

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

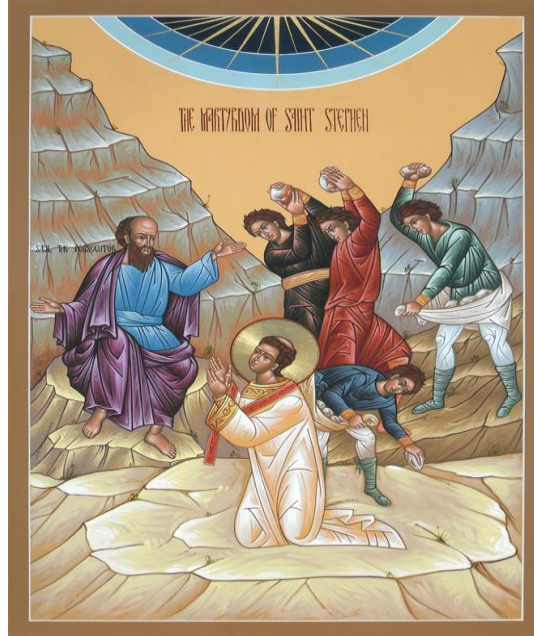
Pastoral Staff

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 7, 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 7, 2019 Rosina Midili r/b Rose Davis
10:30am	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan
MONDAY 9:00am	April 8, 2019 Walter Kittel r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 9, 2019 Margaret Bupp r/b Marie Just
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 10, 2019 James Bupp r/b Marie Just
THURSDAY 9:00am	April 11, 2019 In Thanksgiving for Our Ten Parish Delegates
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 12, 2019 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY 4:30pm	April 13, 2019 Patricia Durkin r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt
SUNDAY 9:00am	April 14, 2019 (Palm Sunday) Keenan Lucero r/b Joe & Bonny Genovese
10:30am	Bill Buffington (10 th Anniversary) r/b His Wife John & Anne Marie Meyer r/b Family Rosina Midili r/b The Joie Family William Sauer r/b Family



**The Sanctuary Candle
this week is in Memory of
*Christine Burke***

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.

March 30/31, 2019 Offertory Collection: \$5,056
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,301

Special Collections / Envelopes:
April 7th: "Lenten Collection"
April 19th: "Holy Land / Good Friday"
Now thru April 21: "Easter Flowers"
(Posted as courtesy to our 22+ 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:

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, SSI,
 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 April 13/14

Saturday, 4:30pm

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

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: E. Nolte, T. Modzier, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, L. D'Alessandro
 Lectors: M. McHugh, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: S. Underwood, J. Fagan, W. Delfin, M. Conway, T. Scavuzzo
 Lectors: M. Miller, Joan Rivera



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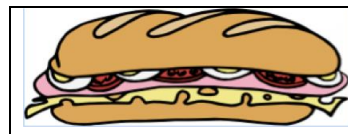
CAMPAIGN FOR THE CATHOLIC
 COMMUNITY OF SOUTH JERSEY

Our Catholic Strong y-t-d: \$125,030 (31%)

Our Catholic Strong Goal: \$405,000

Thank you to the **45 families** that have given generously thus far. If you have not pledged as yet, extra pledge cards are available in the rectory and church vestibule.

For your convenience, any **NEW PLEDGES** may be made online at either <https://Bit.ly/CatholicStrong> or <https://16042.thankyou4caring.org/development/catholic-strong>.



**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 **April 13 & 14. For info call 856-227-4980.**

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 4/8-Monday-9am Mass
- 4/9-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Penance
- 4/10-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 4/11-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion
- 4/12-Friday-9am Mass, 7pm Stations of the Cross
- 4/13-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 4/14-Palm Sunday-9am Mass, 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

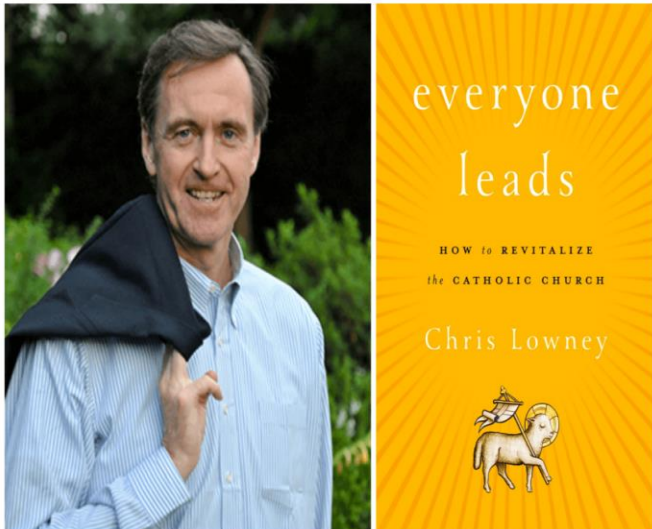
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue April 10th @ 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues April 11th @ 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.

Underwear & Sock Drive

Our St. Stephen Wednesday evening Youth Religious Formation Program is sponsoring a collection during Lent to assist the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Camden, Prison Ministry's Underwear and Sock Drive. This follows the Call of Jesus in Matthew 25, that "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." We have acted upon the call of the "Works of Mercy" by collecting food, and clothing, and visiting or writing to the sick, but rarely know how to help the person in prison. Now we have the opportunity to join Catholic Charities and help those in Prison by collecting the following: **MALES:** white tee-shirts and white boxers; **FEMALES:** white sports bras and white cotton briefs; and white crew socks for both MALES and FEMALES. **Please bring these items to St. Stephen's all throughout LENT and place them in the baskets in the rear of the CHURCH.** All items will be brought to the Catholic Charities Office after Easter. Many thanks for your generosity and for Loving Jesus in the person of the prisoner.

