

St. Stephen Parish

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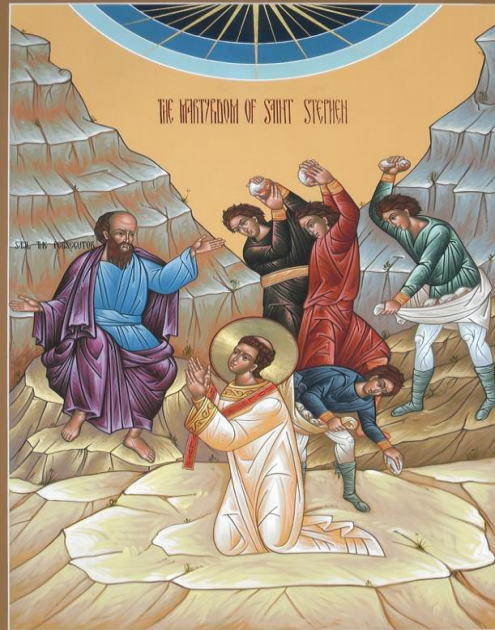
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

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Rose Marie Davis
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Rectory Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00am - 4:30pm



Contact Info

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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 22, 2018 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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".

SUNDAY 9:00am	April 22, 2018 William & Frances Blumenstein r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Glenn Nazarok r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood
MONDAY 9:00am	April 23, 2018 For the Healing of Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 24, 2018 Carmella Meyers r/b The Loperfido Family
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 25, 2018 For the Good Intentions of our Confirmandi
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	April 26, 2018 Roseanne Milanese r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 27, 2018 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY 4:30pm	April 28, 2018 Jean Burns r/b Ed & Barb Weingard
SUNDAY 9:00am	April 29, 2018 (10:30am Confirmation Mass) Michael Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	For the Good Intentions of our Confirmandi



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of
Jean Burns

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 14/15, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$3,812
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,393

Special Collections / Envelopes:

April 22: "Catholic Home Missions" (Diocese)
May 10: "Ascension Thursday" (St. Stephen)
May 13: "Catholic Communications" (Diocese)
(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, Savaeluna 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 Vivillo, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for April 28/29

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, A. Rende
Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: E. Nolte, T. Modzier, M. Conway, L. D'Alessandro, R. Leone
Lectors: J. Gerst, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am Confirmation Mass with Bishop Sullivan

EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, M. Miller, S. Underwood, J. Messina
Lectors: B. Mattia, J. Melfi

CLOW: Confirmation Mass, No CLOW.



2018 House of Charity y-t-d \$14,935 (31.1%)
2018 House of Charity Goal \$48,018

Thank you to the 61 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

4/23-Monday-9am Mass
4/24-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
4/25-Wednesday-9am Mass
4/26-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
4/27-Friday-9am Mass, 6pm Confirmation Rehearsal
4/28-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
4/29-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Confirmation Mass,
New Crucifix Blessing, Stonegate II Groundbreaking

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 in the Fall

Thursday Night Discussion Club
Continues April 26th @ 7pm in the Rectory.
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, May 4: 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 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 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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

For Prayer Requests in the month of April contact Betty @ 856-662-6928

Look at the Calendar!

It's time for that 5 year tune-up! We would never expect a car to run smoothly forever without a tune-up, so why do we expect our marriage relationship to keep running smoothly without a little maintenance? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend gives married couples the tools to keep their relationship in top running condition.

To schedule that tune-up, go on line to wwme-southjersey.org. The next weekend is **May 4-6, 2018**. Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org

Visit our website wwme-southjersey.org

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## Camden Catholic High School News

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Apply for Admission into the CCHS Class of 2022.** Admissions Applications for the Class of 2022 may be submitted on a rolling basis. Please submit your application as soon as possible in order to be considered for a spot in the CCHS Class of 2022. [www.camdenatholic.org/admissions](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissions).

**Spring "Road to College" Open House & Practice HSPT: Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m.** We encourage 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders to attend this program which will give students a better understanding of the High School Placement Test and give parents an early perspective on academic planning for high school. Camden Catholic is committed to the success of its students at the college level and realizes the importance of families planning for the future.

