

St. Stephen Parish

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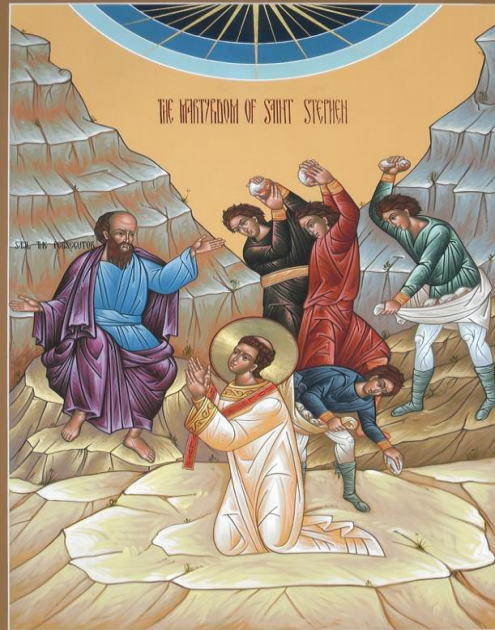
Pastoral Staff

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

Emergencies
(856) 261-9336
(Accidents, Dying or Death)

Parish Email
ecclesia@comcast.net

Parish Website
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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 10, 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".

SUNDAY 9:00am	February 10, 2019 Rosina Midili r/b Richard & Diane Schatz
10:30am	Ralph N. Cavallo r/b Donald Mignone Harry Mayer, Jr. r/b Mary Ellen Mayer & Family
MONDAY 9:00am	February 11, 2019 Rev. Eldridge Evans r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY 9:00am	February 12, 2019 Rev. Walter Quinn, OSA r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	February 13, 2019 Rev. Cornelius F. Lambert r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	February 14, 2019 Rosina Midili r/b Judy Craig
FRIDAY 9:00am	February 15, 2019 Rosina Midili r/b Lucille Buffington
SATURDAY 4:30pm	February 16, 2019 Sam Loperfido. Sr. r/b Rosina Midili & Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	February 17, 2019 Rosina Midili r/b Joseph & Janice Patten
10:30am	Frank Pigliacelli r/b Jim Pennestri Rosina Midili r/b Roseann & Bob DiGiovanni William Sauer r/b His Family



**The Sanctuary Candle
this week is in Memory of
Bill & Helen Huhn
and William, Jr.**

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.

February 2/3, 2019 Offertory Collection:	\$4,367
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,263

Next Special Collection / Envelope:

**March 6th:
"Ash Wednesday/Church in Eastern Europe"**



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:
Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Ted Anderson, Mary Bumbalow, Anna Buono, Edmund Ciccarone, Carol Cranmer, Fanny DiBenedetto, Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Donna Kane, Walter Kittel, 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 February 16/17

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: Joan R., R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: M. Conway, L. D'Alessandro, R. Davis, R. Leone
Lectors: W. McHugh, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, M. Meloni, T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo
Lectors: J. Messina, M. Miller

Men of Malvern Retreat March 8-10

Featured Speaker:
Reverend Dennis O'Donnell

Gentlemen,

Our annual Men of Malvern retreat will be March 8-10. Please put the date on your calendar. Each man has his own reasons for making a retreat. Some enjoy the solitude, some enjoy seeing old friends and some have some very heavy burdens that they need to bring to the Lord. Malvern allows each man to make a retreat on his own terms. Below is a link to a letter written by Joe Conway. Joe has been with our group for several years and has captured the essence of Malvern in this letter. Please take a moment to read the letter:

<http://catholicstarherald.org/the-unexpected-benefits-of-being-on-retreat/>

Please visit www.malvernretreat.com for additional information. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 609-471-0753. I hope each of you make time for this retreat.

