

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

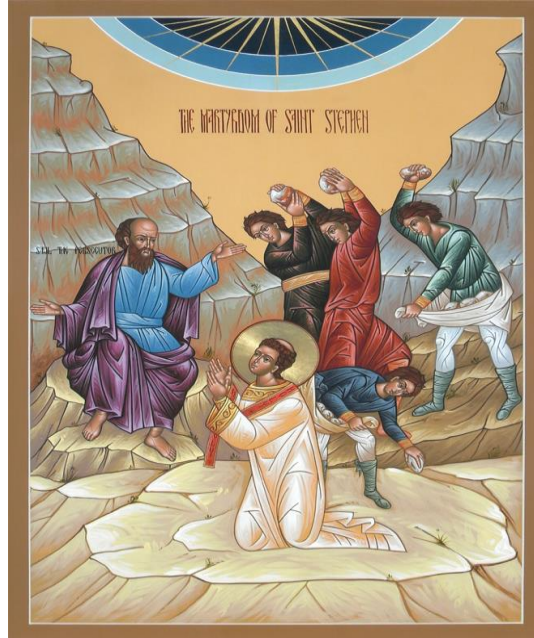
Pastoral Staff

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



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339

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

Parish Email
ecclesia@comcast.net

Parish Website
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 Second Sunday of Easter – April 28, 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 9:00am	April 28, 2019 (Divine Mercy Sunday) Rosina Midili r/b Madeline Costanza
10:30am	Alan Nastasi r/b Maryann Bufanio Walter Kittel r/b Rick & Bernice Taylor Glenn Nazarok r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood
MONDAY 9:00am	April 29, 2019 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 30, 2019 For the Good Intentions of all our Students who were Confirmed on Sunday April 7 th
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	May 1, 2019 In Thanksgiving for our CCD Teachers & Aides
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	May 2, 2019 For the Good Intentions of all our Students receiving First Holy Communion Sunday May 5 th
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 3, 2019 (First Friday Adoration) Marie Prevary r/b Lucille Buffington
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 4, 2019 Anthony Kalvaitis r/b His Wife, Rose
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 5, 2019 Angelina Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	John P. Iacovelli r/b Donald Mignone Jacqueline Catino r/b Her Loving Husband, Carl Walter Kittel r/b Roseann & Bob DiGiovanni Rosina Midili r/b Anthony & Susan Midili



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 21, 2019 Easter Collection:	\$10,516
April 13/14 Offertory Collection:	\$4,988
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,317

Next Special Collection / Envelope:
July 7: "Holy Father/Peter's Pence"

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, 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 May 4/5

Saturday, 4:30pm

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

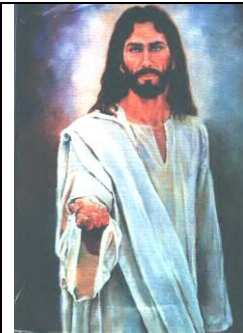
Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Leone, E. Nolte
Lectors: Joan R., M. Miller

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: J. Messina, M. Meloni, W. Delfin, T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, R. Aleszczyk

First Friday Adoration



May 3, 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

4/29-Monday-9am Mass
 4/30-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 5/1-Wednesday-9am Mass, Closing CCD Mass 6:15pm
 5/2-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion
 5/3-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
 5/4-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 5/5-Sunday-9am Mass (First Communion), 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

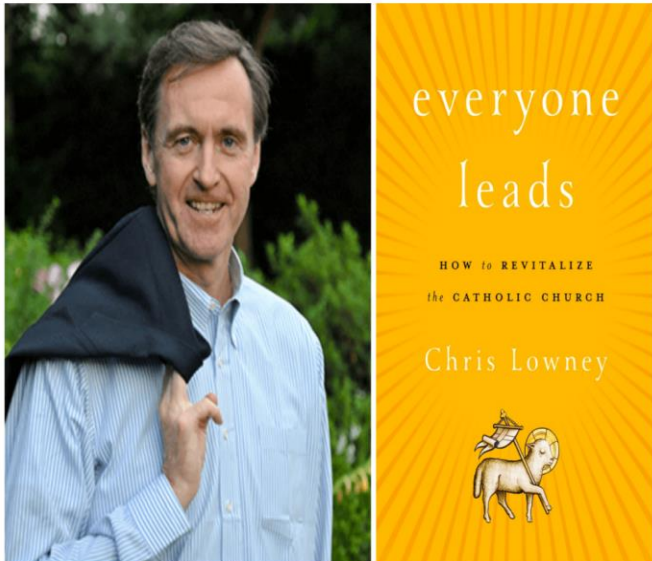
Wednesday Night CCD

Closing Mass: May 1st @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues May 2nd @ 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 to set up your account.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

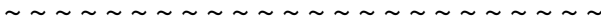
For Prayer Requests in the month of April contact
Lois @ 856-665-1221.

