

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

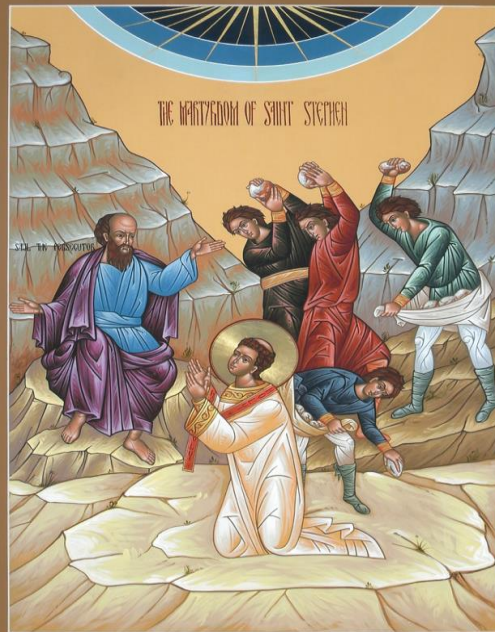
## Pastoral Staff

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

**Parish Website**  
[StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 31, 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".**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 31, 2019</b>
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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>April 1, 2019</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>April 2, 2019</b>
9:00am	Thomas V. Holmes r/b The Blevin Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>April 3, 2019</b>
9:00am	In Honor of Vanessa Vanderborcht's Birthday r/b The Rocco Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>April 4, 2019</b>
9:00am	In Thanksgiving for Our Parish Delegates
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>April 5, 2019 (First Friday Adoration)</b>
9:00am	Louise Pigliacelli r/b Her Husband, Frank
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 6, 2019</b>
4:30pm	Louis Matteo r/b Rosemarie Gentile
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 7, 2019</b>
9:00am	Rosina Midili r/b Rose Davis
10:30am	<b>Confirmation Mass</b> with Bishop Dennis Sullivan



**The Sanctuary Candle  
this week is in Memory of  
*Louise Pigliacelli***

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.

<b>March 23/24, 2019 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$3,924</b>
<b>2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:</b>	<b>\$4,600</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b>	<b>\$4,280</b>

Upcoming Special Collections / Envelopes:

- March 31<sup>st</sup>:** "Catholic Relief Services" (Diocese)
- March 31-April 21:** "Easter Flowers" (St. Stephen)
- April 7<sup>th</sup>:** "Lenten Collection" (Diocese)

## Catholic Strong Campaign

**Our Catholic Strong y-t-d: \$125,030 (31%)**  
**Our Catholic Strong Goal: \$405,000**

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 and church vestibule.



# 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 April 6/7

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**EM's:** A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora  
**Lectors:** J. Gerst, B. Mattia

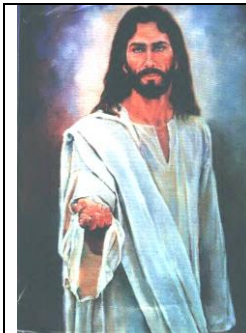
**Sunday, 9:00am**

**EM's:** R. Davis, M. Monaco, L. Monaco, R. Leone, M. Conway  
**Lectors:** D. Steinmetz, W. McHugh

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**EM's:** E. Nolte, J. Messina, M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman  
**Lectors:** M. Miller, R. Aleszczyk

## *First Friday Adoration*



**April 5, 2019  
9:30am – 7:00pm**

“O Sacrament most holy,  
O Sacrament divine, all praise  
and all thanksgiving be every  
moment thine.”

**RSVP to Rosemarie Leone  
@ 856-662-0035.**

**Dan Rather once interviewed Mother Theresa.**

**He asked Mother Theresa about prayer:**

“What do you say to God when you pray?” he inquired.  
 “Nothing,” replied Mother Theresa, “I just listen.”

