

St. Stephen Parish

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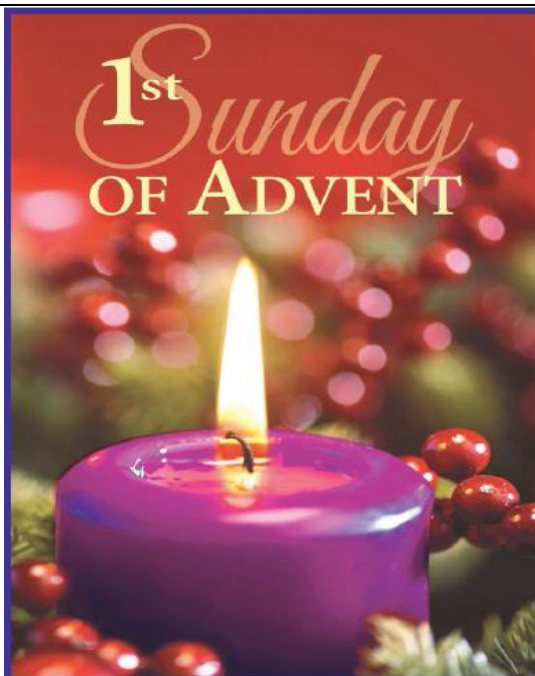
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Keith Knight
Earl Nolte

Rectory Office Hours
Monday–Friday 9am-4:30pm
*Closed All Holy Days of Obligation
and Holidays except Veterans Day*



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:
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Parish Website:
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 First Sunday of Advent – December 2, 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	December 2, 2018
9:00am	Antonio Genovese r/b Joe & Bonny Genovese
10:30am	William McWilliams r/b Janet Lautenbacher Aldo Cicalese r/b St. Stephen's Rosary Group Marlene Matteo r/b Her Family
MONDAY	December 3, 2018
9:00am	Mary M. Hammond r/b Gloria Camarote
TUESDAY	December 4, 2018
9:00am	Sam Loperfido r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY	December 5, 2018
9:00am	Rev. John P. Ward r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	December 6, 2018
9:00am/Novena	Andrew Salmonsens r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt
FRIDAY	December 7, 2018 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am	Chris Picciano r/b Nick Picciano
7:00pm	Frank Weldon r/b Duane & Pam Heck
SATURDAY	December 8, 2018 (Immaculate Conception)
9:00am	Deceased Members of the Marano Family r/b Sal Marano
4:30pm	Sam Loperfido r/b The Knight Family
SUNDAY	December 9, 2018
9:00am	Joseph Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Charles O'Brien (18 th Anniversary) r/b His Daughter Terry and Family Beth Young r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Rita Nardi r/b Tom & Liz McHugh and 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.

November 24/25, 2018 Offertory Collection:	\$3,734
November 17/18, 2018 Offertory Collection:	\$4,426
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,121

Next Special Collections / Envelopes:

December 8th: "Immaculate Conception" (St. Stephen)

December 9th: "Retired Religious" (Diocese)

Now thru Dec. 25th: "Christmas Flower Memorials" (St. Stephen)



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

Ministry Schedule for December 7/8/9

Friday, 7:00pm (Immaculate Conception Vigil)

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, T. Scavuzzo, R. Davis, A. Cirullo
Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, R. Taylor

Saturday, 9:00am (Immaculate Conception)

EM's: M. Monaco, E. Nolte, M. Meloni
Lectors: P. Nolte, W. McHugh

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo
Lectors: B. Mattia, R. Taylor

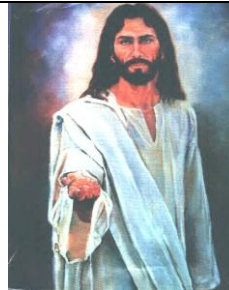
Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: M. McHugh, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, W. Delfin, S. Underwood
Lectors: M. Turan, D. Heck

A SPECIAL INVITATION



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

First Friday Adoration December 7, 2018

"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.

