKE A BABY BOTTLE.....AGAIN???



## And help the homeless, pregnant mothers of Good Counsel Homes?

Good Counsel Homes visited the parish of St. Stephen's one year ago and will be returning the weekend of **December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>** to share with you how your support has helped our mothers and babies of our Southern Jersey Home for homeless, pregnant mothers. Our home, opened for almost 7 years now, has witnessed the birth of 72 babies. We are asking you again to take a baby bottle home with you, and fill it with change, dollars, and checks- whatever your means allow and return it within 2 weeks! Thank you for your support and prayers for our mothers who have chosen to give their baby life. **JoAnn DiNoia** [joann\\_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org](mailto:joann_dinoia@goodcounselhomes.org)

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## Join the Newman Club!

Catholic Campus Ministry at Rutgers Camden Father Kristof Wtorek and Sister Dorothy Giloley SSJ are working with the students to form a Newman Club (Catholic Campus Ministry). We would like to invite any undergrad or graduate student at Rutgers Camden to join us!

Please contact us at:

**Fr. Kristof:** [camden.cm@camdendiocese.org](mailto:camden.cm@camdendiocese.org)  
**Sr. Dorothy:** [dorothy.giloley@camdendiocese.org](mailto:dorothy.giloley@camdendiocese.org)

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## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage.

**Make your reservation now!**

**The next weekend date is Dec 8-10.**

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).

# The 2017-2018 Liturgical Calendar at a Glance

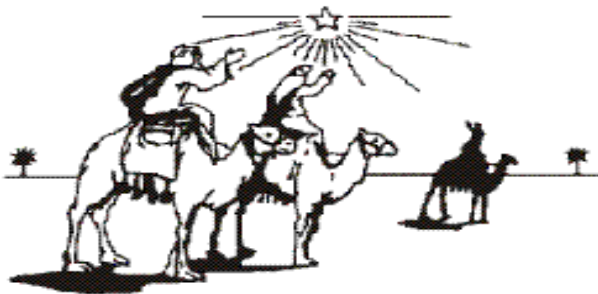
## Oh Come All Ye Faithful!

Please join us  
this year to celebrate  
the Christmas Season  
**ANGEL TREE**



This year our Angel Tree Gifts will benefit the Needy Residents of our Pennsauken community and you will choose the gender and age (Newborn-15yrs.) of your child recipient. Please specify these details on the back of the Angel Tag. Kindly place your UNWRAPPED gifts under the tree by **Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>**. All NEW TOYS are acceptable and GIFT CARDS are suitable for older children.

## Advent / Christmas Schedule



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Beginning of Liturgical Year  
December 3, 2017

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
Friday, December 8, 2017, 9:00am & 7:00pm Mass

PENITENTIAL SERVICE  
Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 7:30pm  
(After the Rosary)

CONFESSION  
Saturdays: December 2, 9, 16, 23, 3:45-4:15pm

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES  
Sunday, December 24, 2017  
5:00 PM Children's Mass & 10:00 PM Vigil

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS  
Monday, December 25, 2017  
10:30 AM

ST. STEPHEN'S FEAST DAY MASS  
Tuesday, December 26, 2017  
9:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES  
Sunday, December 31, 2017  
9:00AM & 10:30AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS  
Monday, January 1, 2018  
9:00 AM

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES  
February 14, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

LENTEN FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7pm

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE  
To Be Determined

### 2018 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- March 25<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday Masses-9am & 10:30am
- Mar. 29: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper-7pm
- March 30: Good Friday Liturgical Service – 3pm
- March 31: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – 8pm
- April 1: Easter Sunday Masses – 9am & 10:30am

FIRST PENANCE  
To Be Determined

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
To Be Determined

CONFIRMATION  
To Be Determined by the Bishop

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
Thursday, May 10, 2018 – 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION  
Wednesday, August 15, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

FALL HARVEST MASS  
Saturday, October 27, 2018 – 4:30 PM

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS DAY  
Thursday, November 1, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE  
Sunday, November 4, 2018 – 10:30 AM

THANKSGIVING VIGIL MASS  
Wednesday, November 21, 2018 - 7:00 PM