

St. Stephen Parish

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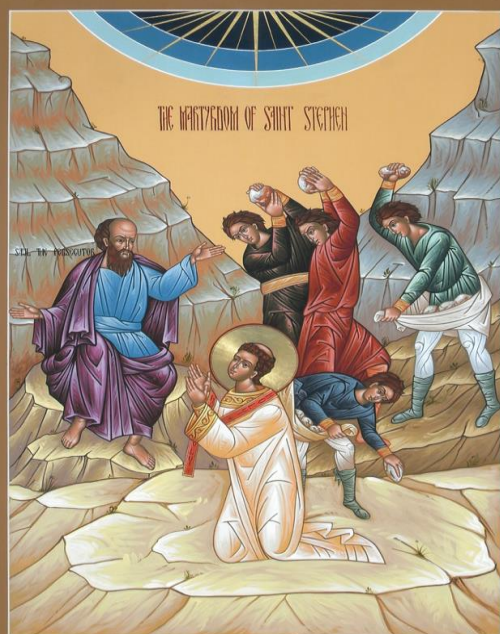
Pastoral Staff

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
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Parish Email:
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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.*

May 13, 2018 – The Seventh 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	May 13, 2018 (Mother's Day) Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Cliff Martin r/b Tom & Liz McHugh and Family
MONDAY 9:00am	May 14, 2018 Louise Cirullo r/b Her Daughter, Anna
TUESDAY 9:00am	May 15, 2018 Mary Doganiero r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	May 16, 2018 In Thanksgiving for Our Altar Servers
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	May 17, 2018 For Our High School & College Graduates
FRIDAY 9:00am	May 18, 2018 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY 4:30pm	May 19, 2018 Thomas Reinhart r/b Sybil & Stewart Saul
SUNDAY 9:00am	May 20, 2018 John Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Catherine M. Schneider r/b The McHugh Family Joseph Murtin r/b Joe & Maria Haas



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
***In Memory of
Mildred Moffa***

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.

May 5/6, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$3,729
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,379

Special Collections / Envelopes:

- May 13: "Catholic Communications" (Diocese)
- June 17: "Support of Seminarians" (Diocese)
- July 1: "Holy Father/Peter's Pence" (Diocese)
- July 8: "Pastoral Solidarity in Africa" (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 Ciccarone, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Cranmer, 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, Chase Gilchrist, 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, Michael Sponburgh, Steven Stepanavage, Keri Ann Taxis, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Viviello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for May 19/20

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, Sr. Eleanora, A. Cirullo
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Davis, L. D'Alessandro, E. Nolte
Lectors: M. Miller, TBD

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: W. Delfin, G. Tutwiler, M. Meloni, J. Messina, T. Angstman
Lectors: M. Turan, R. Aleszczyk
CLOW: J. Messina

Stewardship Reflection "Stewards Witness"

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."

– 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be a strong **Steward** in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

5/14-Monday-9am Mass
5/15-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
5/16-Wednesday-9am Mass
5/17-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
5/18-Friday-9am Mass
5/19-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
5/20-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)

Wednesday Night CCD Classes
Continue in the Fall

Thursday Night Discussion Club
Continues May 17th @ 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, June 1
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.

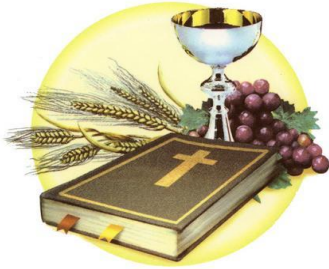
St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

For Prayer Requests in the month of **May** contact **Maryann @ 856-333-6525**

Our First Communicants!



The following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 6th. We wish to thank our CRE **Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**, our Sacramental Prep teacher **Mrs. Terry Scavuzzo**, and all those who helped make this celebration a blessed day. Please keep these children in your prayers:

- Luke Bielecki*
- Sophie Bielecki*
- Sophia DiCupe*
- Jasali Lantigua*
- Marienne Mayo*
- Jaycee Quinones*
- Kyle Russo*

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## House of Charity Appeal

**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 and church vestibule.

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Together in Prayer

A prayer group for the LGBT community, their families, loved ones and allies, will gather at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Turnersville on **May 20th**. Beginning in June the group will meet on the LAST Sunday of each month. All are welcome to join us for prayer. For more information, please call Christine at 207-240-5254.

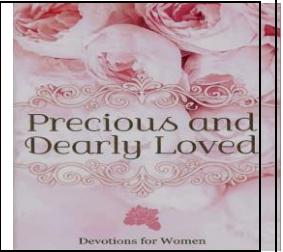
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## Memorial Day Mass Schedule Remembering Those Who Have Served and Who Have Gone Before Us

Memorial Day Masses are held in most of our Catholic Cemeteries to honor those who have served our country and paid with the ultimate sacrifice. For a complete listing of locations and times, please visit us at [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org).

# Happy Mother's Day!

We're pleased to present the  
"Precious & Dearly Loved"  
book of devotions  
to all Mothers and  
Mothers-to-be  
this year.



### Gracious God,

We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other.

### Today, loving God, we pray for our Mothers:

- who cared for us when we were helpless.
- who comforted us when we were hurt.
- whose love and care we often took for granted.

### Today we pray for:

- those who are grieving the loss of their mother.
- those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her.
- those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love.
- those families separated by war or conflict.

Lord, give them special blessings.

Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be. **Amen.**

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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. www.camdenatholic.org/admissions.

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@camdenatholic.org or 856-663-2247 x136.

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.camdenatholic.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.**

In Thanksgiving for Our New Crucifix



*On April 29, 2018 at the
10:30am Confirmation Mass,
Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan
blessed our new Crucifix.*



*We wish to thank all those
who sacrificed their
Time, Expertise, and Treasure,
albeit financial, physical or
spiritual, in making
this blessed event possible.*