Prosit, Joe

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 2/11-Monday-9am Mass
- 2/12-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Brd.
- 2/13-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 2/14-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion
- 2/15-Friday-9am Mass
- 2/16-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 2/17-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

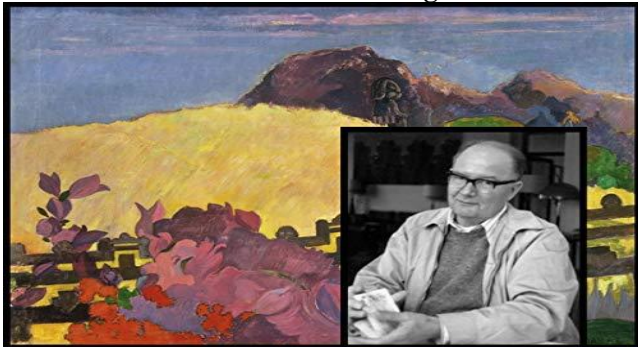
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue February 13th @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues February 14th @ 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 & info.

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.



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 February contact **Betty @ 856-662-6928.**

Paul VI High School News

Paul VI High School presents GODSPELL. Please join us for this stellar production in our beautiful theater. Evening performances will be held at Paul VI on **February 22nd and 23rd, and March 1st and 2nd at 7:30 p.m.**; Matinee is at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 24th.** **Tickets are \$12 each for general admission;** information is on the front page of the website, www.pvihs.org.

GODSPELL Dinner Theater at Paul VI. Meet the talented cast and crew of **GODSPELL** at a special dinner theater production held on **Saturday February 23rd.** Your admission includes a **buffet dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** featuring appetizers, dinner, dessert and a **reserved seat for the Saturday evening performance at 7:30.** **Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$13 for children** under 10. Information is on the front page of the website, www.pvihs.org.

Paul VI Alumni Night at the Play. PVI Alumni are invited to visit their alma mater for the **Friday March 1st 7:30 p.m. performance of GODSPELL.** **General admission tickets for \$12 can be reserved by contacting nestrella@pvihs.org.** **To register for the complimentary wine and cheese held before the show from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.,** please contact the Paul VI Advancement office, myeager@pvihs.org.

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**Celebrate World Day of the Sick
and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
Monday 2/11/2019**

by following the command of Jesus to visit the sick.

VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services of the Diocese of Camden, in our efforts to raise awareness of the needs of those in our area Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities, invite you to take some time and visit them. Your presence will bring joy and renewed hope to so many who often feel isolated and alone due to their infirmities of illness and aging. Join your parish team of volunteers who lovingly take time to speak with them, pray with them, or just be with them. And if you're an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, please add them to your list and assist your fellow parishioners in bringing Christ himself to them. Your compassionate care is so much needed and appreciated by those seeking to keep Christ alive and present in their lives. Contact the parish office for details regarding the locations of those facilities served by the parish.

Camden Catholic High School News

The Arts at CCHS Presents the 2019 Spring Musical: Guys and Dolls March 8, 9, 15 & 16 at 7:30PM and March 10 and 17 at 2PM

“Luck be a lady” at this fantastic production featuring one of Broadway’s most beloved shows presented by over 100 CCHS students. Sing, dance and laugh from the bustle of Times Square to the dance clubs of Havana in this show. Alumni Night is March 15 with a complimentary Wine & Cheese Reception at 6PM for all alumni (RSVP kate.bieg@camdencatholic.org).

Tickets (\$12/person) and Ad & Patrons available online: www.cchsperformingarts.com or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.

Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students are being scheduled at Camden Catholic High School. Limited dates remain in 2019 (February 14 and March 14 and 19). Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy.

Select your day at
www.camdencatholic.org/admissionsevents
or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule:
janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org
or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

CCHS Class of 2023: Admissions Applications
The Camden Catholic Admissions Office will review applications for admission for the 2019-20 school year on a rolling basis. Apply online today: www.camdencatholic.org/admissions.

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Merion Mercy Academy News

We welcome all seventh grade students, both girls and boys, to take the practice High School Placement Test at Merion Mercy on **Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Parents are offered a school tour at 9:15 a.m. on the test day. The cost is \$40 and includes lunch for students. For more information and to register, please visit our website at www.merion-mercy.com and click on the link for the practice test, listed on the homepage.

Merion Mercy Music Theater presents the smash hit musical, *Sister Act!* Performances are **February 22, February 23, March 1, and March 2 at 7:30 p.m. and February 24 and March 3 at 2 p.m.** Visit Merion Mercy's website, www.merion-mercy.com to order tickets.

Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1-11

**The fishermen (Simon, James, and John)
leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.**

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.