

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco  
Pastor

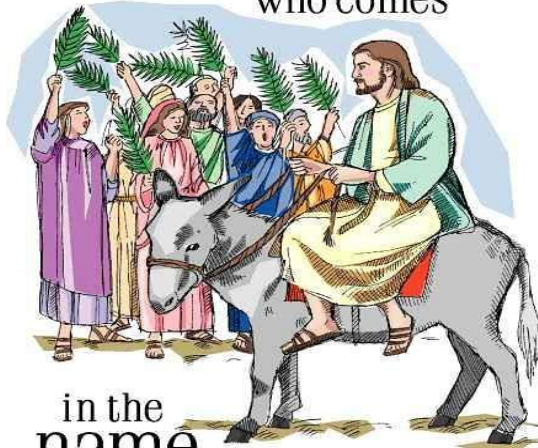
Mrs. Suzanne Underwood  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

Parish Trustees  
Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

## Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
9:00am - 4:30pm

“Blessed is the king  
who comes



in the  
name  
of the **Lord!**”

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## Contact Info

### Rectory Phone

(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336

(Accidents, Dying or Death)

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[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

Parish Website:  
[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

**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 2019 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 25, 2018 (Palm Sunday)</b>
9:00am	Harry Mayer, Jr. r/b Duane & Pam Heck
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Joseph Luisi r/b Dean Russell Raymond Steele r/b His Wife, Theresa Steele
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 26, 2018</b>
9:00am	Rev. Arthur T. Anderson r/b Lucille Buffington
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 27, 2018</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 28, 2018</b>
9:00am	Salvatore & Julia DiPaolo r/b Daughter
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 29, 2018 (Holy Thursday)</b>
7:00pm	Rev. Arthur T. Anderson r/b Mrs. Priscilla Handy & Family
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 30, 2018 (Good Friday)</b>
12pm Noon	Reading of the Psalms until 2:45pm
3:00pm	Liturgy of the Word/Veneration of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 31, 2018 (Holy Saturday)</b>
8:00pm	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 1, 2018 (Easter Sunday)</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
10:30am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased



The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
*In Memory of*  
**The Unborn Children**

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.



*This year's Paschal Candle has been donated by Mrs. Georgette Rocco in Memory of Mr. Fred G. Rocco.*

March 17/18, 2018 Offertory Collection:	\$4,617
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,405
FaithFULL Food Drive:	730 lbs.

Special Collections / Envelopes:

March 30: "Holy Land/Good Friday" (Diocese)  
April 1: "Easter Donation" (St. Stephen)  
*(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:

Joseph & Dolores Afilani, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Barbie Brown, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Lina Ciarrocchi, Edmund Ciccarone, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Cranmer, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Biagio Dinoto, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Bernice Evans, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Angela Gallecchio, 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, Gene Leone, Sam & Nancy Loperfido, Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Mary Ellen Mayer, William Mayer, Stella McCarthy, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Linda Petrilli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Mary Russell, John S., Helen Setzer, Joan Siperavage, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Keri Ann Taxis, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Viviello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for March 29 – April 1

Holy Thursday, 7:00pm

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, E. Nolte, M. Monaco, M. Miller, J. Fagan  
Lectors: D. Heck, R. Taylor

Good Friday – Noon – 2:45pm Psalms:

12:00 M. Monaco, 12:20 T. Modzier, 12:40 M. Miller, 1:00 W. McHugh, 1:20 D. Heck, 1:40 E. Nolte, 2:00 B. Camden, 2:20 P. Nolte  
3:00pm Lectors: Joan Rivera, D. Steinmetz

Holy Saturday, 8:00pm

EM's: M. Monaco, E. Nolte, L. D'Alessandro, M. Miller, M. Conway  
Lectors: D. Heck, M. Turan, P. Nolte, D. Steinmetz, B. Mattia, R. Taylor

Easter Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: E. Nolte, T. Modzier, J. Rosario, L. Rosario  
Lectors: W. McHugh, P. Nolte

Easter Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, K. Fagan, J. Fagan, M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler  
Lector: M. Turan



2018 House of Charity y-t-d \$14,325 (29.8%)  
2018 House of Charity Goal \$48,018

Thank you to the 52 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.

### *This Week @ St. Stephen Parish*

3/26-Monday-9:00am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study  
 3/27-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 3/28-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD (Closing Mass)  
 3/29-Holy Thursday-7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 3/30-Good Friday-Noon-2:45pm Psalms, 3pm Liturgy  
 3/31-Holy Saturday-9am Vigil Rehearsal, 8pm Easter Vigil  
 4/1 - Easter Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

### *Ladies Bible Study*

We are all on a journey, and God's word is a light to our path. Stop in and join us at the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in scripture, 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*

**Closing Mass March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm**

**Thursday Night Discussion Club**  
 Continues April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Parish Center.  
 We'll be discussing Prof. William R. Cook's  
 "The Catholic Church: A History"



All Are Welcome to Join Us!

