

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

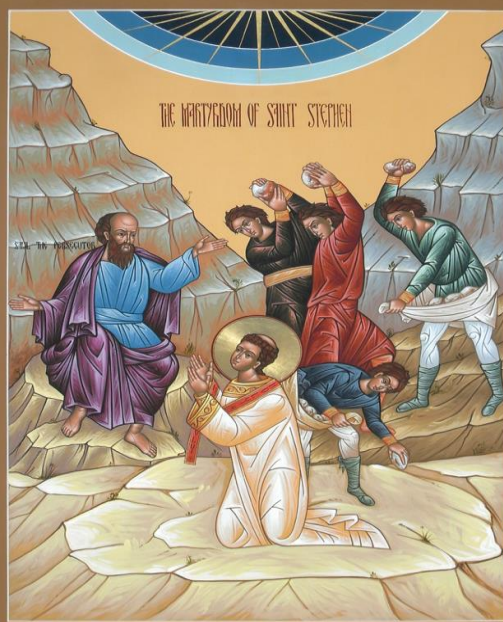
## *Pastoral Staff*

**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



## *Contact Info*

**Rectory Phone**  
(856) 662-9339

**Rectory Fax**  
(856) 662-4679

**Emergencies**  
(856) 261-9336  
(Accidents, Dying or Death)

**Parish Email:**  
[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.*

## *April 2, 2017 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**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.

Required Preparation is 1 class, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month @ Noon.

**Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist** –

**Upon request after the 4:30pm Mass in the Chapel.**

Prior notification is necessary by calling the rectory Monday-Friday. Also call the Rectory if someone is sick or housebound.

**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. Further information is available by calling the Rectory.

**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.

# 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 2018 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 2, 2017</b>
9:00am	Raymond Steele r/b M/M Gerald Gracey
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Barbara McHugh r/b James & Stella Cuzzupe
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>April 3, 2017</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>April 4, 2017</b>
9:00am	Jean Gugliotta r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>April 5, 2017</b>
9:00am	Louise Pigliacelli (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Her Husband, Frank
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>April 6, 2017</b>
9:00am/Novena	Pietro Faiola r/b Lucille Buffington
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>April 7, 2017 (First Friday Adoration)</b>
9:00am	Alice Cole r/b Nick Picciano
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 8, 2017</b>
4:30pm	Pietro Faiola r/b Edith Alessi
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 9, 2017</b>
9:00am	Joseph & Florence McHugh r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Raymond Steele r/b M/M Louis Sytsma Leonard Aleszczyk r/b M/M Thomas McHugh



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 25/26, 2017 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,484</b>
<b>2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:</b>	<b>\$4,600</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b>	<b>\$4,638</b>

Special Collections:

- April 2-16: "Easter Flowers" (St. Stephen)
  - April 13<sup>th</sup>: "The Needy in Our Area" (St. Stephen)
  - April 14<sup>th</sup>: "Holy Land/Good Friday" (Diocese)
  - April 16<sup>th</sup>: "Easter Collection" (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:**

Dolores Afilani, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Raymond Amatrudo, Sr., Eleanor Becker, Bernadette Bierbach, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccaraone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Cranmer, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Doris Denuel, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Biagio Dinoto, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, 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, Sam Loperfido, Sr., Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Rosemarie Rosolia, Patricia Ruhl, Dean & Mary Russell, Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Viviello, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for April 8/9

\* Designates Alternate Server

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: Sr. Eleanora, R. Davis, A. Knight, V. Thibault, \*A. Cirullo

Lectors: Joan Rivera, J. Melfi

**Sunday, 9:00am**

Altar Servers: M. Conway, Mi. Conway

EM's: E. Nolte, L. D'Alessandro, R. Davis, R. Leone, \*T. Modzier

Lectors: P. Nolte, D. Heck

**Sunday, 10:30am**

Altar Servers: C. Nicdao, M. Daniels, Ma. Daniels

EM's: M. Conway, W. Delfin, T. Mattered, G. Tutwiler, \*M. Meloni

Lectors: M. Miller, M. Turan



"ENCOUNTER the LIVING GOD" *We Encounter the Living God*

... when we share our blessings with those in need. Your *House of Charity* gift enables Catholic Charities offices in each of our 6 counties to provide a range of vital social services to people in need, for example, through food pantry, clothing, furniture warehouse, housing assistance and county sites. **Your Gift Matters.** Please support the 2017 *House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal.*

**2017 House of Charity y-t-d \$13,785 (28.7%)**

**2017 House of Charity Goal \$48,018**

Thank you to the 68 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. 591-StStephen

### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 4/3-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study
- 4/4-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary/Penance Service
- 4/5-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 4/6-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 4/7-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm Stations
- 4/8-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 4/9-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass



Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, 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*

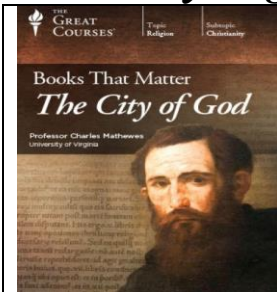
### Tuesday Night Rosary

#### 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 Continue April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.

### Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue  
**April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** in the  
Sr. Bernadette Parish Center  
with  
Prof. Charles Mathewes'  
**"Books That Matter-  
The City of God"**

### First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, April 7, 2017  
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.

### Parish Library

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Spring reading needs! We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. Please stop by after Masses.