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## Paul VI High School Class of 1993 Memorial Scholarship

Honoring our departed classmates:

*Alexander Grassia, James Jacobson, Lauren Noble*

The Paul VI High School Class of 1993 is pleased to offer scholarships in memory of classmates who passed away far too soon. We will award a scholarship to an incoming Freshman and a graduating Senior going onto higher education. The scholarship will be based upon the applicant's community service record and an essay. The award will be paid directly to Paul VI High School for the incoming Freshman and directly to the institution of higher education for the graduating Senior.

**APPLICATIONS DUE: April 30, 2019**

**SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED BY:**  
**May 24, 2019**

Applicants can send their completed application and essay to the attention of Jennifer McGuckin-Mignano at 101 Deerwood Drive, Franklinville, NJ 08322 or [agahigs1@msn.com](mailto:agahigs1@msn.com). Questions can be directed to Jennifer McGuckin-Mignano at the above address, email address or cell phone: 609-922-3776.

Interested applicants must include the following information in their application:

- Full Name and Address.
- Education History.
- List of Volunteer Organizations and Activities with reference information.

Essay including the following topics:

- How volunteering and helping within my community has impacted my life.
- Educational goals.
- Future goals for community involvement.

## Our Parish Delegates for the Joy of the Gospel Convocation

The Parish of St. Stephen thanks our 10 delegates for representing us at the 4-day Joy of the Gospel Convocation in Atlantic City last week. Their enthusiasm and dedication were inspiring. We look forward to them sharing with us their insights and renewed commitment.



*Front row left to right:*

**Anna Cirullo, Janis Melfi,  
Father Rocco, Pam Heck, Nancy Vales.**

*Back row left to right:*

**George Tutwiler, John Messina, Liz McHugh,  
Tom McHugh, Loretta Steinmetz, Joanne DiBraccio.**

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Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If this year, 2019, you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more, please join us in celebrating Mass with Bishop Sullivan on

Sunday, June 16, 2019 @ 3:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

591 New Jersey Avenue

Absecon, NJ 08201-2424

(A light reception will follow in the parish hall.)

Registration forms are available in the Rectory.

Deadline is May 6, 2019.

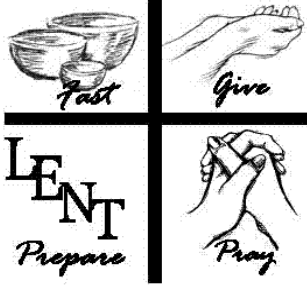
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## Gloucester Catholic HS News

**Pre-HSPT Testing for 7th graders will take place on May 11th.** Please email [guidance@gchsrams.org](mailto:guidance@gchsrams.org) by April 30th to reserve a testing spot.

**Incoming Freshman Math and Foreign Language Placement Tests will take place on May 11th.** These tests are optional for students who want to place into higher level math and foreign language sections. Please email [abarron@gchsrams.org](mailto:abarron@gchsrams.org) to confirm attendance.

**On Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> Gloucester Catholic High School is hosting its first "Ram's Pub & Grub" event.** This event will take place from 4pm-10pm at the G.C. Patrick Peyton Athletic Complex (81 Blackwood-Barnesboro Rd Sewell, NJ 08080).



# LENT 2019

## “Open Your Heart to God”



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| 4/7/19  | Sunday   | Fifth Sunday of Lent – 10:30am Confirmation Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan                                                                |
| 4/9/19  | Tuesday  | <b>Penance Service</b> at 7:30pm following the Rosary at 7:00pm                                                                             |
| 4/12/19 | Friday   | Stations of the Cross 7:00pm                                                                                                                |
| 4/14/19 | Sunday   | <b>Passion Sunday</b> – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am                                                                                             |
| 4/18/19 | Thursday | <b>Holy Thursday</b> – Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00pm<br>-Blessed Sacrament Reposed until 11:00pm                                         |
| 4/19/19 | Friday   | <b>Good Friday</b><br>-Reading of the Psalms from Noon to 2:45pm<br>-Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion 3:00pm |
| 4/20/19 | Saturday | <b>Holy Saturday</b><br>-Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am<br>-Blessing of Food at Noon<br>-Easter Vigil 8:00pm                             |
| 4/21/19 | Sunday   | <b>Easter Sunday</b> – Mass 9:00am and 10:30am                                                                                              |

Join the Sixth Annual  
DIOCESE OF CAMDEN  
FAITHFULL FOOD DRIVE

Sunday  
**APRIL**  
**7**

### WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING



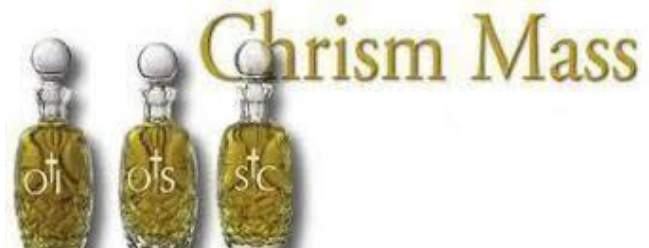
#### PROTEINS

- Canned Tuna Fish
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Soup
- Canned Beans
- Canned Chili
- Canned Beef Stew
- Peanut Butter

#### FRUITS & VEGETABLES

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Vegetable Juice
- Canned Tomato Products
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Applesauce
- Canned Fruit Juice

FOOD DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN OUR DIOCESE ON **APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>** OR PARTICIPATE IN OUR VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE AT [CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL](http://CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/FAITHFULL)



**Bishop Sullivan** invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 4:00pm on **Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### Lenten Guidelines

**Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.**

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

