

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

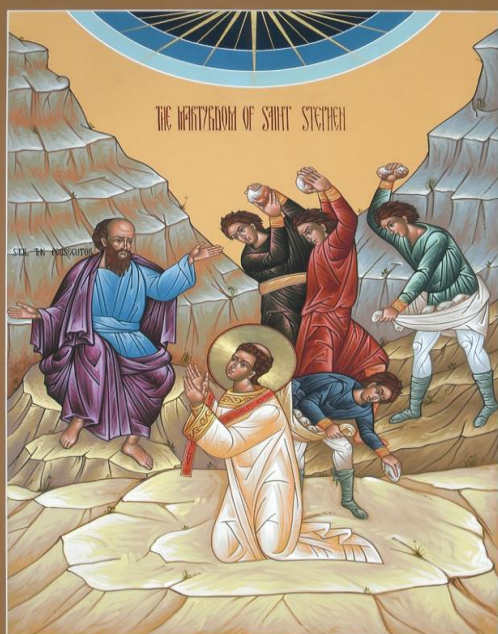
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Keith Knight
Earl Nolte

Rectory Office Hours
Monday–Friday 9am-4:30pm
*Closed All Holy Days of Obligation
and Holidays except Veterans Day*



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339

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 Second Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2019

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 2020 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	March 17, 2019
9:00am	Angelina Pennestri (10 th Anniversary) r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Rosina Midili r/b Doug & Gail Knight Deacon Ernie Picknally r/b His Wife, Lois Francisco Xavier Dang & Maria Dang r/b Loc Dang
MONDAY	March 18, 2019
9:00am	Fred G. Rocco r/b The Rocco Family
TUESDAY	March 19, 2019
9:00am	Msgr. Robert McDermott r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt
WEDNESDAY	March 20, 2019
9:00am	Jaime Rivera r/b His Wife, Santiago
THURSDAY	March 21, 2019
9:00am/Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY	March 22, 2019
9:00am	Msgr. Robert McDermott r/b Lucille Buffington
SATURDAY	March 23, 2019
4:30pm	Joseph Afilani r/b Kathy Smith
SUNDAY	March 24, 2019
9:00am	To Be Announced
10:30am	Rosina Midili r/b The Joie Family Alyce Klaus r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Guiseppe Lamberti r/b Lou & Mary Ann Meloni



**The Sanctuary Candle
this week is in Memory of
*Ned Lally***

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 9/10, 2019 Offertory Collection:	\$4,224
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,270

Upcoming Special Collections / Envelopes:

- March 24th:** "Rice Bowl" (Diocese)
- March 31st:** "Catholic Relief Services" (Diocese)
- April 7th:** "Lenten Collection" (Diocese)



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:

- Dee Afilani, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Ted Anderson,
Mary Bumbalow, Anna Buono, Patrick Carr,
John Christy, Edmund Ciccarone, Carol Cranmer,
Fanny DiBenedetto, Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber,
Pricilla Handy, Donna Kane, Walter Kittel,
Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Sandra Lippi, Katelyn Lum,
Nancy Loperfido, Ken Maminski, Larry Miller,
Joy and Ed Morrisson, Sue Ott, Rich Passaro, Nancy Sonnie,
Callum Steinmetz, Rick Taylor, Frances Vocale,
Barbara Weingard, Emily Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for March 23/24

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: R. Taylor, P. Nolte

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: T. Modzier, E. Nolte, M. Conway, R. Davis
Lectors: M. Miller, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler, S. Underwood, J. Messina
Lectors: W. McHugh, M. McHugh

"Stewardship Gratitude"

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."
(GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you, as a Christian *Steward* show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



Due to the Bishop's Decree

pertaining to the

Convocation of Catholic Leaders:

The Joy of the Gospel in South Jersey,

there will be no Masses or Funerals from

Tuesday March 26th thru Thursday March 28th.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 3/18-Monday-9am Mass
- 3/19-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 3/20-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 3/21-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 3/22-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross
- 3/23-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 3/24-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

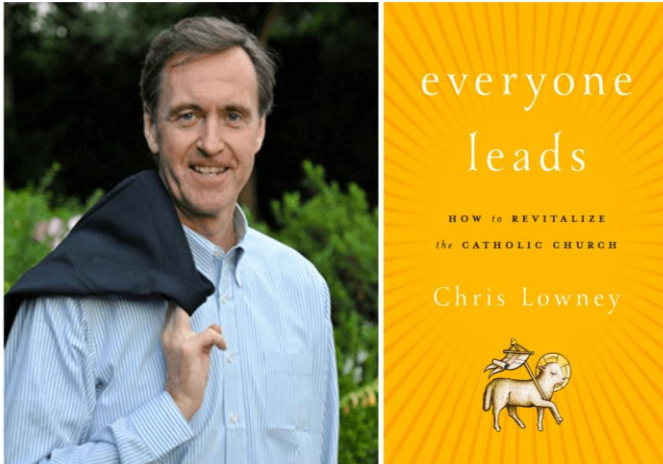
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue March 20th @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues April 3rd @ 7:00pm.

