

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

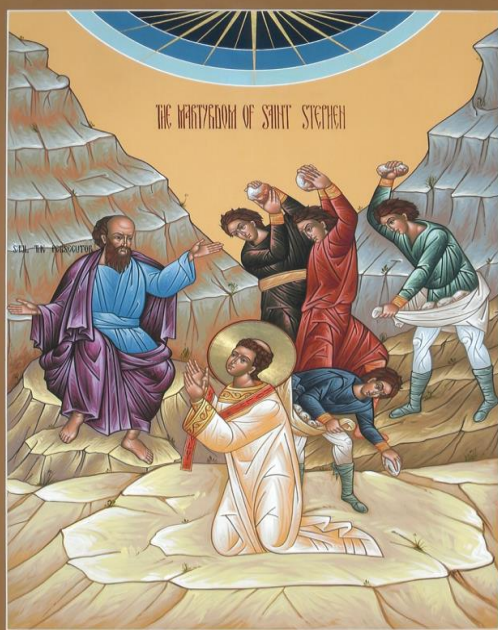
Pastoral Staff

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 23, 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 23, 2020 Rick Taylor r/b Earl & Pat Nolte
10:30am	Rosina Midili r/b The Midili Family
MONDAY 9:00am	February 24, 2020 Joseph Chuong r/b Anna Nga
TUESDAY 9:00am	February 25, 2020 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
WEDNESDAY 9:00am 7:00pm	February 26, 2020 (Ash Wednesday) Grace Schiavone r/b Sal Marano Rick Taylor r/b George & Gail Tutwiler
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	February 27, 2020 Vicente Trinh r/b Anna Nga
FRIDAY 9:00am	February 28, 2020 Rick Taylor r/b Rose Davis
SATURDAY 4:30pm	February 29, 2020 Msgr. Joseph F. O'Connell (12 th Anniversary) r/b People of the Parish
SUNDAY 9:00am	March 1, 2020 Rick Taylor r/b Bishop Eustace Assembly 652
10:30am	Beth Sutcliffe r/b Her Husband, Jim



**The Sanctuary Candle
this week is in memory of
Msgr. Joseph F. O'Connell**

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 15/16, 2020 Offertory Collection:	\$3,740
2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,500
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$3,965

Next Special Collection / Envelope:

February 26: Ash Wednesday/Church in Europe
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## Ash Wednesday Schedule



Ashes will be distributed at  
the **9:00am Mass**  
and  
**7:00pm Mass**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 26<sup>th</sup>**



**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 - Feb 26, 29, March 1

**Ash Wednesday, 7:00pm**

**EM's:** E. Nolte, T. Scavuzzo, R. Davis, M. Miller  
**Lectors:** J. Melfi, B. Mattia

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**EM's:** A. Knight, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora  
**Lectors:** B. Mattia, M. Turan

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**EM's:** L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, L. D'Alessandro  
**Lectors:** D. Steinmetz, P. Nolte

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**EM's:** S. Underwood, W. Delfin, D. Urgo, T. Urgo  
**Lectors:** R. Aleszczyk, M. Miller

## 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, contact the rectory office.

# This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 2/24-Monday-9am Mass
- 2/25-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 2/26-Ash Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Mass
- 2/27-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 2/28-Friday--9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross
- 2/29-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 3/1---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

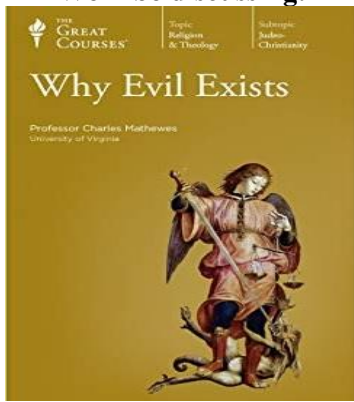
## Wednesday Night CCD Classes

**Continue February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm**

## Thursday Night Discussion Club

**Continues February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Rectory**

**We'll be discussing:**

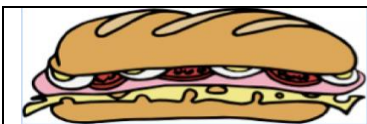


## First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, 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](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**



## 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 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.; Matinee is at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$15 each for general admission; additional information is on the front page of the website, [www.pvihs.org](http://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. 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:myeager@pvihs.org). General admission tickets for the Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m. performance of INTO THE WOOD are \$15, and can be reserved in advance. Please visit the website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org).

## The IN'S and OUT'S!!

Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to the Diocesan Youth Congress for Teens on Sunday **March 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations)

## 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.cchsperformingarts.com](http://www.cchsperformingarts.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.cchsperformingarts.com](http://www.cchsperformingarts.com)  
Full Breakfast provided by Amy's Omelette House  
Storytime & Coloring with Mary & Bert  
and Photos with the Cast.

### CCHS offers rolling admissions.

Apply online: [www.camdenatholic.org/admissions](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissions), or  
email [admissions@camdenatholic.org](mailto:admissions@camdenatholic.org)  
or call 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

### Irish Experience Guest Days: limited dates remain!

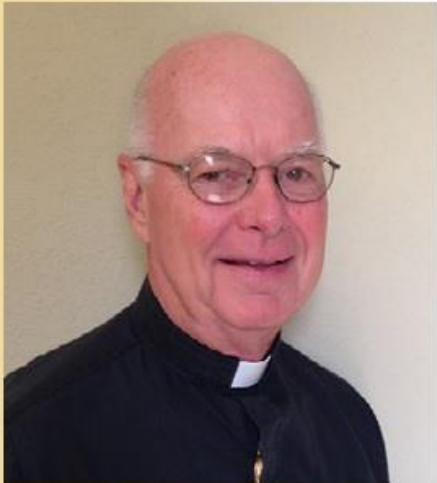
March 5 and March 12.  
Schedule online [www.camdenatholic.org/admissions](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissions) or  
email [admissions@camdenatholic.org](mailto:admissions@camdenatholic.org).



# Cross Catholic OUTREACH

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*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 29<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
75<sup>th</sup> 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:*

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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*