

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

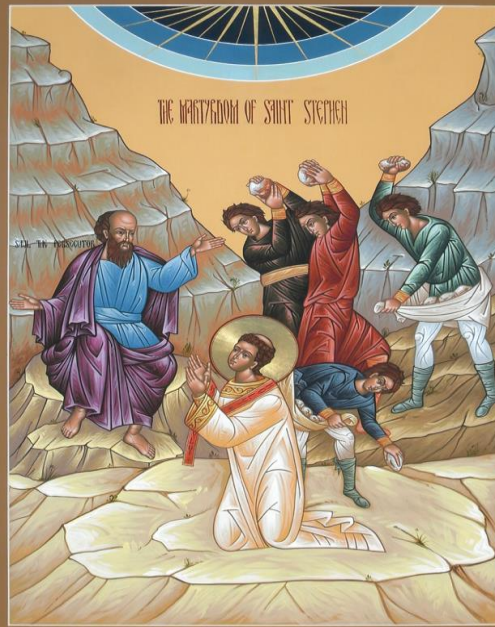
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Keith Knight
Earl Nolte

Rectory Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00am - 4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9338

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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 16, 2020

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 2021 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY 9:00am	February 16, 2020 Pauline Fama r/b The Rocco Family
10:30am	Angelina & Amadeo Cerasaro r/b Daughters
MONDAY 9:00am	February 17, 2020 (Presidents' Day) Quentin Griffith, II r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt
TUESDAY 9:00am	February 18, 2020 Thanksgiving to God, Mother Mary and St. Joseph r/b Anna Nga
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	February 19, 2020 Rick Taylor r/b Lonnie & Mary Sharon Monaco
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	February 20, 2020 Peter Nhan r/b Anna Nga
FRIDAY 9:00am	February 21, 2020 Rick Taylor r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
SATURDAY 4:30pm	February 22, 2020 Victor Gerst, Jr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
SUNDAY 9:00am	February 23, 2020 Rick Taylor r/b Earl & Pat Nolte
10:30am	Rosina Midili r/b The Midili 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.

February 8/9, 2020 Offertory Collection:	\$4,701
2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,500
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$3,972

Next Special Collection / Envelope:

February 26: Ash Wednesday/Church in Europe

~~~~~ *President's Day, February 17th*



On Monday, February 17th we will observe Presidents' Day, a national holiday. The Rectory and all Diocesan offices will be closed.



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:

Ted Anderson, Ralph Baylor, Grace Becker, Mary Bumbalow, Anna Buono, Patrick Carr, John Christy, Melissa Connelly, Athan Criaris, Fanny DiBenedetto, Kim DiTheodore, Robert Foltz, Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Priscilla Handy, Ronald Heck, Wayne Hocking, Donna Kane, James Kelly, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sandra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, Nancy Loperfido, Ken Maminski, Tom McFadden, Larry Miller, John Moffett, Ken Morris, Joy and Ed Morrisson, Yvonne Mulhern, Rich Passaro, Dean & Mary Russell, Louise Siciliano, Nancy Sonnie, Bill Spicher, Peggy Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Rita Vogt, Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

Ministry Schedule – February 22/23

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, R. Davis
Lectors: Joan Rivera, J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, E. Nolte, T. Modzier, J. Rosario, L. Rosario
Lectors: P. Nolte, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: J. Messina, T. Angstman, W. Delfin, T. Scavuzzo, S. Underwood
Lectors: M. Miller, R. Aleszczyk

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If in this calendar year (01/01/2020 through 12/31/2020), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **SUNDAY, June 14, at 3:00 p.m.** at Mass in Mantua at Church of the Incarnation. Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Registration forms are available at all parish offices. Registration deadline is **May 6, 2020**. For more information, please contact the rectory office.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

2/17-Monday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed Presidents' Day
 2/18-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 2/19-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 2/20-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
 2/21-Friday--9am Mass
 2/22-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 2/23-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

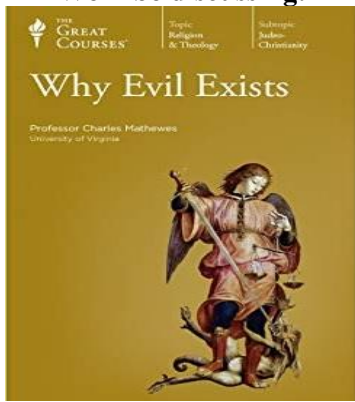
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue February 19th at 6:15pm

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues February 20th at 7pm in the Rectory

We'll be discussing:

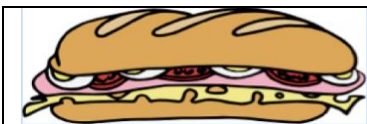


First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, March 6 - 9:45am-7:00pm.**



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 **February 29/March 1.** For info call 856-227-4980.

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 rejoice 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. Our Choir meets 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 February contact **Lois @ 856-665-1221**



Rides to Church

Need a Ride to Church?

The **Missionary Discipleship Committee** is sponsoring a volunteer program to give people who need it a free ride to church as often as needed. If interested, please call **(856) 662-9339, Ext. 6, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.**

Missionary Discipleship Committee

Our group met on Tuesday 2/4/20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room after the Rosary. We discussed the Connecting The Dots Workshop, provided by Deacon Anthony Cioe, held in November 2019, which was well attended and beneficial to all. We continue to offer a “Ride Share” program for anyone needing a ride to weekend Mass. Please see the bulletin for information.

Upcoming events include an Electronics Collection for recycling with a tie-in to a food collection for Mary Queen of All Saints Food Pantry, a screening of the Knights of Columbus video “Unplanned,” and a Welcome Reception for our new Stonegate II neighbors. In addition, the Health and Wellness Ministry in coordination with the Discipleship Committee is planning a “Having The Talk” Program in the spring. The program will provide information on the Church’s teachings and the Catholic perspective on such topics as Christian burial and cremation, Advance Directives and Living Wills, and the differences between home care, hospice and palliative care. **The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3/31/20 at 7:30 in the Church Meeting Room** following the Rosary. We welcome new members! If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Rectory with your contact information and one of our members will be happy to contact you.

CCHS High School News

The Arts at CCHS Presents Mary Poppins

March 6, 7, 13 & 14 at 7:30 p.m., March 8, 14 & 15 at 2 p.m.
Tickets \$12 www.cchspanperformingarts.com |
856-663-2247 ext 142

Meet the Characters Pre-Show Brunch:

Sunday, March 8, doors open at 11:30 a.m.
Ages 12 and under \$10, Ages 13+ \$15
Purchase tickets www.cchspanperformingarts.com
Full Breakfast provided by Amy's Omelette House