Immaculate Conception Masses

On Saturday, December 8th, we will observe the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass time on Saturday December 8th is 9am followed by a 10am Rosary Rally. We will also celebrate a Vigil on Friday December 7th at 7pm.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 12/3-Monday-9am Mass, 7pm Fire Company Meeting
- 12/4-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 12/5-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 12/6-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion
- 12/7-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm Mass
- 12/8-Saturday-9am Mass, 10am Rosary Rally,
3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 12/9-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)

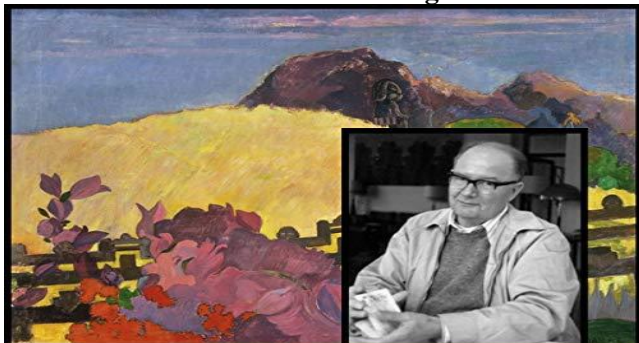
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue December 5th @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues December 6th @ 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

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.

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.



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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

For Prayer Requests in the month of **December** contact **Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.**



Our Lady Invites You...

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, December 8th at 10:00am (after a special 9:00am Mass) by the Pavers to Our Lady to participate in a Christmas Rosary Rally on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

America Needs Fatima.

Pray for the urgent conversion of America.

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.

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



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

Next weekend a representative from Good Counsel Homes will speak at all Masses on behalf of their mission. Good Counsel operates Catholic pro-life homes for pregnant women and their children as well as a national toll-free crisis pregnancy help line (800-723-8331). They will be distributing baby bottles to collect monetary donations to assist with their valuable lifesaving work. You may also find out more and donate online at www.goodcounselhomes.org To help spread the word LIKE Good Counsel Homes on Facebook.



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. Camden Catholic, Thursday, December 20, 2018. Tours at 6 PM, Game at 7 PM

Paul VI Boys vs. Eastern, Thursday, January 17, 2019. Tours at 6 PM, Game at 7 PM

Reservations are appreciated; please visit 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 complimentary game passes.

Questions? Please email Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Director of Admissions at kstewart@pvihs.org

The 2018-2019 Liturgical Calendar at a Glance

Oh Come All Ye Faithful!

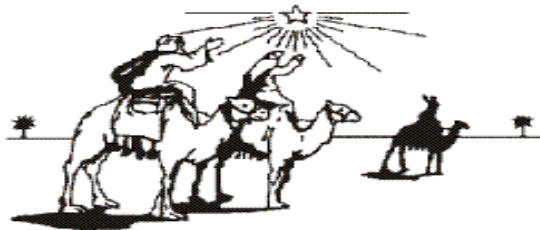
Please join us
this year to celebrate
the Christmas Season

ANGEL TREE



Choose the gender and age via the label on the back of the angel (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 16th**. 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



1st Sunday of Advent – Beginning of Liturgical Year
December 2, 2018

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 7, 2018, 7:00pm Vigil
Saturday, December 8, 2018, 9:00am Mass
(Followed by 10:00am Rosary Rally)

Regular Saturday Mass, 4:30pm
(2nd Sunday of Advent)

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 7:30pm
(After the Rosary)

CONFESSION

Saturdays: December 1, 8, 15, 22, 3:45-4:15pm

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

Monday, December 24, 2018
5:00 PM Children's Mass & 10:00 PM Vigil

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Tuesday, December 25, 2018
10:30 AM

ST. STEPHEN'S FEAST DAY MASS

Wednesday, December 26, 2018 - 9:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Monday, December 31, 2018
9:00AM

Mary the Mother of God

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
9:00 AM

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

March 6, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

LENTEN FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12 at 7pm

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

To Be Determined

2019 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 14: Palm Sunday Masses-9am & 10:30am
- April 18: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper-7pm
- April 19: Good Friday Liturgical Service – 3pm
- April 20: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – 8pm
- April 21: Easter Sunday Masses – 9am & 10:30am

FIRST PENANCE

To Be Determined

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May 5, 2019 at the 9:00am Mass

CONFIRMATION

To Be Determined by the Bishop

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 30, 2019 – 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Thursday, August 15, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

FALL HARVEST MASS

Saturday, October 26, 2019 – 4:30 PM

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS DAY

Friday, November 1, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, November 3, 2019 – 10:30 AM

THANKSGIVING VIGIL MASS

Wednesday, November 27, 2019 - 7:00 PM