

St. Stephen Parish

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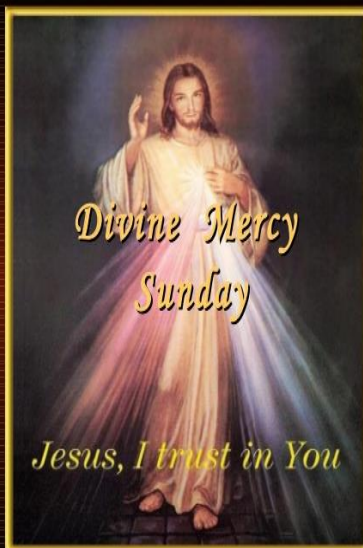
Pastoral Staff

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

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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336
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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 23, 2017 – The Second 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.

Required Preparation is 1 class, 2nd Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3rd 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".

SUNDAY 9:00am	April 23, 2017 (Divine Mercy Sunday) Frances & William Blumenstein r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Glenn Nazarok r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood Amelia Roberts r/b Pat & Tom Marchisello Pietro Faiola r/b Frank & Margaret Salerno
MONDAY 9:00am	April 24, 2017 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 25, 2017 James Maggioncalda r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 26, 2017 Pietro Faiola r/b Kathy Brown
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	April 27, 2017 Michael Whelan r/b The Haas Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 28, 2017 Paul J. Greenhalgh, Jr. r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY 4:30pm	April 29, 2017 Jean Burns r/b Ed & Barb Weingard
SUNDAY 9:00am	April 30, 2017 Michael Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Raymond Steele r/b M/M Jerry Frank Pietro Faiola r/b St. Stephen's Choir



**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of
The Unborn Children**

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 15/16, 2017 Easter Collection:	\$12,495
April 8/9, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$6,133
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,683

Special Collections:

April 23rd: "Catholic Home Missions" (Diocese)
May 28th: "Catholic Communications" (Diocese)

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House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal

2017 House of Charity y-t-d	\$15,685 (32.7%)
2017 House of Charity Goal	\$48,018

Thank you to the 74 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.



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., Eleanor Becker, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone, 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 Viviiello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for April 29/30

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

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

Lectors: B. Mattia, J. Messina

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: Q. Nguyen

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

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: M. Conway, Mi. Conway

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, T. Mattered, G. Tutwiler, D. Urgo, T. Urgo

Lectors: M. Turan, M. Miller

THANK YOU

All profits from our Knights of Columbus hoagie sale at St. Stephen Church and Mary, Queen of All Saints Church go to charities, including, but not limited to, Guadalupe Family Services in North Camden, to which we donate almost 12,000 baby diapers a year.

We sell almost 2,400 hoagies a year at the two churches to good people like you. So that means **every time you buy a Knights of Columbus hoagie, you indirectly buy almost 5 diapers for babies in very poor families** helped by Guadalupe Family Services.

Knights of Columbus Council #3512 gives you our deepest thanks for supporting the hoagie program.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

4/24-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study
 4/25-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Board
 4/26-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
 4/27-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion Club
 4/28-Friday-9am Mass
 4/29-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 4/30-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*

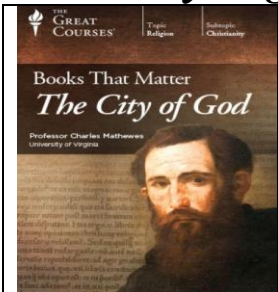
Tuesday Night Rosary

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 26th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club



Will continue
April 27th @ 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, May 5, 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 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.

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

Camden Catholic High School Hall of Fame Ceremony

Next Saturday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m.

at CCHS (300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, 08002)

Proceeds benefit the Hall of Fame Scholarship for CCHS students. Visit www.camdenatholic.org/halloffame or call 856-663-2247 ext. 130 for tickets.

Emerald Hall of Fame for Academics and Arts: entertainment agent Thomas Escott Lizzio '58, pediatric nurse practitioner and researcher Julia Bilodeau Purdy '78 and respected physician Dr. John Tedeschi '56. 1887 Special Recognition: Corporal John Michael Reid '65, USMC (posthumous) and the Sisters of Mercy, who founded Camden Catholic High School and remained an integral part of its growth for the past 129 years. Green & White Hall of Fame for Athletics: leading scorer in Irish girls basketball history Rashidat Junaid '06, track and field star Andy Mancini '63, Irish boys basketball standout Karl Sartor '83, Irish wrestling great Bobby Stinson '02 and the legendary state championship 1993 Irish girls swim team.

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## iRace4Vocations

Next 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/).

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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.

St. Stephen School's Remnants Sale!

Next Friday & Saturday

April 28 & 29 from 9am – 1pm

Christmas trees & décor, nativity costumes, stage props, field hockey, track & mascot uniforms, old maps, school tables, chairs, file cabinets, artwork, fax machine, adding machine, typewriter, overhead projector, kids' games, DVD movies, books, etc...Tools, electric & fluorescent bulbs, receptacles, switches, fixtures, fans, heaters, plumbing fixtures & parts, door handles, etc... Poly-coated picnic table, aluminum trellis, vases, plants and much more.

First Come, First Served!

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## Today's Gospel Reflection

*John 20:19-31*

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion. From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen. Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

Samost JFCS With St. Andrew the Apostle Church Presents  
A Community Awareness Program **For Parents and Students**



# Right in Our Backyard

## Addiction Awareness Workshop

# Is Your Child At Risk?

# How Can You Tell?

Come Hear / Dialogue with a PANEL consisting of:

**An Addiction Specialist,**

**A Member of Law Enforcement**

**A Parent Advocate and**

**An Individual in Recovery**

13% of 8th Graders and 40% of 12th Graders Say They  
Can Easily Get Prescription Pain Killers.

April 26, 2017 from 7 to 9 pm

St. Andrew the Apostle Hall

27 Kresson-Gibbsboro Rd.

Gibbsboro, NJ 08026

[www.ChurchofSaintAndrews.org](http://www.ChurchofSaintAndrews.org)