**RSVP:** [www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents)

**Irish Experience Guest Days-**For 8<sup>th</sup> graders only. 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. Contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: [janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 x136.

**Bag Bingo Basket Blowout - May 11 @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm,** Pisa Dining Hall @ CCHS. Doors Open 6 p.m. Bingo Starts 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 in advance & \$35 at the door. Ages 21+. Purchase tickets [www.camdenatholic.org](http://www.camdenatholic.org) or reserve through Mrs. Merenyi: [noemi.merenyi@camdenatholic.org](mailto:noemi.merenyi@camdenatholic.org). Tickets include 10 boards for 10 games of Bingo, additional boards can be purchased. BYOB & Bring appetizers to share with your table! Get your tickets now to have the chance to win gorgeous handbags (Michael Kors, Kate Spade and more!), amazing raffle prize baskets and the 50/50.

### Summer Athletic Camps, Arts and Academic Programs

Keep your student busy this summer! Explore the many options available for summer camp at CCHS. Visit [www.camdenatholic.org/summercamps](http://www.camdenatholic.org/summercamps) for dates, details and registration information. Academic & arts programs include: theater, fine art, music, digital art, forensic science, writing & presentation skills, algebra II, study skills, HSPT. Athletic camps: baseball, girls lacrosse, field hockey, boys and girls basketball and softball. Please register by June 1.

## Stewardship Reflection "Stewards Listen"

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." -JOHN 10:14-16*

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do **Stewards** listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

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Ride to Mass Needed

My name is John Woods and I am searching for a ride to Mass on Sundays for my mother, Margaret. She lives in Pennsauken, near the intersection of Merchantville Ave & Rt 130. Mom is mobile, lives at home, takes her time when she walks and is a regular attendee at St Stephens. If you think you can help at all please contact me @ 609-306-5163, or jdwp@verizon.net. Thank you.

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## Civil Rights Series May 5<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

The Holy Eucharist 50+ ministry in Cherry Hill, would like to invite you to attend a two-event series discussing the Civil Rights Movement in America. **We will be hosting a showing of the Lee Daniel's movie "The Butler" on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the church Annex.** This movie is a fictionalized account of an African-American butler serving in the white house for decades and is based on real events.

To complement the movie, we will be hosting a speaker on May 11 at 6:30 pm, rooms 108/109 of the parish center, who will discuss Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and his role in the Civil Rights Era. Our speaker will be Rev. Gerard Marable, M.Div., Th.M., who is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia and Christ the King Seminary in New York. Before entering the seminary, Fr. Marable was a Peace Corps volunteer for two years in the West Cameroon town of Soa. Returning to the U.S., he did his master's work at the *Institute for Black Catholic Studies* at Xavier University in New Orleans Louisiana after serving ten years at the parish level. He has founded *Soul of Camden* and *Kaighn Avenue Collaborative Enterprise* for human capital development in Camden NJ. His current endeavors are in the field of cultural competence. He is approaching thirty years a priest.

**Please join us for one or both events!**  
**Contact Pat: [patricia.kalata@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.kalata@gmail.com)**  
**or [pspruill@verizon.com](mailto:pspruill@verizon.com) with questions.**

# Diocese of Camden Jubilee Mass May 8<sup>th</sup>

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.

The Jubilee Mass for our Priests  
will be held on  
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 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 E. Joseph Byerley  
Reverend Sungheum John Kim  
Reverend Pawel W. Kryszkiewicz  
Reverend Paul A. Olszewski

## 40 Years

Reverend John D. Bohrer  
Reverend Monsignor Dominic J. Bottino  
Reverend Peter A. McLaughlin  
Reverend John A. O'Leary

## 50 Years

Reverend James J. Durkin  
Reverend Robert J. Gregorio  
Reverend Kenneth J. Johnston  
Reverend Calogero N. LaVerde  
Reverend Monsignor Andrew E. Martin  
Reverend Brian E. O'Neill

## 60 Years

Reverend Felipe L. Doldan  
Reverend Monsignor Thomas M. Flynn  
Reverend Joseph V. Jurkowski

## 70 Years

Reverend Monsignor Cornelius P. O'Leary