We'll be discussing:



STONEGATE II Hotline

If you are interested in filling out an application for the new Stonegate II apartments, you may call (856) 342-4187 and leave your NAME, ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER. A Diocesan Housing representative will then return your call with additional instructions & info.

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.



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.

Choir – New Members Welcome!

St. Stephen's Music Ministry cordially invites you to consider joining our Music Ministry family. Choir gathers in the church 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 the month of March contact **Maryann @ 856-333-6525.**

Underwear & Sock Drive

Our St. Stephen Wednesday evening Youth Religious Formation Program is sponsoring a collection during Lent to assist the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Camden, Prison Ministry's Underwear and Sock Drive. This follows the Call of Jesus in Matthew 25, that "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." We have acted upon the call of the "Works of Mercy" by collecting food, and clothing, and visiting or writing to the sick, but rarely know how to help the person in prison. Now we have the opportunity to join Catholic Charities and help those in Prison by collecting the following: **MALES:** white tee-shirts and white boxers; **FEMALES:** white sports bras and white cotton briefs; and white crew socks for both MALES and FEMALES.

Please bring these items to St. Stephen's all throughout LENT and place them in the baskets in the rear of the CHURCH. All items will be brought to the Catholic Charities Office after Easter. Many thanks for your generosity and for Loving Jesus in the person of the prisoner.

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## 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).

Gloucester Catholic is proud to present three evening performances of the musical Mamma Mia! On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 21-23 at 7:00 pm and a Saturday, March 23 matinee performance at 1:00 pm. All tickets are \$12. All performances take place at the Rowan College at Gloucester County Fine Arts Center. Email Ms. Amy Pinardo at [apinardo@gchsrams.org](mailto:apinardo@gchsrams.org) with subject line "Mamma Mia! Tickets" to reserve tickets.

Gloucester Catholic Jr Sr High School 15th Annual Basket Auction. Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 5:30 PM at Adelpia's Grand Ballroom. Join us for a celebration of Maroon and Gold! 5:30 Basket Auction Viewing and cocktails/ 7:00 Dinner Buffet. For more info contact Heather Mondel [heathermondell@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermondell@yahoo.com)

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Paul VI High School News

Paul VI High School 7th Grade Practice HSPT is being offered on Saturday, April 13th. 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 13th. 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.

Join the Sixth Annual
DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
FAITHFULL FOOD DRIVE

Sunday
APRIL
7

WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING



PROTEINS

- Canned Tuna Fish
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Soup
- Canned Beans
- Canned Chili
- Canned Beef Stew
- Peanut Butter

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Vegetable Juice
- Canned Tomato Products
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Applesauce
- Canned Fruit Juice

FOOD DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OUR DIOCESE ON APRIL 7TH OR PARTICIPATE IN OUR VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE AT CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL



Camden Catholic High School News

The Arts at CCHS Presents the
2019 Spring Musical: "Guys and Dolls"
March 17 at 2PM

"Luck be a lady" at this fantastic production featuring one of Broadway's most beloved shows presented by over 100 CCHS students. Sing, dance and laugh from the bustle of Times Square to the dance clubs of Havana in this show.

www.cchspanperformingarts.com
or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.

Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students are being scheduled at Camden Catholic High School. Limited dates remain in 2019 (March 19). 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
or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule:
janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org
or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

CCHS Class of 2023: Admissions Applications

The Camden Catholic Admissions Office will review applications for admission for the 2019-20 school year on a rolling basis. Apply online today: www.camdenatholic.org/admissions.



**CAMPAIGN FOR THE CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY OF SOUTH JERSEY**

Last weekend, we conducted Commitment Weekend on behalf of the Catholic Strong campaign. Thank you to those who contributed to our parish's success. As a result of your generosity, we have secured **\$101,170** of our campaign goal of **\$405,000**. This represents **25%** of our goal (as of 3/12/19).

If you did not attend Mass last weekend or needed additional time to pray about your gift decision, today you can join the **34 parish families** who have supported Catholic Strong. We ask you to consider a sacrificial gift to the campaign – one that is right for you.

Suggested Gift Plans (36 months)	Suggested Gift Plans (60 months)
\$208 per month over 36 months = \$7,500!!	\$334 per month over 60 months = \$20,000!!
\$167 per month over 36 months = \$6,000!!	\$250 per month over 60 months = \$15,000!!
\$139 per month over 36 months = \$5,000!!	\$167 per month over 60 months = \$10,000!!

Catholic Strong will maximize the resources within our parish and across South Jersey, allowing us to address our parish needs and to better advance our spiritual mission. Our parish will receive 70% of all funds collected up to our parish goal and 80% of funds collected over our goal. These funds will be directed toward paving the property after the construction phases are complete, replacing the rugs in the Church, re-doing the pews and replacing the old kneeler pads, a new audio system for Church and much more! The remaining funds collected will address crucial needs across our diocese which include strengthening our evangelization and faith formation efforts, social service efforts, and Catholic schools.

We are seeking 100% participation from our parish families and I need your support!

We, parishioners of St. Stephen Parish are blessed as people of faith and vision, who embrace and celebrate Catholic truth, transform communities, and make known the love of Christ throughout South Jersey. Not only are these blessings of the parish but also of our diocese.

Thank you for your support!