“What does God say to you?” he responded rather derisively. “Nothing,” replied Mother Theresa, “He just listens.” That’s what prayer before the Blessed Sacrament can become. We are still, silent and we listen to God listening to us. And the more time we spend before the Blessed Sacrament in silence the more we will begin to hear God listen, the more aware we will become of his presence in our lives. -Douglas McManaman

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

- 4/1-Monday-9am Mass
- 4/2-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 4/3-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 4/4-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion
- 4/5-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm Stations
- 4/6-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 4/7-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Confirmation 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

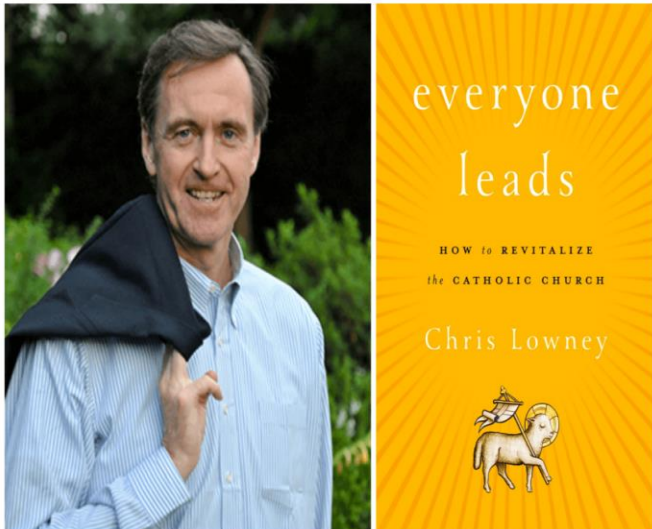
### ***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***

Continue April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:15pm.

### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

Continues April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

### ***People for the Poor Raffle***

This weekend we welcome PEOPLE FOR THE POOR who will be selling chances for \$5 for a week's stay in Williamsburg, VA. EVERY PENNY of that \$5 will go to homeless shelters and soup kitchens throughout South Jersey. Please help them help "the invisible society" – the homeless and hungry.

### ***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](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 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](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 April contact Lois @ 856-665-1221.





Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 4:00pm on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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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### 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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### Paul VI High School News

Paul VI High School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice HSPT is being offered on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. This full-length practice test is helpful in preparing students for the High School Placement Test taken in the fall of 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.pvihs.org).

Paul VI High School Coffee, Tea, and Tours will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Two convenient morning tour times are offered, ideal for families who are interested in Paul VI, or parents whose students are taking the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice HSPT. Reservations appreciated, all are welcome. For more information, or to make a reservation, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org), on the ADMISSIONS EVENTS tab.

Join the Sixth Annual DIOCESE OF CAMDEN FAITHFULL FOOD DRIVE	Sunday <b>APRIL</b> <b>7</b>
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### WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING



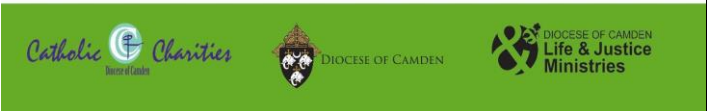
#### PROTEINS

- 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 7<sup>TH</sup>** OR PARTICIPATE IN OUR VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE AT [CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL](http://CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL)



### South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries

#### Gardening – The Healing Power of Nature

Research shows that digging in the earth's soil is soothing, comforting and peaceful. When planting seedlings, cultivating the ground, and nurturing flowers, we experience happiness from our fruitful labor. Each year we plant gardens knowing when the first frost comes the flowers will die. However, we have hope because in the spring we will once again plant flowers. The cycle of life mimics the cycle of nature. Although grief may never go away, gardening may be a therapeutic option that provides hope. The mission of South Jersey Catholic Cemeteries is to not only bury and pray for the dead, but also to comfort and console those grieving. Consequently, we are happy to announce our Garden Permit Program is available at all Diocesan run cemeteries. To learn more visit [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org) or call 800-594-4980 and a member of our staff with gladly help you.

#### Lenten Mass – 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). All are welcome! Wishing you many blessings during this most Holy Season.

	<h1 style="margin: 0;">LENT 2019</h1> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;"><i>“Open Your Heart to God”</i></p>	
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3/31/19	Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
4/2/19	Tuesday	Rosary 7:00pm
4/5/19	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
4/7/19	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent – 10:30am Confirmation Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan
4/9/19	Tuesday	<b>Penance Service</b> at 7:30pm following the Rosary at 7:00pm
4/12/19	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
<b>HOLY WEEK:</b>		
4/14/19	Sunday	<b>Passion Sunday</b> – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am
4/18/19	Thursday	<b>Holy Thursday</b> – Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm -Blessed Sacrament Reposed until 11:00pm
4/19/19	Friday	<b>Good Friday</b> -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	<b>Holy Saturday</b> -Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am -Blessing of Food at Noon -Easter Vigil 8:00pm
4/21/19	Sunday	<b>Easter Sunday</b> – 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.