

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

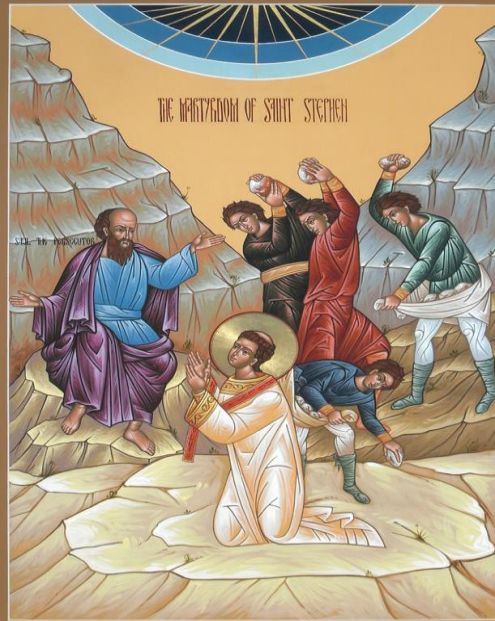
## *Pastoral Staff*

**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

**Parish Trustees**  
Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

**Rectory Summer Hours**  
Monday–Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm  
Friday: 9:30am-2:00pm



## *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 28, 2017 – 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.

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 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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 29, 2017 (Rectory Closed Memorial Day)</b>
9:00am	Our Deceased Military r/b People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 30, 2017</b>
9:00am	In Thanksgiving for Our Faithful Ushers
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 31, 2017</b>
9:00am	In Thanksgiving for the High School and College Graduates of St. Stephen Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>June 1, 2017</b>
9:00am/Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>June 2, 2017 (First Friday Adoration)</b>
9:00am	Robert Salvatore r/b Nick Picciano
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>June 3, 2017</b>
4:30pm	Pietro Faiola r/b Alex Rende
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>June 4, 2017 (Pentecost Sunday)</b>
9:00am	Catherine & Phillip Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Raymond Amatrudo, Sr. r/b Family Pietro Faiola r/b Rosa Faiola and Family Virginia Delfin & Nestor Nicdao r/b The Delfin & Nicdao Families



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.

May 20/21, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$3,920
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,688

Special Collections:

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

July 9<sup>th</sup>: "Solidarity Fund-Church in Africa" (Diocese)

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## **House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal**

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| 2017 House of Charity y-t-d | \$18,220 (38%) |
| 2017 House of Charity Goal  | \$48,018       |

Thank you to the 88 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 June 3/4

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

Altar Server: TBD

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

Lectors: J. Gerst, J. Melfi

**Sunday, 9:00am**

Altar Server: TBD

EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, M. Bufanio, R. Leone

Lectors: Joan Rivera, Jared Rivera

**Sunday, 10:30am**

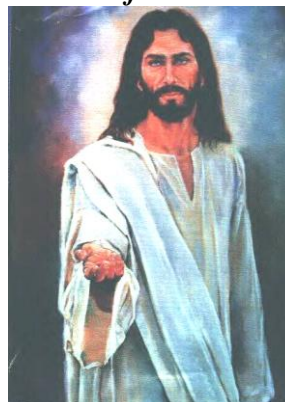
Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, W. Delfin, J. Messina, G. Tutwiler

Lectors: M. Turan, W. McHugh

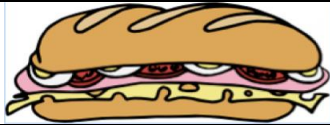
## **A SPECIAL INVITATION**

*Just for You!*



### **First Friday Adoration June 2, 2017**

Take some time. Be quiet for 15 minutes or so. Pull all your attention together, and see Him before the eyes of your mind on the roads of Galilee, on the Cross, or standing by the empty tomb. Pray in a way that you have never prayed before. Come, let us adore Him in silence.  
*Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R.*  
**RSVP to Rosemarie Leone @ 856-662-0035.**



**Knights of Columbus,  
Council 3512  
Hoagie Sale**

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 3 & 4**. For info call 856-227-4980.

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

- 5/29-Monday-9am Mass
- 5/30-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Board
- 5/31-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 6/1-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 6:15pm Choirs, 7pm Discussion
- 6/2-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 6/3-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 6/4-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

***The Ladies Bible Study will resume in September***



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*

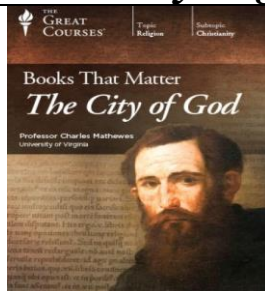
***Tuesday Night Rosary***

**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> and conclude June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Sr. Bernadette Parish Center with Prof. Charles Mathewes' "Books That Matter- The City of God"

***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.**

In June call **Betty @ 856-662-6928.**



On Monday May 29<sup>th</sup> we will observe Memorial Day, a national holiday. The rectory office will be closed.

**Rectory Office Summer Hours**

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00am – 4:30pm  
Friday: 9:30am – 2:00pm

**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).

**CCHS Class of '67 Reunion**

Camden Catholic High School Class of 1967 50th reunion will be held on **September 16, 2017** at the DoubleTree in Mount Laurel. For more information and contacts, log onto [camdenatholic.org](http://camdenatholic.org), [Classmates.com](http://Classmates.com) or Facebook Event CCHS Class of 1967 50th Reunion.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so too does your marriage. Without some nurturing and care it will remain weak and unfulfilling. Spread a little fertilizer on your relationship. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow. The next weekend dates are **Oct 20-22 and Dec 9-11, 2017**. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

**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

**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.**

**PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL  
SUMMER CAMP**

The Paul VI High School summer camps are back for 2017 and are better than ever! This summer we will be offering programs in technology, HSPT and SAT prep, College Planning, as well as a High School Adventure program designed to prepare students for ninth grade. In addition, our sports coaches will be offering programs in basketball, volleyball, softball, golf, and soccer. Please visit our website [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org) for more information, or contact the Director of Summer Programs, Mr. Matt Screnci, [atmscrenci@pvihs.org](mailto:atmscrenci@pvihs.org).

**PAUL VI ANNUAL ALUMNI  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The Paul VI 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni Golf Tournament will be held at the Woodcrest Country Club on **Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**. There are two tee times 8:00 am and 1:00 pm. The format will be best ball scramble. Paul VI will use these proceeds to enhance the spiritual life of its students and to provide expanded opportunities in academics, athletics, and the arts. Your contribution is an investment in the excellence that Paul VI brings to its students. For more information please contact Mary Anne Yeager 856-858-4900 ext. 343 or [myeager@pvihs.org](mailto:myeager@pvihs.org).



## Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

With a sober heart we come before You this Memorial Day. We pause for a moment and call to mind all the men and women who have died in the service of our nation since 1776.

Dear God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest with You.

We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them all. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well. Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones. Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world.

We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Son.  
Amen.

## A Soldier's Prayer



*Dear Lord, keep me by the arm You bear,  
and direct a path through harms way.  
Help me know that You're always there  
guiding me by night and by day.*

*And Lord, at moments when I'm feeling lonely  
and tempted with discouragement at my post.  
Help me lean mightily on You only  
because it is you I depend on the most.*

*When I long to see my family  
or start thinking of times with a friend.  
I'll know that You're always with them  
even after absence is at an end.*

*Shield me as I answer duty's call,  
for I have a job from which I can't depart.  
Protect me from my enemy, who'd have me fall  
for it is You who guards my life and heart.*

*Amen*