

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

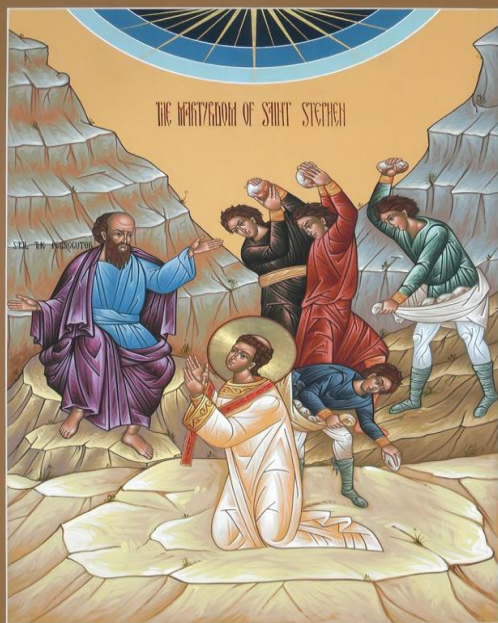
## *Pastoral Staff*

**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

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

**Parish Email:**  
[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

**Parish Website:**  
[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 14, 2017 – 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.

Required Preparation is 1 class, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month @ Noon.

**Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist** –

**Upon request after the 4:30pm Mass in the Chapel.**

Prior notification is necessary by calling the rectory Monday-Friday. Also call the Rectory if someone is sick or housebound.

**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. Further information is available by calling the Rectory.

**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.

# 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 2018 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 14, 2017 (Mother's Day)</b>
9:00am	Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
10:30am	Marlene Matteo r/b Her Children
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 15, 2017</b>
9:00am	James Maggioncalda r/b Sr. Eleanora Faiola & Family
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 16, 2017</b>
9:00am	Louise Cirullo r/b Her Daughter, Anna
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 17, 2017</b>
9:00am	Michael Whelan r/b James & Christopher Gaffney
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 18, 2017</b>
9:00am/Novena	Tomas Rivera, Sr. r/b People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 19, 2017</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 20, 2017</b>
4:30pm	Anthony J. Lord r/b Vilma Gambino & Marisa Cerasaro
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 21, 2017</b>
9:00am	John Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Lee Raymond r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood



The Sanctuary Candle this week is *In Memory of Our Deceased Mothers*

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 6/7, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$4,315
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,707

Next Special Collection:

May 28<sup>th</sup>: "Catholic Communications" (Diocese)

## House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal

2017 House of Charity y-t-d	\$17,720 (36.9%)
2017 House of Charity Goal	\$48,018

Thank you to the 84 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.

# 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:**

- Dolores Afilani, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker,
- Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Edmund Ciccarone,
- Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Cranmer,
- Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson,
- Joseph DiFrank, Biagio Dinoto, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer,
- Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, 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, Sam Loperfido, Sr., Michael Lopez,
- Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer,
- Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray,
- Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez,
- Linda Petrilli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Patricia Ruhl, Dean & Mary Russell,
- Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Rick Taylor,
- Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia,
- Margaret Trifaro, Mary Vивиello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble,
- Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

## Ministry Schedule for May 20/21

- Saturday, 4:30pm**  
Altar Server: TBD  
EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora  
Lectors: P. Nolte, B. Mattia
- Sunday, 9:00am**  
Altar Server: TBD  
EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Davis, M. Bufanio, R. Leone  
Lectors: Jared Rivera, W. McHugh
- Sunday, 10:30am**  
Altar Servers: TBD  
EM's: M. Conway, K. Fagan, M. Meloni, J. Messina  
Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, J. Gerst

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,  
Come One, Come All  
To Coffee and Pastries,  
At the Parish Hall!

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
After the

9:00am & 10:30am Masses



### *This Week @ St. Stephen Parish*

5/15-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study  
 5/16-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 5/17-Wednesday-9am Mass  
 5/18-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion Club  
 5/19-Friday-9am Mass  
 5/20-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 5/21-Sunday-9am Mass, **Coffee/Pastries**, 10:30am Mass



Come and join the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in God's word, lively discussions, and fun!

