

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## Pastoral Staff

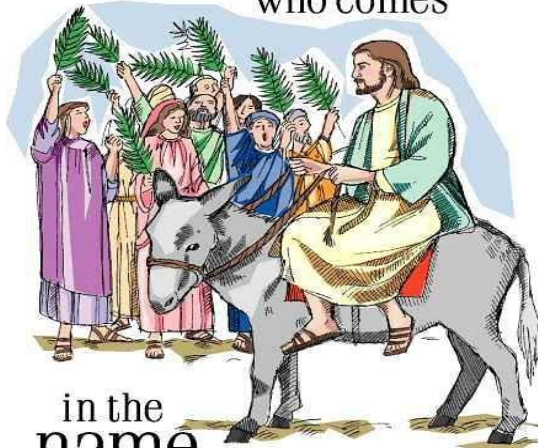
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco  
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

Parish Trustees  
Keith Knight  
Earl Nolte

Rectory Office Hours  
Monday–Friday  
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

Emergencies  
(856) 261-9336  
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Parish Email  
[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

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[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.*

## *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – April 14, 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 April 14, 2019 (Palm Sunday)**  
 9:00am Keenan Lucero r/b Joe & Bonny Genovese  
 10:30am Bill Buffington (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b His Wife  
 John & Anne Marie Meyer r/b Family  
 Rosina Midili r/b The Joie Family  
 William Sauer r/b Family

**MONDAY April 15, 2019**  
 9:00am People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

**TUESDAY April 16, 2019**  
 9:00am Mike & Josephine Waseline r/b Nick Picciano

**WEDNESDAY April 17, 2019**  
 9:00am Karen O'Mara Vaytas r/b Edward & Bette Clark

**THURSDAY April 18, 2019 (Holy Thursday)**  
 7:00pm People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

**FRIDAY April 19, 2019 (Good Friday)**  
 12pm Noon Reading of the Psalms until 2:45pm  
 3:00pm Liturgy of the Word/Veneration of the Cross

**SATURDAY April 20, 2019 (Holy Saturday)**  
 8:00pm People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

**SUNDAY April 21, 2019 (Easter Sunday)**  
 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  
**Dean Otto**

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.

**April 6/7, 2019 Offertory Collection: \$4,333**  
**2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600**  
**Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,301**

Special Collections / Envelopes:

**April 19: "Holy Land / Good Friday"**

**April 21: "Easter Collection"**

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**THANK YOU!!**

On March 30/31 **PEOPLE FOR THE POOR** was selling chances to help "the invisible society" – the homeless and hungry. Because of your amazing generosity, EVERY PENNY of the \$820 which you gave goes directly to homeless shelters & soup kitchen.



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, 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 18-21

**Holy Thursday, 7:00pm**

EM's: M. Monaco, M. Miller, E. Nolte, R. Davis  
 Lectors: W. McHugh, J. Melfi

**Good Friday – Noon – 2:45pm Psalms:**

12N MS Monaco, 12:20 E. Nolte, 12:40 P. Nolte, 1:00 M. Miller,  
 1:20 W. McHugh, 1:40 R. Davis, 2:00 B. Camden, 2:20 P. Nolte

**3:00pm Lectors:** B. Mattia, P. Nolte

**Holy Saturday, 8:00pm**

EM's: M. Monaco, R. Davis, E. Nolte, M. Conway, K. Fagan  
 Lectors: D. Heck, M. Turan, P. Nolte, M. Miller, Joan R., R. Taylor,  
 Epistle: D. Steinmetz

**Easter Sunday, 9:00am**

EM's: E. Nolte, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro, R. Davis  
 Lectors: J. Gerst, J. Melfi

**Easter Sunday, 10:30am**

EM's: M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler, S. Underwood, T. Angstman  
 Lector: R. Aleszczyk, M. McHugh



## CATHOLIC STRONG

CAMPAIGN FOR THE CATHOLIC  
 COMMUNITY OF SOUTH JERSEY

**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.

For your convenience, any **NEW PLEDGES** may be made online at either <https://Bit.ly/CatholicStrong> or <https://16042.thankyou4caring.org/development/catholic-strong>.

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

- 4/15-Monday-9am Mass
- 4/16-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 4/17-Wednesday-9am Mass, NO CCD
- 4/18-Holy Thursday-7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 4/19-Good Friday- Noon-2:45pm Psalms, 3pm Liturgy
- 4/20-Holy Saturday-9am Vigil Rehearsal, 8pm Easter Vigil
- 4/21-Easter 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**

