

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

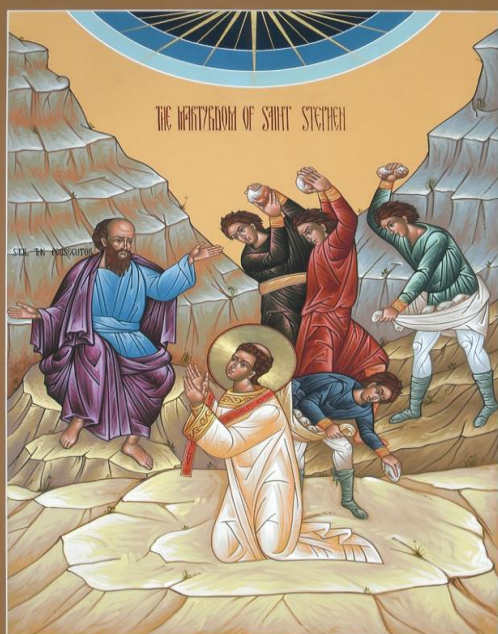
Pastoral Staff

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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – March 3, 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 3, 2019
9:00am	Vincent L. Buondonno r/b His Sister
10:30am	Rosina Midili r/b Duane & Pam Heck
MONDAY	March 4, 2019
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	March 5, 2019
9:00am	Msgr. Robert McDermott r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	March 6, 2019 (Ash Wednesday)
9:00am	Rosina Midili r/b Anthony Antonelli
7:00pm	All Victims of Abuse r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	March 7, 2019
9:00am/Novena	Msgr. Robert McDermott r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY	March 8, 2019
9:00am	Michael DiVito r/b The Rocco Family
SATURDAY	March 9, 2019
4:30pm	Rev. Walter Quinn r/b Maria & Joe Haas
SUNDAY	March 10, 2019
9:00am	Rosina Midili r/b Fini Mann
10:30am	Beth Sutcliffe (20 th Anniversary) r/b Her Husband, Jim William Sauer r/b His Family Msgr. Robert McDermott r/b Lou & Mary Ann Meloni



**The Sanctuary Candle
this week is in Memory of
Monsignor
Robert McDermott**

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 23/24, 2019 Offertory Collection:	\$4,413
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,277

Next Special Collection / Envelope:

March 6th:

“Ash Wednesday/Church in Eastern Europe”

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:

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 6/9/10

Ash Wednesday, 7:00pm

EM's: M. Miller, M. Monaco, R. Davis, E. Nolte

Lectors: B. Mattia, J. Melfi

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora

Lectors: R. Taylor, J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: E. Nolte, L. D'Alessandro, M. Conway, T. Modzier, M. Miller


Lectors: M. McHugh, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

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

Lectors: M. Turan, R. Aleszczyk

Ash Wednesday Schedule

 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Remember that you are dust and into dust you shall return.</i></p>	<p>Ashes will be distributed at the 9:00am Mass and 7:00pm Mass on Ash Wednesday March 6th</p>
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“Stewards Bear Fruit”

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? In **Stewardship** God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

3/4-Monday-9am Mass
 3/5-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 3/6-Ash Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD, 7pm Mass
 3/7-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
 3/8-Friday-9am Mass
 3/9-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
 3/10-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

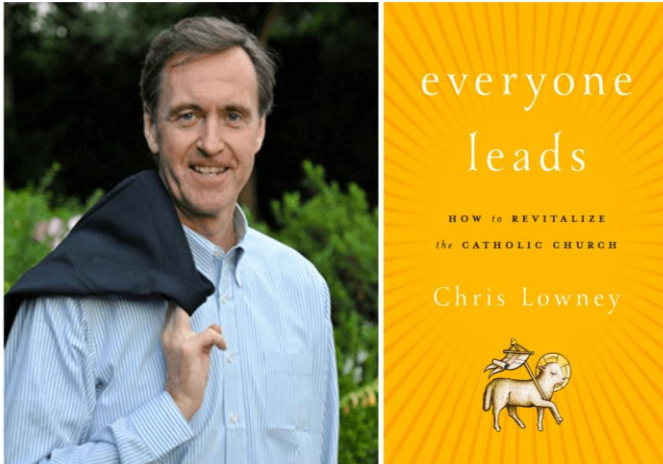
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue March 6th @ 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.



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 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.**

Prison Ministry's 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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## Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If this year, 2019, 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 16, 2019 3:00 p.m.**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
591 New Jersey Avenue  
Absecon, NJ 08201-2424**

*(A light reception will follow in the parish hall.)*

Registration forms are available through your local parish office.

**Deadline is May 6, 2019.**

## Camden Catholic High School News

**The Arts at CCHS Presents the 2019 Spring Musical: Guys and Dolls March 8, 9, 15 & 16 at 7:30PM and March 10 and 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. Alumni Night is March 15 with a complimentary Wine & Cheese Reception at 6PM for all alumni (RSVP [kate.bieg@camdencatholic.org](mailto:kate.bieg@camdencatholic.org)).

Tickets (\$12/person) and Ad & Patrons available online: [www.cchsperformingarts.com](http://www.cchsperformingarts.com) or call 856-663-2247 ext. 120.

**Irish Experience Guest Days** for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are being scheduled at Camden Catholic High School. Limited dates remain in 2019 (March 14 and 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.camdencatholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camdencatholic.org/admissionsevents) or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: [janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.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.camdencatholic.org/admissions](http://www.camdencatholic.org/admissions).

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Men of Malvern Retreat - March 8-10

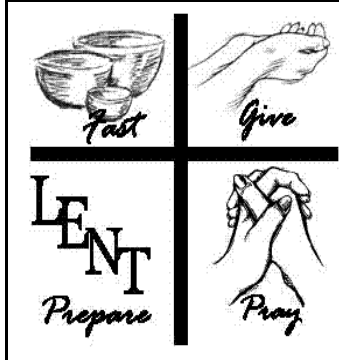
Featured Speaker: **Reverend Dennis O'Donnell**

Gentlemen,

Our annual Men of Malvern retreat will be March 8-10. Please put the date on your calendar. Each man has his own reasons for making a retreat. Some enjoy the solitude, some enjoy seeing old friends and some have some very heavy burdens that they need to bring to the Lord. Malvern allows each man to make a retreat on his own terms. Below is a link to a letter written by Joe Conway. Joe has been with our group for several years and has captured the essence of Malvern in this letter. Please take a moment to read the letter:

<http://catholicstarherald.org/the-unexpected-benefits-of-being-on-retreat/>.

Please visit www.malvernretreat.com for additional information. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 609-471-0753. I hope each of you make time for this retreat. **Prosit, Joe**



LENT 2019

“Open Your Heart to God”



3/3/19	Sunday	Distribute “Open Your Heart to God” Booklet
3/6/19	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday – Mass and Ashes 9:00am and 7:00pm
3/8/19	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
3/10/19	Sunday	First Sunday of Lent
3/12/19	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm
3/15/19	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
3/17/19	Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent
3/19/19	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm
3/22/19	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
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
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

**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.