

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

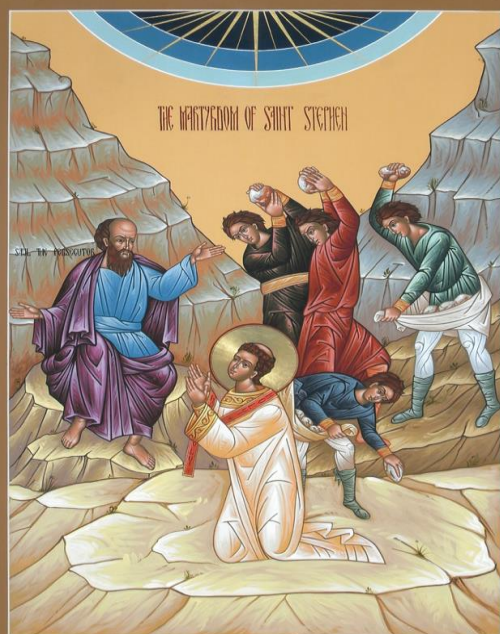
Pastoral Staff

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

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(856) 662-4679

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

Parish Website:
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 29, 2018 – The Fifth 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 29, 2018 Michael Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Confirmation Mass – Bishop Sullivan Presiding For the Good Intentions of our Confirmandi
MONDAY 9:00am	April 30, 2018 Carmella Meyers r/b Elaine Picciotti
TUESDAY 9:00am	May 1, 2018 Palma Pizzurro r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	May 2, 2018 Catherine E. Mason r/b Dorothea Dodds
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	May 3, 2018 Catherine M. Schneider r/b The McHugh Family
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 4, 2018 (First Friday Adoration) Helena & Al Burke r/b Nick Picciano
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 5, 2018 Anthony Kalvaitis r/b His Wife, Rose Kalvaitis
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 6, 2018 John Paul Gatti r/b Nick Picciano
10:30am	John P. Iacovelli r/b Donald Mignone Jacqueline Catino r/b Her Loving Husband, Carl



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 21/22, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$4,575
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,397

Special Collections / Envelopes:

April 29: "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 Ciccaraone, 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, Savaelina 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 May 5/6

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, A. Rende, L. Monaco, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: J. Melfi, B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am (First Communion)

EM's: M. Monaco, T. Scavuzzo, R. Davis, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: D. Heck, Jared Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: K. Fagan, J. Fagan, M. Meloni, M. Conway, T. Angstman
Lector: R. Aleszczyk
CLOW: M. Conway

Stewardship Reflection ***"Stewards Walk the Talk"***

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our **Stewardship** faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

4/30-Monday-9am Mass
 5/1-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
 5/2-Wed.-9am Mass, 6pm First Communion Rehearsal
 5/3-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
 5/4-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
 5/5-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
 5/6-Sunday-9am Mass w/ First Communion,
 May Crowning, 10:30am Mass

Tuesday Night Rosary

To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

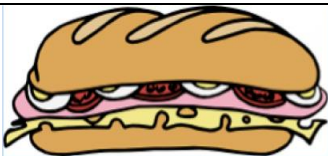
Come join us as we ask Our Lady to pray with us and for us. The tradition of the Church and the teachings of the Magisterium urge us to frequent recitation of the Hail Mary and the rosary. By keeping the name of Mary on our lips, we show our devotion to her. Mary's mantle is always present to protect 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 May 3rd @ 7pm in the Rectory.
 We'll be discussing Prof. William R. Cook's
 "The Catholic Church: A History"



All Are Welcome to Join Us!



**Knights of Columbus,
 Council 3512**
Hoagie Sale

As a charity fundraiser, our Knights of Columbus council will be selling fresh hoagies @ \$5.00 & \$6.00 each after all Masses the weekend of May 5 & 6.
 For info call 856-227-4980.

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 **May** contact **Maryann @ 856-333-6525**

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
Office of Child and Youth Protection

We can be sure that we love God's children when we love God and do what He has commanded. 1 John 3:2

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is called **CAP's Bullying Prevention Program** and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

CAP 3 is called **Cyber-Empowerment** and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere.

Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1, 2 or 3 when they renew their CAP.

The following sessions will be offered in **May 2018**:

CAP Phase 1

Date	Time	Location	Phase
Tuesday, May 15th	7:00 PM	St. Clare of Assisi 140 Broad St. Swedesboro	1
Wednesday, May 30th	6:00 PM	Holy Family (Aquin Center) 226 Hurffville Rd. Sewell	1

CAP Phase 3

Date	Time	Location	Phase
Wednesday, May 23rd	6:00 PM	Holy Family (Aquin Center) 226 Hurffville Rd. Sewell	3

No CAP Phase 2

To attend one of these classes, please call the **CAP REGISTRATION LINE** at the Office of Child and Youth Protection: **(856)583-6165**, or contact **Maryellen Schell** at maryellen.schell@camdendiocese.org. Please leave your name and the session date you plan to attend. You **will not** receive a call back. We ask that you register at least five days before the session you would like to attend.

The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the Diocesan website www.camdendiocese.org/cyp.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY



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.

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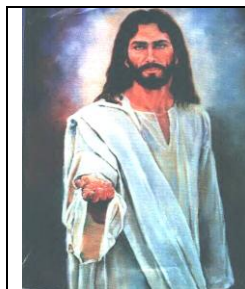
**Immigration and the Latino Community**

**Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in English from 10am-3pm**  
**St. Charles Borromeo Parish**  
**176 Stagecoach Rd., Sicklerville, NJ**  
**Free Admission**

We invite you to this event to explore how the faith and hope stemming from the Gospel shed light and empowers our pastoral ministry to the immigrant Hispanic/Latino Catholic community in the U.S.

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A SPECIAL INVITATION



"O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine."

First Friday Adoration
May 4, 2018

"A Genius conceives a masterpiece... He is delighted with it; he will realize it by every possible means and at the cost of any sacrifice.

He is dominated by his masterpiece; he sees it continually.

Well, (in like manner) fix your mind on our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and ponder on his love."

Saint Peter Julian Eymard

RSVP to Rosemarie Leone

@ 856-662-0035.

GOOD COUNSEL HOMES BIG 50-50 RAFFLE

GOOD COUNSEL HOME is holding a first time BIG 50-50 RAFFLE. (Goal: \$50,000 pot). This major fundraiser will enable us to continue our blessed work of saving babies and helping women at our Riverside Home. We intend to sell just 1000 tickets so the winners will receive: **#1 \$15,000 or 30%; #2 \$7,500 or 15%; #3 \$2,500 or 5%**

If we go a little over or under, the percentages will apply. In a time when so many have so little, your giving spirits to help those less fortunate, inspire us as we continue to do God's work on earth. Thank you for your continued support. For Raffle tickets please contact:

Mary Ann Lorimer, Good Counsel Homes, 215-989-0021, maryann_lorimer@goodcounselhomes.org. Good luck! Follow us on FB and Twitter ☺

Diocese of Camden Jubilee Mass May 8th

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