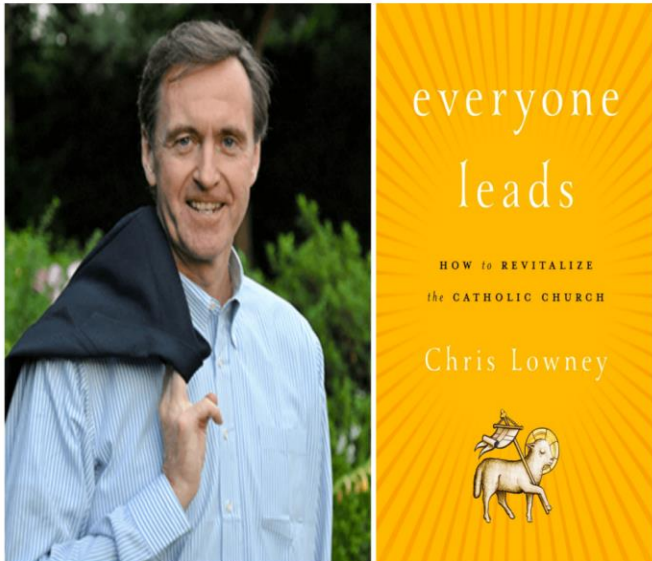
### ***Wednesday Night CCD***

**Closing Mass: May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:15pm.**

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

**Continues April 25<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.

### ***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.

### ***K of C Yard Sale May 11<sup>th</sup>***

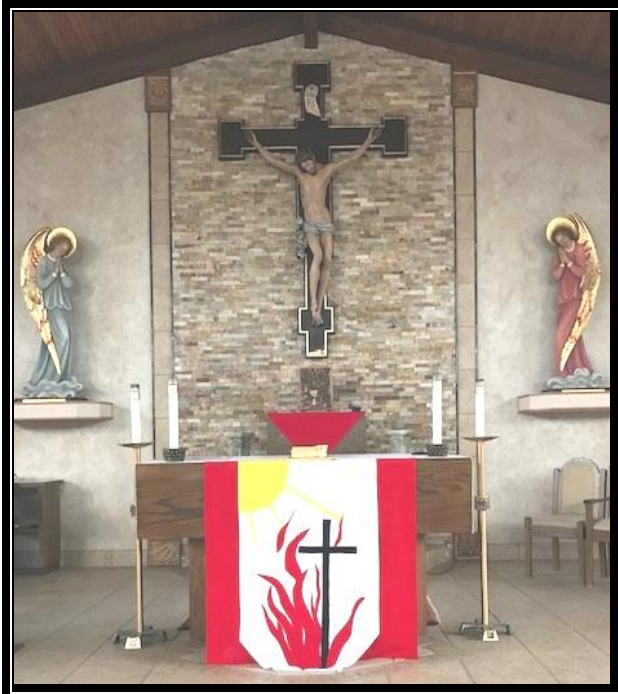
K of C Pennsauken Council will sponsor a big flea market Saturday, 5/11/19 at St. Cecelia School parking lot, Westfield Ave. & 49th St. from 8 AM to 2 PM, rain date May 25. To rent a space or donate goods for charity, call Lonnie at 662-6049.

### ***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***

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|  | <p><b>We are here to pray for you.</b></p> <p>For Prayer Requests in the month of April contact<br/><b>Lois @ 856-665-1221.</b></p> |
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## ***Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2019***

On April 7<sup>th</sup> the following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation with **Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan** presiding.

Please keep the Confirmandi of St. Stephen Parish in your prayers:

- Morgan Veronica Daniels***
- Brianne Teresa Lantigua***
- Cassandra Cecelia Nicdao***
- James Jose Vales***
- Jasmine Renee Vales***

We wish to thank Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE, teacher Mr. Earl Nolte, Seamstress Pat Nolte, our Altar Servers, and a special thank you to Maria Haas for beautifying our church for Confirmation. With gratitude also to the Knights of Columbus, Chef William Tillinghast, Interior Decorators Mary Sharon Monaco, Kathy Brown, Anna Cirullo, Terry Modzier, Maître D's Terry Scavuzzo & Bill Mattia, our Choir Director Nancy Werner Kaiser and our Choir for their contributions.



**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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## **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 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 in the Rectory.

**Deadline is May 6, 2019.**

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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.

# Holy Week Schedule



### Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm  
Blessed Sacrament Reposed 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 22.**

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## 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.

# Jubilee Mass for our Priests

Bishop Dennis Sullivan will be the principal celebrant at a special Mass honoring priests in the Diocese of Camden who will celebrate a special jubilee this year.

**Monday, May 6, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.  
Saint Mary's Church  
2001 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill**

All the people of the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass. Come and celebrate with the priests of our diocese.

### **We celebrate the following Jubilarians:**

#### 25 Years

**Reverend Frederick Clement, MSSCC  
Reverend Mike Ezeatu  
Reverend Zbigniew Majcher, SDB  
Reverend Alfred Mungujakisa  
Reverend Francis Oranefo  
Reverend Krzysztof Wtorek**

#### 40 Years

**Reverend Ernest Soprano**

#### 50 Years

**Reverend Carmen Carlone  
Reverend Frederick Link  
Reverend William Moore  
Reverend Edward F. Sobolewski  
Reverend John Tumosa**

#### 60 Years

**Reverend Monsignor John A. Clarke  
Reverend Monsignor Michael Doyle  
Reverend John Killeen**