**When: Mondays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)**

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.  
 Phone or text: 610-805-5363 email: heides@comcast.net

*The woman who walks with God  
 Always reaches her destination*

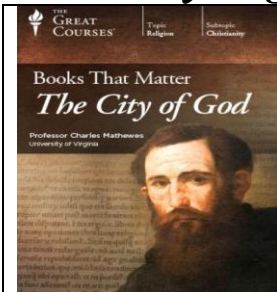
### *Tuesday Night Rosary*

#### **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 Will Resume in September.*

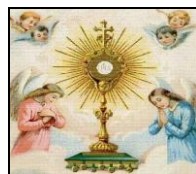
### *Thursday Night Discussion Club*



Will continue  
**May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm** in the  
 Sr. Bernadette Parish Center  
 with  
 Prof. Charles Mathewes'  
**"Books That Matter-  
 The City of God"**

### *First Friday Adoration*

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, June 2, 2017**  
**9:45am-7:00pm.**



## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU!!**

Many thanks to the following ministries that helped with their "service" and support during the Lenten and Easter liturgical season. **Art & Environment, Knights of Columbus, Buildings and Grounds, Altar Servers, Ushers, Parish Choir, Parish Council, Deacon Al and Father Rocco.** We wish to extend a thank you to all the parishioners who helped to enhance the church by remembering their families and friends through Easter Flower offerings.

### *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](http://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.

### *Parish Library*

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Spring reading needs! We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. Please stop by after Masses.

**Hours: Saturday, 5:30-6:00pm**  
**Sunday, 10:00-10:30; 11:30-12:00**

### *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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).

### *St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You*



**We are here to pray for you.**  
 For Prayer Requests  
 for the month of May contact  
**Diane @ 856-308-8224.**



**A Closer Walk with God  
Pentecost Sunday-June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
2:00 pm – 3:30pm**

1st Meditation: Overcoming Temptations  
2nd Meditation: Transformation in the Holy Spirit

St. Rose of Lima Church, 300 Kings Highway -  
Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

**Presenter: Fr. Joseph Byerley**

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**Reflection on  
Today's Gospel Reading**

John 14: 1-12

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

***Our First Communicants***

The following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 7<sup>th</sup>. 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:

**Shaka Kamara  
Samantha Nicdao  
Maxwell Roman  
Ava Torres  
Leighanne Vest**



***An Evening of  
Remembrance and Healing***

*Mass celebrated by Msgr. Michael T. Mannion*



*And He Will Raise You Up  
On Eagle's Wings...*

For those who have suffered the loss of a child of any age through miscarriage, still-birth, abortion, SIDS, illness, disease or any untimely death.

We encourage and welcome all members of the family and friends affected by the loss of this child to join in this Mass of celebration for the life that touched ours briefly, yet stays in our hearts forever.

**MONDAY  
May 15, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

**Church of the Resurrection  
St Maximilian Kolbe Parish  
200 Tuckahoe Road, Marmora, NJ**

*Please Bring a Picture or Special Remembrance of Your Child (roses will be available to those who lost their child before birth)*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL: Betty (609) 425-3553  
or email at elizpearce@comcast.net**

# Happy Mother's Day!



We're pleased to present the  
 "Hail Mary Nylon Tote Bag"  
 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.**



## Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2017

The following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with **Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan** presiding.

Please keep the Confirmandi  
 of St. Stephen Parish in your prayers:

- Matthew John Conway**
- Joseph John Miller**
- Deja Mary Osorio**
- Ziannie Isabel Rivera**
- Alexander Michael Scott**
- Iysis Zita Vales**
- Juan Michael Vales**
- Sarah Faith Wetherspoon**

Congratulations to the Candidates  
 from Sacred Heart Parish:

- Lisa Gianna Gonzalez**
- Elizabeth Grace Rodriguez**

We wish to thank Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE, Deacons Al Porowicz and Anthony Cioe, teacher Mr. Earl Nolte, Seamstress Pat Nolte, our Altar Servers, and a special thank you to Maria Haas for beautifying our church for Confirmation.

With gratitude also to the Knights of Columbus, Chef William Tillinghast, Sous Chefs Mary Sharon Monaco, Kathy Brown, Anna Cirullo, Terry Modzier, Maitre D's Janis Melfi, Janis' niece Lisa, Bill & Denise Mattia, our Choir Director Nancy Werner Kaiser and our Choir for their contributions.