

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

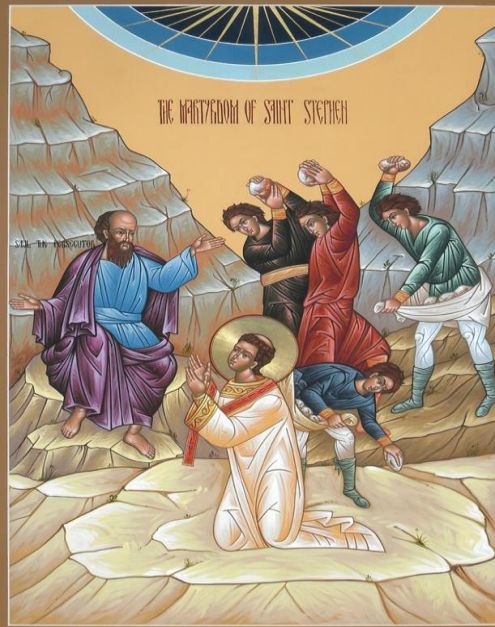
Pastoral Staff

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 First Sunday of Lent – March 1, 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** **March 1, 2020**
9:00am Rick Taylor r/b Bishop Eustace Assembly 652

10:30am Beth Sutcliffe r/b Her Husband, Jim
- MONDAY** **March 2, 2020**
9:00am Msgr. John H. Casey r/b People of the Parish
- TUESDAY** **March 3, 2020**
9:00am Vincent L. Buondonno r/b Sister
- WEDNESDAY** **March 4, 2020**
9:00am People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
- THURSDAY** **March 5, 2020**
9:00am/Novena Msgr. Cornelius O’Leary r/b People of the Parish
- FRIDAY** **March 6, 2020 (First Friday Adoration)**
9:00am Patrolman Richard Dawson r/b People of the Parish
- SATURDAY** **March 7, 2020**
4:30pm Rick Taylor r/b Alex Rende
- SUNDAY** **March 8, 2020**
9:00am Rick Taylor r/b Frank & Lynn North

10:30am Nick DiLaurentis r/b His Wife, Virginia



The Sanctuary Candle this week is in memory of *Vincent L. Buondonno*

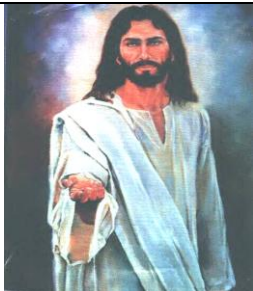
If you would like to contribute to the burning of a Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one, you may call the Rectory. Cost is \$10.

February 22/23, 2020 Offertory Collection: \$3,587
2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,500
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$3,954

Special Collections / Envelopes:

March 15: Rice Bowl --- March 22: Catholic Relief
March 22: Easter Flowers --- April 5: Lenten Collection
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First Friday Adoration



March 6, 2020
9:45am – 7:00pm
*“Come to beauty,
 silence, prayer.
 Come to Me.”*
RSVP to
Rosemarie Leone
@ 856-662-0035.

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:

- 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 – March 7/8

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM’s: A. Knight, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, L. D’Alessandro
Lectors: W. McHugh, B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

EM’s: E. Nolte, L. M. Conway, T. Modzier, M. Miller
Lectors: Joan Rivera, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

EM’s: J. Messina, M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo
Lectors: M. Turan, M McHugh



In Loving Memory of
Vincent L. Buondonno
August 5, 1931 – March 3, 2010

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

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

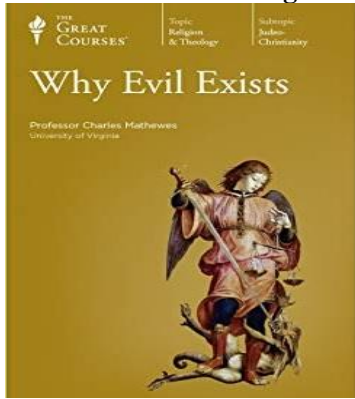
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue March 4th at 6:15pm

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues March 5th at 7pm in the Rectory

We'll be discussing:

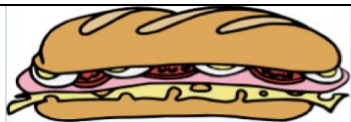


First Friday Adoration

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 weekends of **February 29/March 1 and April 4/5.** 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 March contact **Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.**



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**



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

2020 LENTEN SCHEDULE

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 at 7pm

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, April 7 @ 7:30pm following the 7pm Rosary

2020 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 5: Palm Sunday Masses-9am & 10:30am

April 9: Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
Blessed Sacrament Reposed until 10:00pm

April 10: Good Friday

-Reading of the Psalms from Noon to 2:45pm
-Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 3:00pm

April 11: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – 8pm

-Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am,
Blessing of Food at Noon

April 12: Easter Sunday Masses – 9am & 10:30am

Lenten Guidelines

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Lenten Parish Mission

“Wilderness and Wandering”

Date: Monday to Wednesday, March 9, 10, & 11

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Saint Thomas More Church

Mission Director: Father Terry Odien

As we make our Lenten journey, we are invited to re-evaluate our life focus. Jesus gazes upon us and sees our need for reflection, for compassion and for seeking meaning. What is God's dream for us during this Lenten season? What is God's dream for you this lent?

Appliance and Electronics Recycling Event & Feeding the Hungry- March 7, 2020 at St. Stephen Church

Just in time for Spring Cleaning!

Bring your old electronics and appliances to St. Stephens on Saturday, March 7, between 9 am and 1 pm
They will be safely and professionally recycled by Magnum, a certified recycling company.

To help feed the hungry in our diocese, we ask that for each item you bring for recycling, also bring a non-perishable food item as well. The food will be donated as part of the March 22nd diocesan-wide food drive.

Drop your items off at the front of the former St. Stephen School.

Need help unloading your car or truck?
We'll be more than happy to help or do it for you!

Food Items Most Needed:

Peanut butter
Canned tuna or salmon
Canned chicken or ham
Beans – canned or dry
Macaroni & cheese
Canned soups & Canned stews, chilli
Ravioli, Spaghettios, etc.
Granola Bars
Breakfast cereals (whole grain)
Oatmeal
Rice & Pasta (whole grain)
Pancake mix

Here's what we'll recycle:

AC adapters
All-in-one computers
Audio and video equipment
Car batteries
Cash registers
Cell phones and telephones
Computer memory
Computer monitors – CRT or LCD
Computer periphery and parts
E-readers
Game consoles
Handheld / table mounted scanners
Hard drives
Keyboards, mice and pc speakers
Laptop and cell phone batteries
Lead acid batteries
Microwave ovens
Motherboards, b, c, tweener and finger boards
Motors
MP3 players / iPods
PC fans and power supplies
PC scrap and stereos (no wood)
PC's – desktop, laptops, tablets, towers
Police scanners and pagers
Portable radios
Printers, copiers, scanners, modems, fax machines
Rechargeable batteries
Televisions – intact
Toner cartridges
Uninterrupted power supply
VCR, DVD, blueray, laser disk and cd players
Air Conditioners
Small refrigerators

Pretty much anything with an electrical cord or battery operated!

For more info visit thanksforbeinggreen.com