Storytime & Coloring with Mary & Bert | Photos with the Cast

Admissions News

Freshman Registration for the Class of 2024 is February 22, 8-11AM, Pisa Dining Hall. All accepted students are invited to officially register that day.

CCHS offers rolling admissions.

Apply online: www.camdencatholic.org/admissions, or
email admissions@camdencatholic.org
or call 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

Irish Experience Guest Days: limited dates remain!

March 5 and March 12.

Schedule online www.camdencatholic.org/admissions or
email admissions@camdencatholic.org.

The IN’S and OUT’S!!

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to the Diocesan Youth Congress for Teens on Sunday **March 15th** at Our Lady of Hope Parish Center in Blackwood, NJ. This day-long event provides teens with a chance to make new friends, explore their faith and connect more deeply with God. The schedule includes praise and worship, dynamic talk and speaker, and Eucharistic adoration. Contact the rectory office for more information and registration forms. Any questions please call Martha Scutte at 856-583-2909.

8th Annual iRace4Vocations

On **Sunday, March 29, 2020**, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Washington Lake Park (626 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd, Sewell, NJ 08080) for our 8th annual iRace4Vocations. Bishop Sullivan will celebrate a Mass for Vocations at **1 p.m.** followed by our 5k run/1 mile family walk. Come out to pray and race! The day will end with a picnic and family fun. Help us enjoy the day as we raise awareness and offer prayers for an increase in vocations for our diocese. We need our parishioners, all ages, to say yes to this intergenerational day. We need YOU. For more information, and to register for the event, visit www.camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations

Paul Vi High School News

Paul VI High School presents INTO THE WOODS.

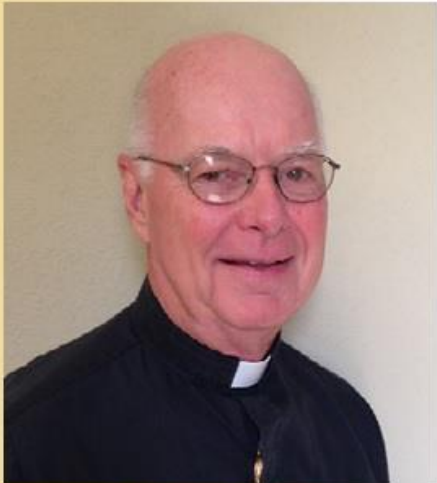
Please join us for this stellar production in our beautiful theater. Evening performances will be held at Paul VI on February 21st and 22nd, and February 28th and 29th at 7:30 p.m.; Matinee is at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 23rd. Tickets are \$15 each for general admission; additional information is on the front page of the website, www.pvihs.org.

INTO THE WOODS Dinner Theater at Paul VI.

Meet the talented cast and crew of INTO THE WOODS at a special dinner theater production held on Saturday February 22nd. 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 Feb. 22nd evening performance at 7:30. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 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 a complimentary wine and cheese reception before the play on Friday Feb. 28th from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. To make reservations for the wine and cheese, please contact the Paul VI Advancement Office, myeager@pvihs.org. General admission tickets for the Feb. 28th 7:30 p.m. performance of INTO THE WOOD are \$15, and can be reserved in advance. Please visit the website, www.pvihs.org.



Fr. James J. Durkin

OUTREACH PRIEST

Reverend James J. Durkin

Father James J. Durkin was born in Gloucester City, N.J. in 1940. He attended Mt. St. Mary's College and Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He was ordained as a priest in May of 1968 in the Camden Diocese. He served as Parochial Vicar in several parishes before he became Secretary to the Bishop and Associate Chancellor in the Camden Diocese.

He has been a pastor for over twenty years and most recently the resident Chaplain at St. Mary's Catholic Home in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

He retired from active ministry in 2014 and joined Cross Catholic Outreach to use his gifts and talents to serve the poorest of the poor.

Father James J. Durkin of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish February 29th & March 1st to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

IN HONOR OF
**The Most Reverend
Dennis J. Sullivan's
75th Birthday Celebration**

Sunday, March 22, 2020 4:00 PM

*Adelphia Restaurant 1750 Clements Bridge Rd,
Deptford Township, NJ - Ticket Price: \$75*

Ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner (Prime Rib Au Jus, Salmon, or Pasta with Chicken), dessert, and beverages. Cash Bar. Attire: Business Dress RSVP by March 8, 2020 Seating is limited. So, please respond ASAP to assure your reservation. Mail responses to: Department of Development Attn: Stacy Napolitano 631 Market St. Camden, NJ 08102.

Tables of 10 or 12 may also be reserved.

Number attending _____ Total Ticket Cost \$_____

In lieu of gifts, donations to the South Jersey Scholarship Fund in Bishop's name are greatly appreciated.

Guests Names & Dinner Selection:

Parish _____ City _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Email _____

____ Check enclosed.

Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Camden.

____ I wish to pay by credit card.

Please call me at _____

For questions, please call (856) 583- 6126