

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

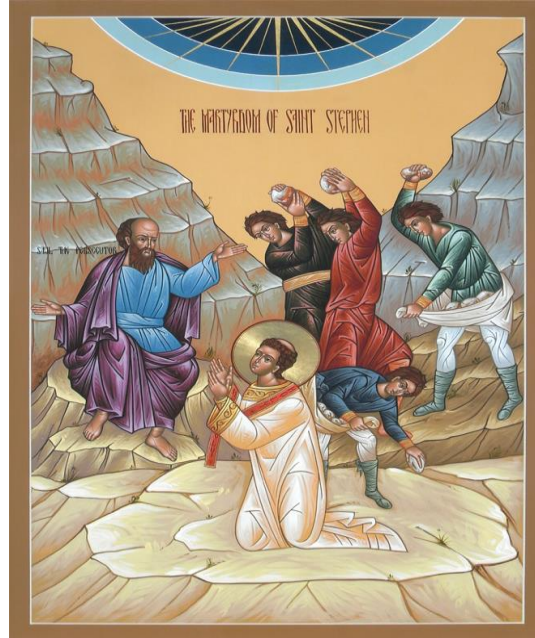
Pastoral Staff

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 Easter – May 19, 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	May 19, 2019
9:00am	John Papiano r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	William Doherty r/b Leni Zinicola
MONDAY	May 20, 2019
9:00am	Jean Sise r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY	May 21, 2019
9:00am	Anthony Patrone r/b Joanne Sofia
WEDNESDAY	May 22, 2019
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
THURSDAY	May 23, 2019
9:00am/Novena	The Deceased Members of the Underwood and Young families r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood
FRIDAY	May 24, 2019
9:00am	Diane Fleming r/b People of the Parish
SATURDAY	May 25, 2019
4:30pm	Michael Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
SUNDAY	May 26, 2019
9:00am	Mark Magrann r/b Earl & Pat Nolte
10:30am	Rosina Midili r/b Anthony & Susan Midili Raymond Steele r/b His Wife, Theresa



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.

May 11/12 Offertory Collection:	\$4,374
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,310
2019 House of Charity y-t-d	\$9,925 (20.4%)
2019 House of Charity Goal	\$48,739

Thank you to the **39 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.

Next Special Collection: July 7, Holy Father/Peter's Pence

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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.



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, 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, SSJ, Sandra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, Nancy Loperfido, Ken Maminski, Larry Miller, Joy and Ed Morrisson, Sue Ott, Rich Passaro, Nancy Sonnie, Callum Steinmetz, Rick Taylor, Adelaide Travia, Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for May 25/26

Saturday, 4:30pm

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

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, R. Leone, R. Davis, T. Modzier, M. Miller
Lectors: W. McHugh, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, S. Underwood, T. Scavuzzo, T. Angstman
Lectors: M. Turan, J. Messina

Knights of Columbus Immaculate Conception Council 3512

is holding an

Open House/Social Evening *INVITATION*

WHERE:

**Knights Room
Mary Queen of All Saints Parish Rectory
4900 Camden Avenue
Pennsauken, NJ 08110**

WHEN:

Monday night, May 20, 2019

TIME:

7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Open to all Catholic Men ages 18 and up

For further information contact:

George B. Tutwiler at 609-634-3631

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

5/20-Monday-9am Mass
 5/21-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Joint Council
 5/22-Wednesday-9am Mass
 5/23-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
 5/24-Friday-9am Mass
 5/25-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
 5/26-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Tuesday Night Rosary

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

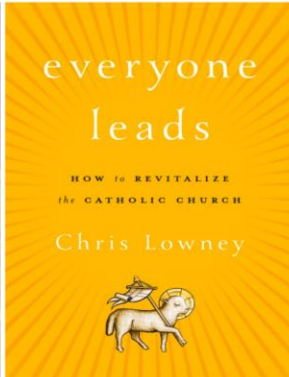
“Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the rosary, for the rosary is a weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.” -St. Padre Pio

Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Will Resume in September

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues May 23rd @ 7:00pm. We'll be discussing:

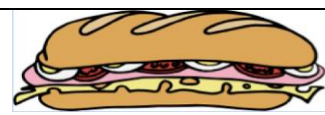


First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, June 7, 2019** 9:45am-7:00pm.



Knights of Columbus, Council 3512



Next Hoagie Sale: June 8 & 9

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 **June 8 & 9**. 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 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

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 May contact **Bernadette @ 609-220-6359**

Paul VI High School News

Paul VI High School Summer Programs are open for registration now! Offerings include

- High School Programs for Sat Prep & College Planning
- Middle School Programs for Creative Writing, Robotics, Computer Coding & HSPT Prep
- Sports Camps for Baseball, Field Hockey, Softball, Golf and Girls' Basketball

For more information, please visit www.pvihs.org, under the STUDENT LIFE tab, or email Mr. Matt Screnci, [mscrenci@pvihs.org](mailto:m screnci@pvihs.org)

Paul VI High School Girls Basketball Junior Skills Camp will be held at the school **July 15-18**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Girls entering grades 6 – 9 will have the opportunity to focus on skill development, basketball fundamentals and “IQ”, all while cultivating a healthy team attitude. Full 4-day camp rate is \$150 per athlete, or \$100 per athlete if registering 3 or more. For more information, contact Paul VI Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Lisa Steele, lsteale@pvihs.org.



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 the ultimate sacrifice. Please join us on May 27. For a complete listing of locations and times, please visit us at SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org.

*“I command you: be strong and steadfast!
Do not fear nor be dismayed,
for the LORD your God, is with you wherever you go.”*



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right

Gloucester Catholic H. S. News

Become a “Ram for the Day”. Schedule a shadow day by visiting www.gchsrams.org and click on the Ram for a day link. You can also email Mr. Tom Flynn in the Admissions office tflynn@gchsrams.org.

The Fr. Sullivan Golf Tournament will be held at the Pitman Golf Club on **Monday, June 17th**. Registration will begin at 12 noon. A putting contest will precede the 1:30 shotgun start. As usual, our format will be best ball of foursome. This golf tournament is named for Rev. John Sullivan who spent over twenty years of his life serving the Gloucester Catholic community. “Sully” was a friend to all who came in contact with him. We name the tournament in his honor to carry on the spirit of commitment that he gave to Gloucester Catholic. Profit from this tournament help fund Alumni Scholarships and the Athletic Department. For more information please contact Pat Moughan 609-970-1822 or via e-mail at patrickmoughan@gmail.com

Congratulations to the following students from our parish who achieved honor roll status for the third quarter:

Nathaniel Arroliga & Michael Schmid

Catholic Business Executives: Legatus is for you!

The Camden Diocese Chapter of Legatus is looking for Catholic business leaders who would like to strengthen their faith in their business, professional, and personal lives with their spouses alongside their peer Catholic executives.

Founded by Tom Monaghan in 1987, Legatus is the only organization in the world designed specifically by and for Catholic business leaders. The Providence Chapter has flourished since 2006 and is a very special community. Members meet monthly for unforgettable events that feature Mass, dinner, and an inspiring presentation from a guest speaker.

For more information on the Legatus membership criteria and the Providence chapter, contact John Knowles at (215) 262-3832 or jknowles@legatus.org.



Ambassadors for Christ in the Marketplace
www.legatus.org

Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

John 13:31-33a,34-35

***Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment:
Love one another.***

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.