

# 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



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## *Contact Info*

**Rectory Phone**  
(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

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(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.*

***December 10, 2017 – The Second Sunday of Advent***

**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> 9:00am	<b>December 10, 2017</b> Carmel Naples r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
10:30am	Joseph Catalani r/b Rosalie Lombardo Robert Sinclair, Sr. r/b Frank Pigliacelli Loretta McDevitt r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>December 11, 2017</b> Rev. Robert J. Kantz r/b People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>December 12, 2017</b> Michael Procacci r/b People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>December 13, 2017</b> Howard & Clara Buffington r/b Daughter-in-Law
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am/Novena	<b>December 14, 2017</b> Joseph Procacci r/b Frank Pigliacelli
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>December 15, 2017</b> The Buffington Siblings r/b Sister-in-Law
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>December 16, 2017</b> Mass of Thanksgiving r/b The Ho Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>December 17, 2017</b> Maria Calzonetti (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Family
10:30am	William Sauer r/b Family Louise Pigliacelli r/b Her Husband, Frank Joe Catalani, Sr. r/b Theresa Vergulti John & Anne Sentman r/b 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.

<b>December 2/3, 2017 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,307</b>
<b>2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:</b>	<b>\$4,600</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b>	<b>\$4,351</b>

Special Collections / Envelopes:

- December 10: "Retired Religious Fund" (Diocese)**
- December 10-25: Christmas Flower Memorials (St. Stephen)**
- December 25: "Christmas Offering" (St. Stephen)**

## 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:

- 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 16/17

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

EM's: A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, V. Thibault, A. Knight, A. Rende  
Lectors: B. Mattia, P. Nolte

**Sunday, 9:00am**

EM's: R. Davis, T. Modzier, E. Nolte, L. D'Alessandro, M. Conway  
Lectors: Joan Rivera, Jared Rivera

**Sunday, 10:30am**

EM's: J. Fagan, K. Fagan, G. Tutwiler, T. Scavuzzo, M. Miller  
Lectors: J. Messina, R. Aleszczyk

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,  
Come One, Come All  
To Coffee and Pastries,  
At the Parish Hall!

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
After the  
9:00am & 10:30am Masses



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

- 12/11-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study
- 12/12-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 12/13-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 12/14-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 12/15-Friday-9am Mass
- 12/16-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 12/17-Sunday-9am Mass, Coffee/Pastries, 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!*

### **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 December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm**

### **Thursday Night Discussion Club**

Continues Dec. 14<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!

### **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.

### **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.

### **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**

### **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**

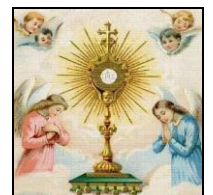


**We are here to pray for you.**

For Prayer Requests in the month of December, contact Maryann @ 856-333-6525.

### **First Friday Adoration**

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, January 5, 2018 from 9:45am-7:00pm.**



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## Advent Cemetery Masses

During this time of Advent in preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, we will hold special masses at the diocesan managed cemeteries in our mausoleum chapels. Masses will be held:

**Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM**  
New St. Mary Cemetery in Bellmawr

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM**  
Calvary Cemetery in Cherry Hill  
All Saints Cemetery in Newfield  
Holy Cross Cemetery in Mays Landing  
Sacred Heart Cemetery in Vineland

We encourage our families to visit our cemeteries and mausoleums and pray for their dearly departed loved ones. We, the staff of your South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries, wish you a joyous Advent Season and a Merry Christmas.

For more information on these masses and locations, please visit [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org).

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## Gloucester Catholic Events

Become a "Ram for the Day". You can schedule a guest day by 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)

### A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!

For siblings, and younger members of the Gloucester Catholic and surrounding community! Saturday, **December 16 2017, 9::00 - 12:00** at Gloucester Catholic Cafeteria. Cost: \$5.00 per child (Children 10 and under). Continental Breakfast Available. Activities: Balloon Animals, Magic Show, Christmas Crafts, Games, a Christmas Reading and a visit from Santa Claus. For more information please contact Mr. Cordner at [jcordner@gchsrams.org](mailto:jcordner@gchsrams.org)

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## 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 we welcome them this weekend, **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)**

## Paul VI High School Events

**Paul VI Slam Dunk Tours:** The Paul VI Eagles are ready to soar! Please join us for a special pre-game tour of our beautiful school, followed by an exciting Paul VI home basketball game:

**Paul VI Girls vs. Timber Creek, Friday, December 15, 2017, Tours at 6 PM, Game at 7 PM**

**Paul VI Boys vs. Cherry Hill East, Tuesday, December 19, 2017, Tours at 6 PM, Game at 7 PM**

**Paul VI Boys vs. Lenape, Saturday, January 13, 2018, Tours at noon, Game at 1 PM**

Reservations are appreciated.

Please visit [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org) for more information or to make a reservation. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Please come to the gym entrance at tour time; students and an accompanying adult will receive a complimentary game passes. Questions? Please email Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Director of Admissions [atkstewart@pvihs.org](mailto:atkstewart@pvihs.org).

# The 2017-2018 Liturgical Calendar at a Glance

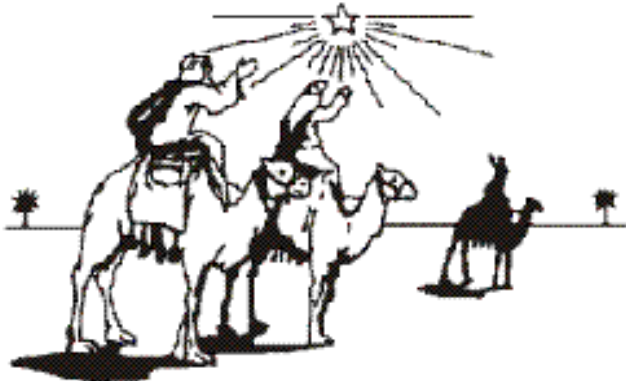
## Oh Come All Ye Faithful!

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 **this Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>**. All NEW TOYS are acceptable and GIFT CARDS are suitable for older children.

## Advent / Christmas Schedule



### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

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

### CONFESSION

Saturdays: December 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