#### Hours:

**Saturday, 5:30-6:00pm**

**Sunday, 10:00-10:30; 11:30-12:00**

### 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

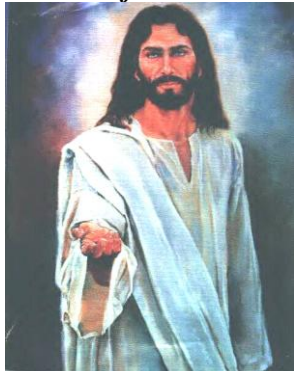


**We are here to pray for you.**

For Prayer Requests  
for the month of April contact  
**Bernadette @ 609-220-6359**

# A SPECIAL INVITATION

Just for You!



You are cordially invited to come into the silence and spend one hour with Our Lord during our **First Friday Adoration April 7, 2017.**

Jesus said to His Apostles, "Could you not watch one hour with me?" He is asking us the same question today. Won't you say "YES" to His invitation?

RSVP to Rosemarie Leone @ 856-662-0035.

## Health & Wellness Ministry News



Our CPR class was an overwhelming success! We had five participants and all of us were very grateful for the chance to learn and brush up on our skills.

A big Thank You to **Jymme Szurek** for her valuable expertise and awesome instructional skills. We hope to offer the class again possibly in the fall.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it - you **DESERVE** a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next weekends are April 21-23 and Oct 20-22, 2017. For more information call 609-741-8012 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org) Visit our website [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

## CHRISM MASS 2017

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 4:00 P.M. on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017** 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.

## Afternoon of Jazz

Don't miss this 26th annual dinner dance to benefit the Diocesan Black Catholic Ministries' Scholarship Fund on **Sun., April 23, 3 – 8 p.m.** at Masso's Crystal Manor, 210 S. Delsea Dr., Glassboro. Send a check made out to "Diocese of Camden" for \$40 per person and mail it to James E. Andrews, Director, Black Catholic Ministries, 631 Market St., Camden, NJ 08102.

Questions? Contact James at (856) 583-2907 or [James.Andrews@camdendiocese.org](mailto:James.Andrews@camdendiocese.org).

## iRace4Vocations

On **Sunday, April 30, 2017**, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Williamstown High/Middle School (561 Clayton Rd, Williamstown, NJ 08094) for our 6th 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 in this calendar year (01/01/17. Through 12/31/17), you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more of marriage, please join us in celebrating on **Sunday, June 18, at 3:00 p.m.** Mass in Glassboro, at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish. Bishop Sullivan will be the celebrant. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. Registration forms are available at all parish offices. **Registration deadline is May 26, 2017.** For more information please contact the parish office at 856-662-9338.

	<h1 style="margin: 0;">LENT 2017</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">“Open My Eyes, Lord”</h2>	
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4/2/17	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
4/4/17	Tuesday	<b>Penance Service at 7:30pm</b> following the Rosary at 7:00pm
4/7/17	Friday	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
4/9/17	Sunday	<b>Passion Sunday</b> – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am
4/13/17	Thursday	<b>Holy Thursday</b> – Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm -Blessed Sacrament Reposed in the Parish Center until 11:00pm
4/14/17	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
4/15/17	Saturday	<b>Holy Saturday</b> -Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am, Blessing of Food at Noon, Easter Vigil 8:00pm
4/16/17	Sunday	<b>Easter Sunday</b> – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am

## Answering Your Questions About the Catholic Church’s Teaching on Cremation (Parts 1-3 of a 6-part series)

<p><b>What Is The Church’s Teaching Regarding Cremation?</b></p> <p>The Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed. It does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching. The instruction <i>Ad resurgendum cum Cristo</i> (To Rise with Christ) released by the Vatican on October 25, 2016 provides clarification regarding burial and cremation.</p> <p>Cremated remains are the body of the deceased in a changed form. We should honor them as we honor the body. They must be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead.</p> <p>The church prefers that cremation take place after the funeral liturgies. These celebrations include prayers at the time of death in the presence of the body, a Vigil Prayer during the time of the wake, and a Funeral Mass. Ideally, cremation occurs after the Funeral Mass and is followed by the Rite of Committal.</p>	<p><b>Why Must Cremated Remains Be Buried In Sacred Grounds?</b></p> <p>As Catholics, we believe in the Resurrection, the promise that our body will rise from the grave and be reunited with the soul to become a renewed form of our creation. We are called to hold the deceased and their remains in prayerful and visible memory.</p> <p>The Rite of Committal is the final act of the Christian community caring for the deceased. Just as we honor the corporeal remains by burying the body in a sacred place, we too must honor your loved one’s cremated remains and lay them to rest in sacred grounds.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(1 Thess. 4:16)</p>	<p><b>What Is The Accepted Practice For Handling Cremated Remains?</b></p> <p>Cremated remains must be placed in an appropriate container. This container need not be an expensive urn. The plastic or cardboard container into which the crematorium places the cremated remains is sufficient for burial or placement in a niche in a cemetery.</p> <p>The Church asks that your loved one’s cremated remains be treated with the same respect that the corporeal remains are treated through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full celebration of Catholic Funeral Rites</li> <li>• Proper respect in the manner of carrying and placing cremated remains</li> <li>• Burial or entombment in sacred grounds</li> </ul> <p>Interring your loved one’s remains in a Catholic cemetery ensures on going prayers and remembrance from the faith community. Holy Mass is offered many times throughout the year for their intentions.</p>
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