### *First Friday Adoration*

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>: 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](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 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 Choir, aka Wing-Its, is looking for singers to expand the choir. While all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) are welcomed and encouraged to join, we specifically have a need for altos, tenors, and basses. Choir gathers in the church on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm, with rehearsals lasting 60-90 minutes. There is an occasional extra rehearsal as we near Christmas and Easter. **Only three things are required: a love of singing, your presence at rehearsal, and above all, the desire to praise God in song!** If you're interested in joining our group, please see Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Director, or one of the members. Or, just come to the church on **Thursday at 7:00pm**. We would love to meet you, and now is a great time to join as we prepare for the Church's Holiest Season, Easter!

We know you're out there, we hear you singing!

### *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 the month of **March** contact  
**Diane @ 856-308-8224**



# Holy Week Schedule



### Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm  
Blessed Sacrament Reposed in the Parish Center  
until 11:00pm

### Good Friday

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

### Holy Saturday

Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am  
Blessing of Food at Noon  
Easter Vigil 8:00pm

### Easter Sunday

Mass 9:00am and 10:30am

**The Rectory & all Diocesan Offices will be closed from  
Noon on Holy Thursday thru Easter Monday April 2.**

## Good Friday Collection

A Pontifical Collection Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. For more information, visit [MyFranciscan.org/good-friday](http://MyFranciscan.org/good-friday). The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy Father. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

## Cemetery Visitation Holy Week

We encourage our families to visit our cemeteries and mausoleums and pray for their dearly departed loved ones and all souls who have gone before us. We invite you to celebrate Holy Week with us in our chapel mausoleums.

Mass schedules can be found on our website at [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org). **A member of our staff is available to assist you at 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375).**

**Wishing you many blessings during this most Holy Season.**  
*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"* 1 Peter 1:3

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual iRace4Vocations

On **Sunday, April 22, 2018**, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://camdenpriest.org/irace4vocations/).

## Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If this year, 2018, you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary of **25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more**, Please join us in celebrating Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan on **Sunday, June 10, 2018**. (A light reception will follow in the parish hall.)

**Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

**500 Greentree Road - Glassboro, NJ 08028**

Registration forms are available through your local parish.

**Deadline is May 18, 2018.**

For more information please contact your parish office.

**Registration is open for**

## Merion Mercy's Summer Programs!

We have a variety of academic, enrichment and athletic offerings for girls and boys, including our acclaimed pre-eighth grade **Summer Academy** and **High School Placement Test Preparation** course, and our popular (entering) 6th and 7th grade **Jump Start Program**, which focuses on math, language arts, writing and study skills. We also offer fun enrichment programs and sports camps such as Basketball, Volleyball, Art Camp, and Coding, among others. Please visit our website at [www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms](http://www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms) to download a full brochure and to register online. For more information, you may also contact Mrs. Barbara Harrison, Director of Summer Programs, at 610-664-6655 Ext. 120 or e-mail her at [bharrison@merion-mercy.com](mailto:bharrison@merion-mercy.com).

**Joint Meeting of the Pastoral & Finance Councils**  
**March 12, 2018**  
(edited 3/19/18)

**Council Members Present:** Joseph Haas, Terry Modzier, Earl Nolte, Melanie Lopez, Janis Melfi

**Finance Members Present:** Rose Davis, Keith Knight, and Lonnie Monaco.

**Other Guests:** Carol Diemer Esq., Diocesan attorney

**Opening prayer by Father Rocco at 6:30PM.**

**INTERNAL BUSINESS: Sale of Parish Center and land to Stonegate II (Walters Group)**

Discussion this evening was held to clarify points contained within the agreement of Sale between St Stephen Parish and Stonegate II. This project proposes to purchase the existing parish center, to demolish it and to erect a Stonegate II which mirrors the now Stonegate I, located behind the school.

**The points of discussion:**

- 1) Selling price. This amount will be \$400,000.
- 2) Date of Closing. Anticipated to be the end of April or the beginning of May of 2018.
- 3) Status of the granite monuments that they will be erected on the Stonegate II grounds facing Browning Rd.
- 4) Drainage basin in back of church facing Browning Rd (rose garden location) Its maintenance, upkeep and liability to be assumed by Stonegate II.
- 5) Use of Stonegate II facilities will be available to the church for any conferences and gatherings upon request.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**March 29** (Holy Thursday service) will be the last day the parish center will be utilized.

**Two weeks following Easter (April 1)** St Stephen will hold an open house for the sale of items contained within the parish center.

**April 16** the driveway onto the church property via Browning Rd will be blocked off. To enter church property one must use Stonegate Drive (which is alongside the rectory).

**April 29** 10:30am Confirmation Mass. Following the Mass the Bishop is scheduled to break ground for the Stonegate II project. The Bishop will also bless our new Crucifix in the Sanctuary that day.

There will be many questions regarding these new changes and the parish will do its best to provide updated information to all parishioners.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:45 PM with a closing prayer. Next PPC meeting is tentative.

Respectfully submitted by **Janis Melfi - Secretary of St Stephen's PPC**