In May: Bernadette @ 609-220-6359

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale May 11th



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.



Diaconate Vocations: Where Love Becomes Service
If you are a man age 30 to 55 discerning God's call to serve the Church in the Diocese of Camden as a Permanent Deacon, and want to learn more about the diaconate formation program you are invited to a

Meet and Greet with the Deacon Candidates

Saturday, May 18, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Diaconate Center

15 N. East Avenue, Vineland

(former Sacred Heart High School 2nd floor)

The day will begin with Morning Prayer, followed by breakfast fare, there will be a brief presentation by the deacon candidates with an opportunity to talk one on one with the men in formation and the recently ordained deacons, to learn first-hand about their journey. The day will conclude with holy hour and benediction and light lunch. Registration is required to provide sufficient seating and food. If married your wives are invited and encouraged to attend.

For more information and to register call 856-583-2858 or email linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org.

Kindly register no later than May 10, 2019.

Mass of Remembrance & Healing
will be celebrated by Monsignor Michael Mannion & Monsignor Peter Joyce on Monday, May 13th 7:00pm at Church of the Resurrection in Marmora for those who have suffered the loss of a child of any age through miscarriage, still birth, abortion, SIDS, illness, overdose, suicide or any untimely death. We encourage and welcome all members of the family and friends affected by the loss of this beloved child to join in this mass of celebration for the precious life that touched ours briefly yet stays in our hearts forever! **(Please bring a picture or special remembrance of your child. Roses will be available for those who have lost their child before birth.)** For more information, please call: Betty at 609-425-3553 or email at elizpearce@comcast.net



Our Lady of Perpetual Help School encourages you to consider our school for your child's education. Registration is now open for September 2019. Transportation is provided for Pennsauken residents.

Please contact Mrs. Cynthia Smith, Principal to schedule a tour or for more information. (856) 779-7526 or principal@OLPHparish.com.



St. John Paul II Chapter Blood Drive Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 22nd

12:30 - 6:15 PM

350 Crystal Lake Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ

To make an appointment visit redcrossblood.org.

Enter sponsor code: *k of c haddon twp*;

Or--e-mail johnbuttil1952@netzero.com

Or, Call 856-547-7096.

Save the Date...Save a Life!

A Word of Thanks from our Joy of the Gospel Convocation Delegates



Greetings fellow parishioners,

Many thanks to Fr. Rocco and all of you for allowing us to represent you and St. Stephen's Parish at the Diocesan Convocation: Joy of the Gospel. It was an uplifting and spiritually profound event that is sure to be considered a pivotal time for the Camden Diocese and our Church. We, the ten delegates, would like to share with you what happened in Atlantic City. We also invite you to join us in sharing Jesus' good news with each other and our community at large.

The convocation was a prayerful experience including morning prayer, daily Mass, and evening adoration. There were five key note speakers sharing their knowledge and work in "Sharing the Joy of the Gospel". We each attended different workshops to learn new ways to become missionary disciples. Meals were had together so we could discuss what we were learning.

All of us are encouraged by Pope Francis and Bishop Sullivan to step up and become lay leaders of our Catholic faith in general and St. Stephen's specifically. We have been tasked with creating new ways, while also giving new life to old ways, to welcome new members and bring home those who have been away from the church community. It is also important to open our eyes, minds and hearts to see and meet the needs of our current parish family.

We, the initial delegates, prayerfully ask you: "How can we make St. Stephen's a stronger faith community sharing Jesus' "Good News". Please share your joys, thoughts, and concerns with any one of us.

Respectfully, **Anna Cirullo, Joanne DiBraccio, Pam Heck, Tom McHugh, Liz McHugh, Janis Melfi, John Messina, Loretta Steinmetz, George Tutwiler, Nancy Vales,**

PS: The Convocation was co-chaired by our own Deacon Anthony Cioe.
He sends his love, prayers and best wishes to all.