

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

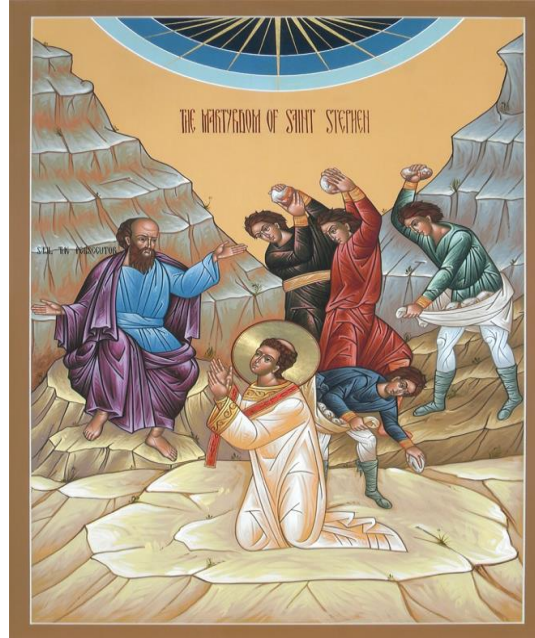
## Pastoral Staff

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

Parish Website  
[StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 26, 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".**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 26, 2019</b>
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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 27, 2019 (Memorial Day)</b>
9:00am	Our Veterans – Living & Deceased
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 28, 2019</b>
9:00am	In Thanksgiving to our Knights of Columbus Council
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 29, 2019</b>
9:00am	Cadmus V. Mazzarella r/b People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 30, 2019 (Feast of the Ascension)</b>
<b>9:00am/Novena</b>	<b>People of the Parish – Living &amp; Deceased</b>
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish – Living &amp; Deceased</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 31, 2019</b>
9:00am	For All Victims of Violence and Terrorism
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>June 1, 2019</b>
4:30pm	John Gerst (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary June 3 <sup>rd</sup> ) r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>June 2, 2019</b>
9:00am	Catherine & Phillip Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Jim Delaney r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt Rosina Midili r/b The Midili Family



## The Sanctuary Candle this week is in Memory of *Our Deceased Military*

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.

<b>May 18/19 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$3,401</b>
<b>2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:</b>	<b>\$4,600</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b>	<b>\$4,290</b>
<b>2019 House of Charity y-t-d</b>	<b>\$9,925 (20.4%)</b>
<b>2019 House of Charity Goal</b>	<b>\$48,739</b>

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**

## **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, SSI, 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 June 1 / 2

### Saturday, 4:30pm

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

### Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro  
Lectors: W. McHugh, D. Steinmetz

### Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: J. Messina, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, J. Fagan  
Lectors: M. Turan, Joan Rivera



On Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> we will observe Memorial Day, a national holiday. The rectory office will be closed.

## Feast of the Ascension-May 30<sup>th</sup>



Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**9am Mass & 7pm Mass**

## FOR SALE

Cherrywood headboard with built-in book shelves, matching cedar chest, 2 marble-top end tables and matching coffee table, glass desk with drawers. **If interested, please call Rosemarie at 856-725-1543.**

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

5/27-Monday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed Memorial Day  
5/28-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
5/29-Wednesday-9am Mass  
5/30-Ascension Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Mass  
5/31-Friday-9am Mass  
6/1-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
6/2-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

### ***Tuesday Night Rosary***

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

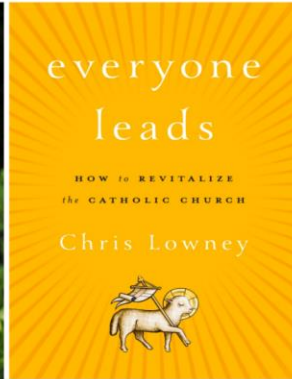
“Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the rosary, for the rosary is a weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.” -**St. Padre Pio**

### ***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***

Will Resume in September

### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

**Continues June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm. We'll be discussing:**

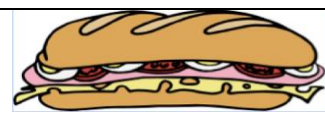


### ***First Friday Adoration***

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](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.

### ***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](mailto: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.**  
In June call **Diane @ 856-308-8224.**

# 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](http://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.”  
Joshua 1:9*



## SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

*Your Choice † Your Privilege † Your Right*

### 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](mailto:jknowles@legatus.org).



Ambassadors for Christ in the Marketplace  
[www.legatus.org](http://www.legatus.org)

## We Won the Huggie Award thanks to our parish family!!

Of the 90,000 diapers donated  
in the State of New Jersey,  
our Council donated over 34,000.

Thank you for supporting our Hoagie Sales  
and Diaper Drives. God Bless you all.

**Diocese of Camden  
SOCCER CUP  
TORNEO DE FUTBOL**

Come for a day of family fun and happy, healthy and holy competition. There will be music, prayer and food for our participants and their families.

Age Range to participate in the Tournament: 18 - 30 years old  
There will be all boys teams and all girls teams

Te invitamos a un día de diversión familiar y una competencia llena de felicidad, alegría y fraternidad. Tendremos música, oración y comida para nuestros participantes y sus familias.

Edad para participar en el Torneo: 18 - 30 años  
Habrá equipos de hombres y equipos de mujeres

**SATURDAY JUNE 15, 2019**  
**ST. AUGUSTINE PREPARATORY SCHOOL**  
611 Cedar Ave., Richland, NJ 08350  
**8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

FREE ADMISSION / ENTRADA GRATIS

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AT / PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN CONTÁCTENOS A  
[jose.rodriguez@camdendiocese.org](mailto:jose.rodriguez@camdendiocese.org) or 856-583-6172

## *Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading*

*John 14:23-29*

**Jesus promises his disciples that the Father  
will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.**

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.