

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

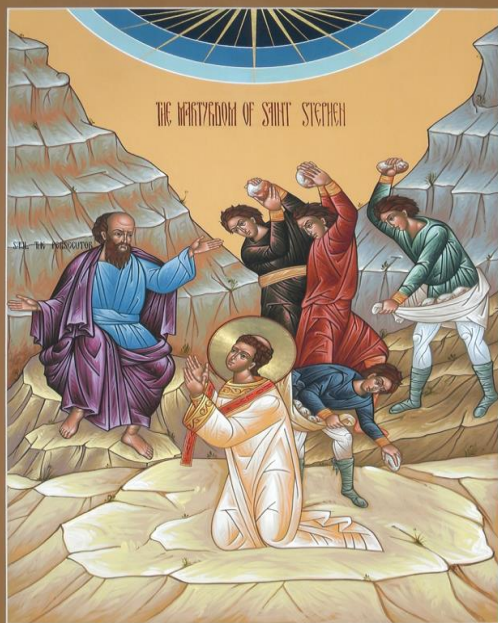
## *Pastoral Staff*

**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

**Rectory Fax**  
(856) 662-4679

**Emergencies**  
(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 21, 2017 – The Sixth 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 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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 22, 2017</b>
9:00am	Enrico T. Caruso, Sr. r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 23, 2017</b>
9:00am	Joan Borsellino Palmer r/b Joanne Sofia
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 24, 2017</b>
9:00am	Salvatore & Catherine Pigliacelli r/b Frank Pigliacelli
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 25, 2017 (Feast of the Ascension)</b>
9:00am/Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
7:00pm	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 26, 2017</b>
9:00am	In Thanksgiving for the Gift of 27 Years of Priesthood for Father Rocco, Father Klein, and Father Adamson
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 27, 2017</b>
4:30pm	Anthony J. Lord r/b Pat Tracy
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 28, 2017</b>
9:00am	Charles Orchard r/b M/M Michael Vogt
10:30am	Enrico T. Caruso, Sr. r/b People of the Parish



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 13/14, 2017 Offertory Collection: \$4,643  
 2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target: \$4,600  
 Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,706

Next Special Collection:

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

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## 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.



**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 25/27/28

### Ascension Thursday, 7:00pm

Altar Server: TBD

EM's: R. Davis, E. Nolte, L. D'Alessandro

Lectors: J. Melfi, B. Mattia

### Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: TBD

EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Rende, Sr. Eleanora

Lectors: B. Mattia, J. Gerst

### Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: TBD

EM's: R. Davis, E. Nolte, T. Modzier, M. Conway, L. D'Alessandro

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, D. Steinmetz

### Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, T. Mattera, G. Tutwiler, D. Urgo

Lectors: J. Messina, R. Aleszczyk

## Ascension Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>



Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
9am Mass & 7pm Mass**

The Rectory and all Diocesan Offices will be closed Ascension Thursday.

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

5/22-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study  
 5/23-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 5/24-Wednesday-9am Mass  
 5/25-Ascension Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Mass  
 5/26-Friday-9am Mass  
 5/27-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 5/28-Sunday-9am Mass, 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*

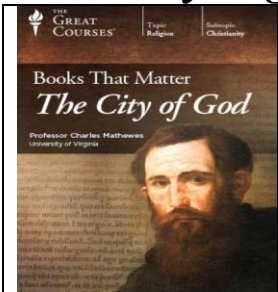
#### **To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church**

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  
**June 1<sup>st</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.**



## *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](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.**



## Will You Walk For Me?

Walk-a-thon for Good Counsel Homes South Jersey

Supporting homeless pregnant women and children with a safe, loving home, food, medical care, education, job skills, social skills, counseling, spiritual guidance, parenting, nutrition, computer classes and so much more!

**Date: Saturday, June 3, 2017**

**Registration: 8:30am – 10:00am**

**Walk: 9:00am – 12:00 Noon**

**Location: Burlington County-Memorial Park  
2300 Block, Lenola Road, Cinnaminson, NJ**

For more information or to obtain forms for sponsors or walkers to to [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org) or contact Mary Ann Lorimer at 215-989-0021 or email [lorimerma@aol.com](mailto:lorimerma@aol.com).

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## Reflection on Today's Gospel

*John 14:15-21*

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

## 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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## Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

If this year, 2017, 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 18, 2017.**

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

**Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish**

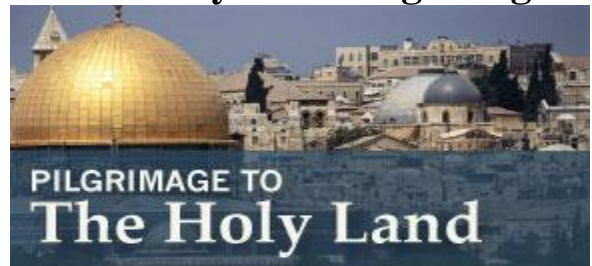
**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

**500 Greentree Road - Glassboro, NJ 08028**

Registration forms are available in the Rectory Office.  
**Deadline is May 26, 2017.**

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## 2018 Holy Land Pilgrimage



Father Robert Hughes is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land departing from Philadelphia on Thursday, February 15, 2018 and returning February 24th. Visit all of the sites important to our Catholic Faith from Mount Carmel and the Sea of Galilee to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. The cost is \$3,629 per person double occupancy and includes roundtrip airfare, all airport taxes and fuel surcharges, 8 nights at centrally located first class hotels, airport transfers, transportation by air-conditioned motor coach, breakfast daily, dinner with wine daily, professional Catholic guides, all admissions per itinerary, Mass and spiritual activities daily, luggage handling (1 bag), flight bag and portfolio of travel documents. Not included are lunches, tips to guide and driver, and optional travel insurance. **An optional post-tour to Assisi (2 nights) and Rome (2 nights) is also available.** To register online please visit [www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes); for more information contact [Robert.hughes@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Robert.hughes@camdendiocese.org) or call 856-583-2807.

# LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD



IF YOU ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 & 39



Pope Francis wants to hear from you! Help us to better serve you in the **Diocese of Camden** by sharing your thoughts and participating in the survey. We will compile the information and insights about your needs, concerns and desires, and share these results with parish leaders, **Bishop Sullivan** and Pope Francis so that we can better respond and connect to you and your peers.

Scan this QR Code or Visit

<http://www.camdendiocese.org/synod-2018/>

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