

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

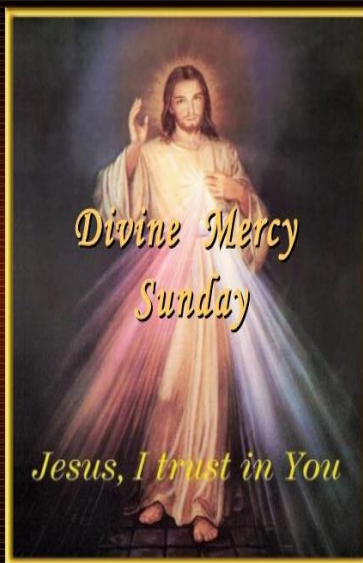
Pastoral Staff

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 8, 2018 – 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.

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 8, 2018 (Divine Mercy Sunday) Joseph & Florence McHugh r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Rev. Arthur T. Anderson r/b Mrs. Priscilla Handy & Family
MONDAY 9:00am	April 9, 2018 In Thanksgiving for Our Arts & Environment Ministry for Beautifying Our Church for Easter
TUESDAY 9:00am	April 10, 2018 For the Healing of Alice Baylor r/b Parishioners
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	April 11, 2018 Ida & Carrie Fanelle r/b Niece
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	April 12, 2018 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	April 13, 2018 Howard & Clara Buffington r/b Daughter-in-Law
SATURDAY 4:30pm	April 14, 2018 Mary Moles r/b Her Niece, Deborah Miller
SUNDAY 9:00am	April 15, 2018 Harry Mayer, Jr. r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family



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 1, 2018 Easter Offertory Collection:	\$11,647
March 24/25, 2018 Offertory Collection:	\$4,090
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,397

Special Collections / Envelopes:

April 22: "Catholic Home Missions" (Diocese)

May 10: "Ascension Thursday" (St. Stephen)

(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, 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 Vivello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for April 14/15

Saturday, 4:30pm

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

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: M. Miller, E. Nolte, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, M. Conway
Lectors: W. McHugh, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, G. Tutwiler, M. Meloni
Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, J. Messina
CLOW: TBD



2018 House of Charity y-t-d \$14,325 (29.8%)

2018 House of Charity Goal \$48,018

Thank you to the 52 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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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 jdwppts@verizon.net. Thank you.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 4/9-Monday-9am Mass
- 4/10-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 4/11-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 4/12-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 4/13-Friday-9am Mass
- 4/14-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 4/15-Sunday-9am Mass, 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)

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***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***  
**Continue in the Fall**  
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Thursday Night Discussion Club
 Continues April 12th @ 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

Camden Catholic High School News

8th 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. Visit www.camdencatholic.org/admissions.

Spring "Road to College" Open House & Practice HSPT: Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. We encourage 6th and 7th 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.camdencatholic.org/admissionsevents

Irish Experience Guest Days

For 8th 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@camdencatholic.org or 856-663-2247 x136.

12th Annual Hall of Fame Inductions

Saturday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. Grandi Auditorium at CCHS. Induction ceremony followed by an elegant cocktail reception featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres and open bar. Purchase tickets at www.camdencatholic.org/halloffame or call 856-663-2247 ext. 133. This year's honorees: Senior global health expert and researcher, Rosemary Barber-Madden '58; former Chief of Surgery at Cooper University Hospital Rudolph Camishion, MD '45; Golden Toque chef and Autism Shifts Ambassador Timothy Klaunder '78; Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Bridgewater State University and executive director of the Modern Language Association Paula M. Krebs '76; former Commander of the NJ Air National Guard Major General James McIntosh '56, USAF Ret.; longtime school librarian and devoted faculty member Sister Mary Winifred Thomas, RSM (posthumous); President of Electric Power Systems; devoted CCHS supporter Charles Reed '60; alumna and Board member Linda Schilling '70; 2005-2006 Irish girls basketball state championship team, legendary wrestler and ACC champion at Duke University Frank Cornely '00, Rutgers Hall of Famer and the first Irish boys soccer inductee Lou Holder '87, All-South Jersey and University of Connecticut All-Big East Academic honoree for swimming Ann Czerniakowski Rychlik '94 and Will Walker '91, All-South Jersey football and basketball player.

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.camdencatholic.org or reserve through Mrs. Merenyi: noemi.merenyi@camdencatholic.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.camdencatholic.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.

Serenity Through Mindfulness

April 14, at Sacred Heart in Vineland, a skills-oriented workshop, "Serenity through Mindfulness," is being offered by the office of Lay Ministry Formation. This workshop is designed to help attendees handle stress, anxiety and difficult relationships, thus helping to bring peace and meaning to life. The presenter: Sharon White, SSJ, Cost is \$25. For information or registration

Call 856-583-2906.

Email Colleen.Mayhew@camdendiocese.org

7th Annual iRace4Vocations

On **Sunday, April 22, 2018**, join Bishop Sullivan along with priests, religious, our seminarians and many other people from throughout the diocese at Washington Lake Park (626 Hurffville -Crosskeys Rd, Sewell, NJ 08080) for our 7th 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/.

Afternoon of Jazz, Plus

Don't miss this 27th annual dinner dance to benefit the Diocesan Black Catholic Ministries' Scholarship Fund on **Sun., April 22, 3 – 8 p.m.** at Masso's Crystal Manor, 210 S. Delsea Dr., Glassboro. Send a check made out to "Diocese of Camden" for \$40 per person to James E. Andrews, Director, Black Catholic Ministries, 631 Market St., Camden, NJ 08102. Questions? Contact James at (856) 583-2907 or James.Andrews@camdendiocese.org.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If this year, 2018, you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary of **25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more**, Please join us in celebrating Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan on **Sunday, June 10, 2018** .(A light reception will follow in the parish hall.)

**Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish
Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

500 Greentree Road - Glassboro, NJ 08028

Registration forms are available through your local parish.

Deadline is May 18, 2018.

For more information please contact your parish office.

Important Dates Affecting our Parish

April 9 – April 15, 2018

Scheduled Open Houses for purchase of Convent's remaining items

April 16, 2018

Church driveway to be closed. Use new entrance (Stonegate Drive) per map below.

April 29, 2018

Bishop Sullivan Confirmation Mass @ 10:30am followed by Stonegate II Groundbreaking.
Bishop Sullivan will also bless our new Crucifix on this date.

