

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

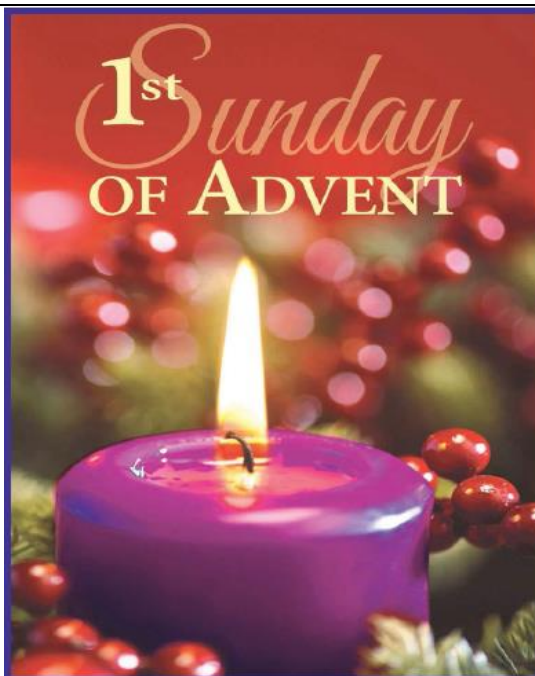
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday
9:00am - 4:30pm



Contact Info

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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 3, 2017 – The First 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".

SUNDAY	December 3, 2017
9:00am	Joseph Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Marlene Matteo r/b Family Rita Ziomek r/b Mary Jane & Andy Salmonsens Beth Young r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Joe Catalani, Sr. r/b Dante & Maryann Vergulti
MONDAY	December 4, 2017
9:00am	Rev. Robert J. Kantz r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY	December 5, 2017
9:00am	Gertrude Cavallo r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY	December 6, 2017
9:00am	Richard Buck r/b Elizabeth McCarthy
THURSDAY	December 7, 2017
9:00am/Novena	Joseph Procacci r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY	December 8, 2017 (Immaculate Conception)
9:00am	Bill Buffington r/b His Wife
7:00pm	Anna May Rice Knittel r/b Mary Bannon
SATURDAY	December 9, 2017
4:30pm	Justin Niczyporowicz r/b People of the Parish
SUNDAY	December 10, 2017
9:00am	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



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 18/19, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$4,342
November 25/26, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$4,418
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,308

Special Collections / Envelopes:

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



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 8/9/10

Friday, 7:00pm

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, E. Nolte, R. Davis, M. Meloni, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: M. Miller, P. Nolte

Saturday, 4:30pm

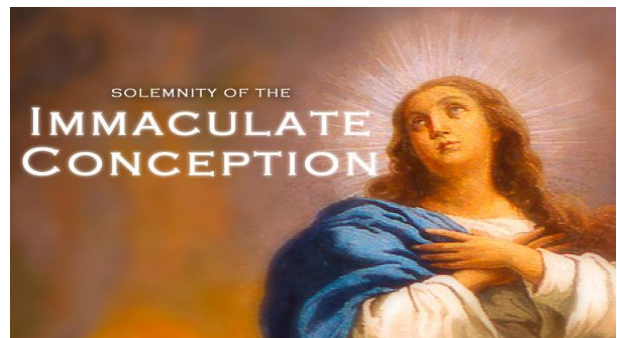
EM's: A. Rende, A. Knight, A. Cirullo, R. Davis
Lectors: J. Melfi, J. Gerst

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, M. Miller, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Leone
Lectors: D. Heck, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, W. Delfin, T. Angstman, S. Underwood
Lector: D. Steinmetz



On Friday, December 8th, we will observe
The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass times on Friday December 8th are 9am & 7pm.
**The Rectory & all Diocesan Offices will be closed Dec. 8th.*

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 12/4-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study
- 12/5-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 12/6-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 12/7-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 12/8-Friday-Immaculate Conception--9am Mass, 7pm Mass
- 12/9-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 12/10-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!*

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 6th @ 6:15pm

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues Dec. 7th @ 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 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.

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.**





Advent Week 1

As you light the first candle in the Advent wreath, take a slow deep breath. Remember that achieving the perfectly orchestrated holiday doesn't matter. What matters is watching for God in every situation.

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Help for the Elders

"Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elder," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. **Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.**

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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 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 at kstewart@pvihs.org.

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 9th and 10th** 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**

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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
Sr. Dorothy: 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. Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.

The 2017-2018 Liturgical Calendar at a Glance

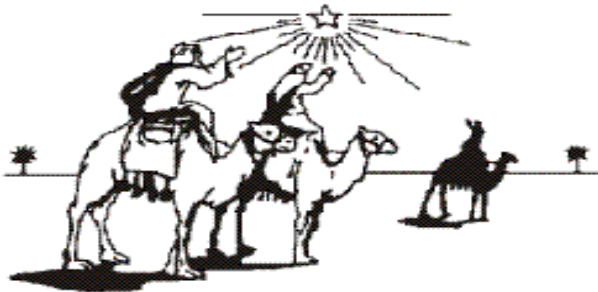
Oh Come All Ye Faithful!

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 15th**. All NEW TOYS are acceptable and GIFT CARDS are suitable for older children.

Advent / Christmas Schedule



1st 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 25th: 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