

St. Stephen Parish

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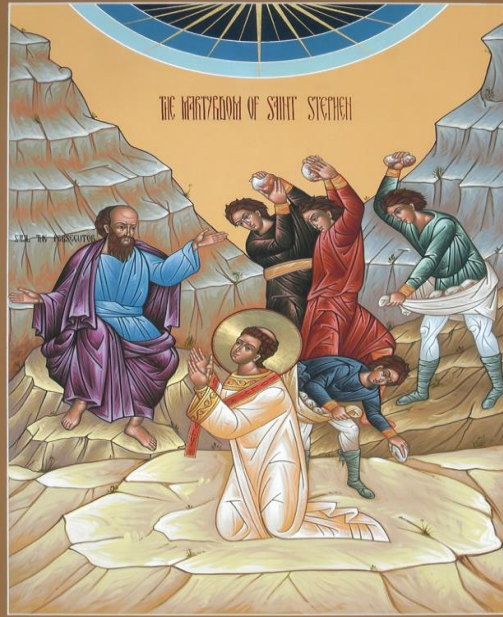
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Rose Marie Davis
Keith Knight

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



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

Emergencies
(856) 261-9336
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Parish Email:
ecclesia@comcast.net

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www.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.*

March 12, 2017 – The Second Sunday of Lent

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.

Required Preparation is 1 class, 2nd Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3rd Sunday of month @ Noon.

Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist –

Upon request after the 4:30pm Mass in the Chapel.

Prior notification is necessary by calling the rectory Monday-Friday. Also call the Rectory if someone is sick or housebound.

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. Further information is available by calling the Rectory.

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.

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 2018 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	March 12, 2017
9:00am	Arthur Alessandrini r/b Carol & Roland Dean
10:30am	Michael Arizzi r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Charles Irwin r/b John & Colleen Messina
MONDAY	March 13, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	March 14, 2017
9:00am	Jean Gugliotta r/b Dina & Bill Humes
WEDNESDAY	March 15, 2017
9:00am	Louis Buondonno (Birthday Remembrance) r/b His Daughter
THURSDAY	March 16, 2017
9:00am/Novena	Jean Gugliotta r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
FRIDAY	March 17, 2017
9:00am	Angelina Pennestri (8 th Anniversary) r/b Jim Pennestri
SATURDAY	March 18, 2017
4:30pm	Deacon Ernie Picknally (4 th Anniversary) r/b His Wife, Lois
SUNDAY	March 19, 2017
9:00am	Arthur Taylor r/b Louise D'Alessandro
10:30am	Alyce Klaus r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Amelia Roberts r/b Edith Alessi William Sauer r/b His Family Francisco Xavier Dang Viet Dang r/b Loc Dang



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.

March 4/5, 2017 Offertory Collection: \$4,470
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,651

Special Collections:

- March 19th: "Operation Rice Bowl" (Diocese)
- March 26th: "Catholic Relief Services" (Diocese)
- March 26-April 16: "Easter Flowers" (St. Stephen)
- April 13th: "The Needy in Our Area" (St. Stephen)
- April 14th: "Holy Land/Good Friday" (Diocese)

(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)



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:

- Dolores Afilani, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Raymond Amatrudo, Sr., Eleanor Becker, Bernadette Bierbach, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Cranmer, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Sr., Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Barbara McHugh, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Rosemarie Rosolia, Patricia Ruhl, Dean & Mary Russell, Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Vivivello, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for March 18/19

* Designates Alternate Server

Saturday, 4:30pm
Altar Server: J. Bui
EM's: V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, *A. Knight
Lectors: B. Mattia, J. Gerst

Sunday, 9:00am
Altar Server: Q. Nguyen
EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Davis, R. Leone, *M. Bufanio
Lectors: D. Heck, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am
Altar Servers: M. Conway, Mi. Conway, K. Conway
EM's: J. Fagan, K. Fagan, T. Angstman, J. Messina
Lectors: C. Aleszczyk, R. Aleszczyk



"ENCOUNTER the LIVING GOD" *We Encounter the Living God*

. . . when we share our blessings with those in need. Your *House of Charity* gift enables Catholic Charities offices in each of our 6 counties to provide a range of vital social services to people in need, for example, through food pantry, clothing, furniture warehouse, housing assistance and county sites. **Your Gift Matters.** Please support the 2017 *House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal.*

2017 House of Charity y-t-d \$9,445 (20%)
2017 House of Charity Goal \$48,018

Thank you to the 45 families that have given generously thus far. If you have not pledged as yet, extra pledge cards are available in the rectory office and church vestibule. 591-StStephen

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 3/13-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study
- 3/14-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary followed by Reflection
- 3/15-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 3/16-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion Club
- 3/17-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross
- 3/18-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 3/19-Sunday-9am Mass, Coffee & Pastries, 10:30am Mass

Ladies Bible Study

Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, lively discussions, and fun!

