

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

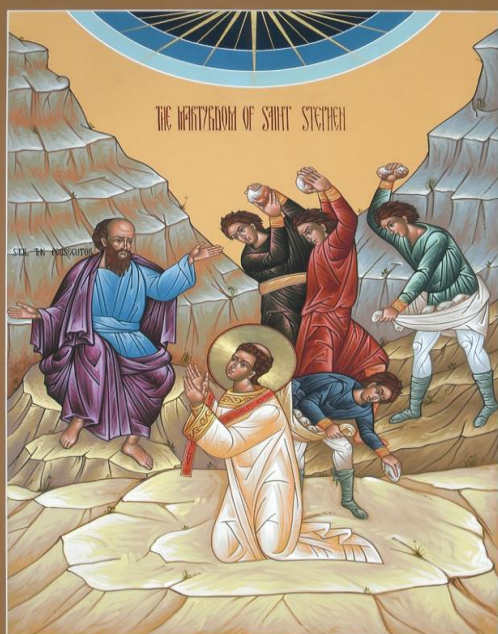
Pastoral Staff

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 Third Sunday of Lent – March 24, 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 24, 2019
9:00am	Dean Otto r/b Edward & Bette Clark
10:30am	Rosina Midili r/b The Joie Family Alyce Klaus r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Guiseppe Lamberti r/b Lou & Mary Ann Meloni
MONDAY	March 25, 2019
9:00am	Thomas Cimino r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt
TUESDAY	March 26, 2019 – No Mass per Bishop Sullivan
WEDNESDAY	March 27, 2019 - No Mass per Bishop Sullivan
THURSDAY	March 28, 2019 - No Mass per Bishop Sullivan
FRIDAY	March 29, 2019
9:00am	Kathleen Speas r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt
SATURDAY	March 30, 2019
10:30am	Family Memorial Mass for Joseph Afilani, Sr. Ned Lally r/b M/M William Sullivan
4:30pm	
SUNDAY	March 31, 2019
9:00am	Dean Otto r/b The McCoy Family
10:30am	Theobald M. Mignone r/b Donald Mignone Rosina Midili r/b The Galindo Family



**The Sanctuary Candle
this week is in Memory of
*Deacon
Ernie Picknally***

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 16/17, 2019 Offertory Collection:	\$5,028
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,290

- Upcoming Special Collections / Envelopes:
- March 24th: "Rice Bowl" (Diocese)**
 - March 31st: "Catholic Relief Services" (Diocese)**
 - March 31-April 21: "Easter Flowers" (St. Stephen)**
 - 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 30/31

Saturday, 4:30pm
EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: J. Melfi, B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am
EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: Jared Rivera, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am
EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, T. Scavuzzo, T. Angstman, W. Delfin
Lectors: M. Miller, J. Messina



CATHOLIC STRONG

CAMPAIGN FOR THE CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY OF SOUTH JERSEY

As of March 19, 2019:

Our Catholic Strong y-t-d: \$114,730 (28%)
Our Catholic Strong Goal: \$405,000

Thank you to the **42 families** that have given generously thus far. If you have not pledged as yet, extra pledge cards are available in the rectory and church vestibule.

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

- 3/25-Monday-9am Mass, 7pm Fire Company Meeting
- 3/26-Tuesday-No Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 3/27-Wednesday-No Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 3/28-Thursday-No Mass
- 3/29-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross
- 3/30-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 3/31-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

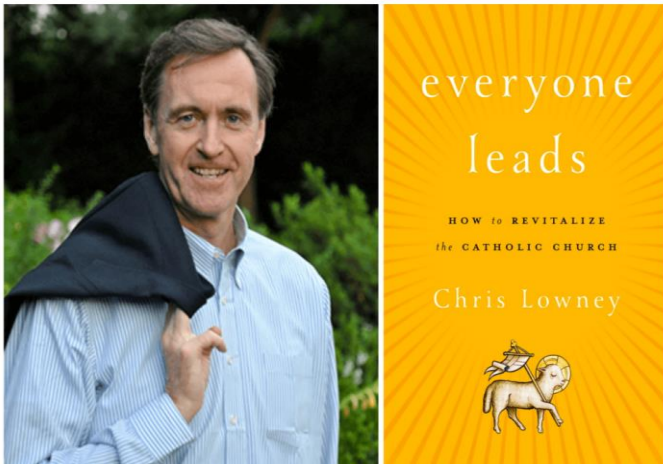
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue March 27th @ 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.

8th Annual iRace4Vocations

On Sunday, March 31, 2019, 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 1:00pm 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 camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations.

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

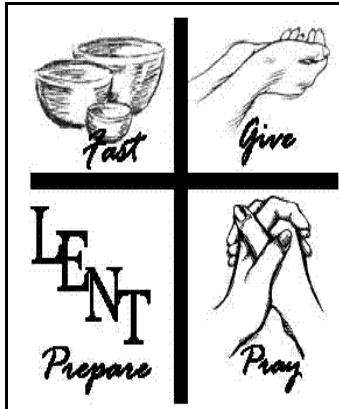
FOOD DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OUR DIOCESE ON **APRIL 7TH** OR PARTICIPATE IN OUR VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE AT CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL



Oppose New Jersey “Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill” Act A1504/S1702

This Bill would give a patient diagnosed with a terminal illness and a prognosis of less than six months to live, the ability to request a lethal prescription to end his/her life. Experience from other states and countries shows that Physician Assisted Suicide quickly encompasses not only the terminally ill but people who are handicapped, elderly, depressed, and vulnerable. Killing is NEVER the answer, true compassion and quality care is.

To take action against Physician Assisted Suicide, please send an email to <https://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action>. You can also call the Office of Legislative Services at 1-800-792-8630 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to obtain the names and phone numbers of your two Assembly Members and State Senator. Please tell them that you oppose A1504 and S1072.



LENT 2019

“Open Your Heart to God”



3/24/19	Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent
3/26/19	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm
3/29/19	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
3/31/19	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
4/2/19	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm followed by Reflection
4/5/19	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
4/7/19	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
4/9/19	Tuesday	Penance Service at 7:30pm following the Rosary at 7:00pm
4/12/19	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
HOLY WEEK:		
4/14/19	Sunday	Passion Sunday – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am
4/18/19	Thursday	Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm -Blessed Sacrament Reposed until 11:00pm
4/19/19	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
4/20/19	Saturday	Holy Saturday -Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am -Blessing of Food at Noon -Easter Vigil 8:00pm
4/21/19	Sunday	Easter Sunday – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am

Lenten Guidelines

**Good Friday is an obligatory day 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.