

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco  
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood  
Coordinator of  
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Rectory Office Hours  
Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 4:30pm



## Contact Info

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[StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – February 2, 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".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 2, 2020</b>
9:00am	Rick Taylor r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Rose LaPorta r/b Greg & Valerie Mayer
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 3, 2020</b>
9:00am	Rev. Andrew J. Bolcar r/b People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 4, 2020</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 5, 2020</b>
9:00am	Rick Taylor r/b Our Nursing Home Ministry
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 6, 2020</b>
9:00am/Novena	Rick Taylor r/b Mary & Fred Persechino
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 7, 2020 (First Friday Adoration)</b>
9:00am	Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 8, 2020</b>
4:30pm	Ralph N. Cavallo r/b Donald Mignone
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 9, 2020</b>
9:00am	Gloria Vendetti r/b Her Husband, Anthony
10:30am	Thomas Duffy r/b Maria & Joe Haas Rick Taylor r/b Maryann Bufanio



**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.

January 25/26 Puerto Rico Earthquake Relief:	\$840
January 25/26, 2020 Offertory Collection:	\$4,476
2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,500
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$3,943

Next Special Collection / Envelope:

**February 26:  
Ash Wednesday/Church in Europe**

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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, 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 8/9

### Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, A. Knight, R. Davis  
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, B. Mattia

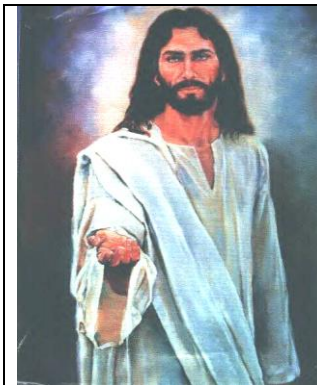
### Sunday, 9:00am

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

### Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: W. Delfin, M. Conway, G. Tutwiler, J. Messina  
Lectors: J. Messina, M. Turan

## *First Friday Adoration*



**February 7, 2020  
9:45am – 7:00pm**

*“Come to beauty,  
silence, prayer.  
Come to Me.”*

**RSVP to  
Rosemarie Leone  
@ 856-662-0035.**

## **Missionary Discipleship Committee**

**ALL ARE WELCOME** to attend a meeting with our Joy of the Gospel Delegates on **Tuesday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30pm** in the Church after the 7:00pm Rosary.

# This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 2/3-Monday-9am Mass
- 2/4-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Delegates Mtg.
- 2/5-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 2/6-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 2/7-First Friday--9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 2/8-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 2/9-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

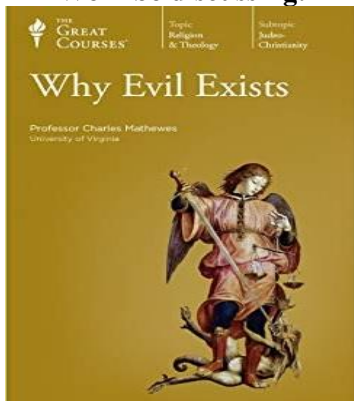
## Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm

## Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Rectory

We'll be discussing:



## First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Friday, February 7- 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 8 & 9**. 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](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.

## 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](mailto: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**.

# Join the Seventh Annual DIOCESE OF CAMDEN FAITHFULL FOOD DRIVE

Sunday  
**MARCH  
22**

*In Southern New Jersey...  
1 in 6 people are food insecure (1 in 5 are children)  
20,000 seniors must choose between food and medications  
Help us combat hunger!*

## WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING



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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Canned Fruits & Vegetables | Canned Tuna Fish |
| Canned Vegetable Juice     | Canned Chicken   |
| Canned Tomato Products     | Canned Beans     |
| Canned Spaghetti Sauce     | Canned Chili     |
| Cooking Oils               | Peanut Butter    |
| Applesauce                 | Nuts             |
| Canned Fruit Juice         | Dried Oats       |
| Jelly                      | Cereals          |
| Canned Soup/Stews/Chili    | Dry Rice         |
| Dried Herbs & Spices       |                  |

**\*\* NON EXPIRED FOOD ONLY \*\***

*Aim for 'no salt added,' 'low-sodium,' and 'whole grain' options!*

**FOOD DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
IN OUR DIOCESE ON MARCH 22! TO LEARN MORE, VISIT:  
[CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL](http://CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL)**



# Gloucester Catholic High School News

Become a "Ram for the Day". Schedule a shadow 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).

Save the Date "Gloucester Catholic High School's Registration Day-Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Registration will occur at Gloucester Catholic's Main Building Cafeteria. For more info email Mr. Tom Flynn in the Admissions office [tflynn@gchsrams.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrams.org)

**Gloucester Catholic Maroon & Gold Exposition Day-February 8-** Join us in a celebration of Gloucester Catholic pride as GC will sponsor a Maroon & Gold Exposition on Saturday, February 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in which Ram students will display their talents in the arts and athletics. During the day's activities, come view beautiful art work displayed by Gloucester Catholic students, who are mentored by GCHS faculty member Mr. Dave Sipple. Art work will be on display in the St. Mary's Building from 9:00 a.m. through 12 noon. Gloucester Catholic faculty and staff members will be available for a Meet & Greet Open House.

Attendees that day may also watch Gloucester Catholic's boys' basketball team take on Haddon Hts. at 1 pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the Exposition! For more info email Mr. Tom Flynn in the Admissions office [tflynn@gchsrams.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrams.org)

**Gloucester Catholic Jr Sr High School 16th Annual Basket Auction. Thursday, April 30th.** The fundraiser solely benefits GCHS students. The auction success depends on donations for its success. To make a donation or for more information please contact Heather Mondel at [heathermondel@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermondel@yahoo.com)

**5th Annual Johnny Gaudreau Scholarship Golf Tournament Set for Friday, July 24** -The Johnny Gaudreau Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, July 26, 2019 at the Blue Heron Country Club in Egg Harbor, NJ. All proceeds directly fund scholarships and tuition assistance. For more info contact Pat Murphy at [pmurphy@gchsrams.org](mailto:pmurphy@gchsrams.org).



**Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!**

The next program in our area begins on the weekend of February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

# Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22–40

Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.