When: Mondays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.
Phone or text: 610-805-5363 email: heides@comcast.net

*The woman who walks with God
Always reaches her destination*

Tuesday Night Rosary

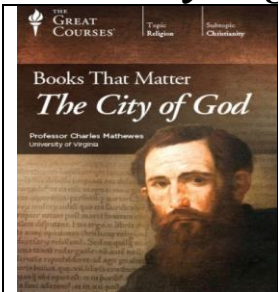
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

Come join us as we ask Our Lady to pray with us and for us. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect those who are her own. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the pinnacle of God's creation. She is the most perfect, the greatest, the holiest human being ever to live. When we repeat her name, we greatly honor God her Creator. Mary never keeps any glory for herself. Her soul magnifies the Lord. (Lk 1:46)

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue March 15th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue
March 16th @ 7pm in the
Sr. Bernadette Parish Center
with
Prof. Charles Mathewes'
**"Books That Matter-
The City of God"**

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
**Friday, April 7, 2017
9:45am-7:00pm.**



Art & Environment Ministry

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass or would like to make a donation for a tree to honor a deceased loved one is asked to contact our A&E Chairperson Maria Haas at 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 rejoin their parents. We hope that you will allow your children to participate in this religious education experience.

Health and Wellness Team News

Next meeting: Monday March 20th at 7pm in the Parish Center.

The Health and Wellness Team will be conducting a **CPR class on Saturday 3/25/17 from 9:00 am to 12 noon** in the Parish Center. First Aid for choking, basic CPR, and Basic AED use will be covered. There is still time to sign up! Contact Joanne at Joannedb@comcast.net if you have any questions or would like to sign up.

Parish Library

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Winter reading needs! We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. Please stop by after Masses.

**Hours: Saturday, 5:30-6:00pm
Sunday, 10:00-10:30; 11:30-12:00**

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
for the month of March
contact Lois @ 856-665-1221.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,
Come One, Come All
To Coffee and Pastries,
At the Parish Hall!
Sunday, March 19th
After the



9:00am & 10:30am Masses

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**CHRISM MASS 2017**

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 4:00 P.M. on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017** at St. Agnes Church/Our Lady of Hope Parish in Blackwood.

The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion at which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

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**Diocesan Wedding
Anniversary Mass**

If in this calendar year (01/01/17. Through 12/31/17), 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 18, at 3:00 p.m.** Mass in Glassboro, at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish. 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 26, 2017.** For more information please contact the parish office at 856-662-9338.

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**Stewardship Reflection  
“Stewards Find Their Way”**

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.”

GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show those living *Stewardship* a new land and a better way to live.

**Camden Catholic High School News**

The Arts at CCHS Presents  
**Rodgers & Hammerstein’s Cinderella**  
Tickets Now Available! [www.cchsperformingarts.com](http://www.cchsperformingarts.com)

**Final Performances:**  
**March 11 at 7:30 p.m. and March 12 at 2 p.m.**

The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm and elegance. Join us to be entertained by the talented performing arts and music students of Camden Catholic High School.

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders:**

Admissions Applications for the Class of 2021 may be submitted on a rolling basis only as space permits. Please submit your application for admission as soon as possible in order to be considered for a spot in the CCHS Class of 2021. Visit [www.camdenatholic.org/admissions](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissions).

**Irish Experience Guest Days**

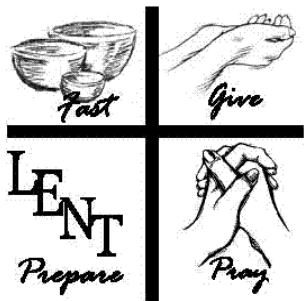
Only a few dates remain this year for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to shadow a current student at Camden Catholic High School. Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy. Select your day at [www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents) or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: [janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

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Paul VI High School News

Paul VI High School 7th Grade Practice HSPT is being offered on **Saturday, April 1st**. This full-length practice test is helpful in preparing students for the High School Placement Test taken in the fall of 8th grade. (The HSPT is the scholarship vehicle used by many private high schools, including Paul VI.) Reservations are required, space is limited. For more information, or to reserve a desk, please visit the **ADMISSIONS EVENTS** page on our website, www.pvihs.org

Paul VI High School Coffee, Tea, and Tours will be held on **Saturday, April 1st**. Two convenient morning tour times are offered, ideal for families who are interested in Paul VI, or parents whose students are taking the 7th Grade Practice HSPT. Reservations appreciated, all are welcome. For more information, or to make a reservation, please visit our website, www.pvihs.org, on the **ADMISSIONS EVENTS** tab.

Paul VI High School – 7th Grade Eagle Days are now available! Seventh grade students are invited to spend a day as a Paul VI Eagle. For more information and to make a reservation, please visit the **EAGLE FOR A DAY** page on our website, www.pvihs.org.



LENT 2017

“Open My Eyes, Lord”



Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an “inner circle” among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

3/12/17	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
3/14/17	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection “Who is Called to Evangelize?”
3/17/17	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
3/19/17	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
3/21/17	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection “Why the Call to Evangelize is So Urgent”
3/24/17	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm (Peace & Justice theme)
3/26/17	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
3/28/17	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection
3/31/17	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
4/2/17	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
4/4/17	Tuesday	Penance Service at 7:30pm following the Rosary at 7:00pm
4/7/17	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
4/9/17	Sunday	Passion Sunday – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am
4/13/17	Thursday	Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm -Blessed Sacrament Reposed in the Parish Center until 11:00pm
4/14/17	Friday	Good Friday -Reading of the Psalms from Noon to 2:45pm -Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 3:00pm
4/15/17	Saturday	Holy Saturday -Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am, Blessing of Food at Noon, Easter Vigil 8:00pm
4/16/17	Sunday	Easter Sunday – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am