

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

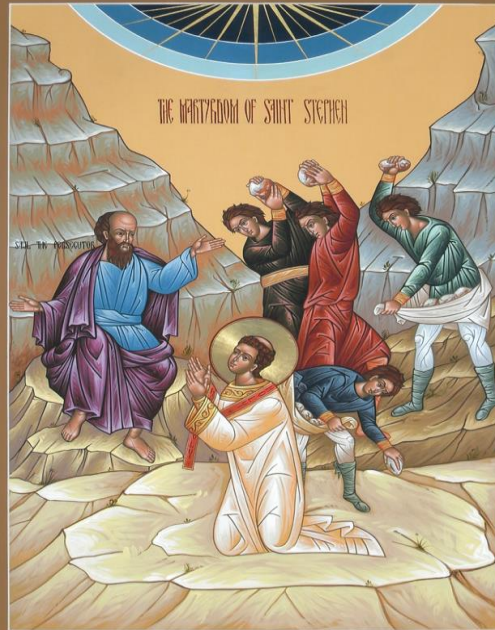
## Pastoral Staff

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

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## 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 6, 2018 – 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.

**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 2019 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 6, 2018</b> John Paul Gatti r/b Nick Picciano
10:30am	John P. Iacovelli r/b Donald Mignone Jacqueline Catino r/b Her Loving Husband, Carl
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 7, 2018</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 8, 2018</b> Joseph Sczcepanski r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 9, 2018</b> Angelina Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am/Novena 7:00pm	<b>May 10, 2018 (Ascension Thursday-Holy Day)</b> Roseanne Milanese r/b M/M Enrico Doganiero Michael Infanti r/b People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 11, 2018</b> For the Healing of Marylynne & Marlene Frayne
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>May 12, 2018</b> Madeline Tryson (Birthday Remembrance) r/b The Tryson Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>May 13, 2018 (Mother's Day)</b> Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Cliff Martin r/b Tom & Liz McHugh and Family



## 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.

**April 28/29, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$4,284**  
**2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600**  
**Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,394**

Special Collections / Envelopes:

**May 10: "Ascension Thursday" (St. Stephen)**  
**May 13: "Catholic Communications" (Diocese)**

*(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)*



**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:**

Joseph & Dolores Afilani, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Barbie Brown, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Lina Ciarrocchi, Edmund Ciccarone, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Cranmer, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Biagio Dinoto, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Bernice Evans, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Angela Gallecchio, Richard Gentile, Jr., Joseph Gerst, Chase Gilchrist, 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, Gene Leone, Sam & Nancy Loperfido, Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Mary Ellen Mayer, William Mayer, Stella McCarthy, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Linda Petrilli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Mary Russell, John S., Helen Setzer, Joan Siperavage, Nancy Sonnie, Michael Sponburgh, Steven Stepanavage, Keri Ann Taxis, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Vivliello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

### Ministry Schedule for May 10/12/13

**Ascension Thursday, 7:00pm**

**EM's:** R. Davis, T. Scavuzzo, L. D'Alessandro, M. Miller, E. Nolte  
**Lectors:** P. Nolte, TBD

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

**EM's:** A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, A. Rende, R. Davis  
**Lectors:** J. Gerst, P. Nolte

**Sunday, 9:00am**

**EM's:** E. Nolte, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, M. Conway, R. Leone  
**Lectors:** W. McHugh, Joan Rivera

**Sunday, 10:30am**

**EM's:** T. Urgo, D. Urgo, M. Meloni, S. Underwood  
**Lectors:** M. Miller, M. Turan  
**CLOW:** L. Yeager

## *Ascension Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>*



Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation are:  
**Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**9am Mass & 7pm Mass**  
 The Rectory and all Diocesan Offices will be closed Ascension Thursday.

## *House of Charity Appeal*

**2018 House of Charity y-t-d \$14,935 (31.1%)**  
**2018 House of Charity Goal \$48,018**

Thank you to the 61 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.

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

5/7-Monday-9am Mass  
5/8-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Board  
5/9-Wednesday-9am Mass  
5/10-Ascension Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Mass  
5/11-Friday-9am Mass  
5/12-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass  
5/13-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

***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***  
**Continue in the Fall**

***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

Continues May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Rectory.  
We'll be discussing Prof. William R. Cook's  
"The Catholic Church: A History"



All Are Welcome to Join Us!

***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, June 1**  
**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.

***Choir – New Members Welcome!***

St. Stephen's Choir, aka Wing-Its, is looking for singers to expand the choir. While all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) are welcomed and encouraged to join, we specifically have a need for altos, tenors, and basses. Choir gathers in the church on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm, with rehearsals lasting 60-90 minutes. There is an occasional extra rehearsal as we near Christmas and Easter. **Only three things are required: a love of singing, your presence at rehearsal, and above all, the desire to praise God in song!** If you're interested in joining our group, please see **Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Director**, or one of the members. Or, just come to the church on **Thursday at 7:00pm. We know you're out there, we hear you singing!**

***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 **Maryann @ 856-333-6525**



## May 12<sup>th</sup> K of C Yard Sale

K of C Council #3512 will have a big yard sale in the school yard at St. Cecelia Church, 49th St. and Westfield Ave., Pennsauken on Saturday May the 12th, beginning at 8 AM. To rent a space, call Lonnie Monaco at 662-6049. To donate goods for the Knights to sell, please bring them there early in the morning.

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## Camden Catholic High School News

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Apply for Admission** into the CCHS Class of 2022. Admissions Applications for the Class of 2022 may be submitted on a rolling basis. Please submit your application as soon as possible in order to be considered for a spot in the CCHS Class of 2022. [www.camdenatholic.org/admissions](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissions).

**Spring "Road to College" Open House & Practice HSPT: Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m.** We encourage 6th and 7th graders to attend this program which will give students a better understanding of the High School Placement Test and give parents an early perspective on academic planning for high school. Camden Catholic is committed to the success of its students at the college level and realizes the importance of families planning for the future.

**RSVP:** [www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents)

**Irish Experience Guest Days**-For 8<sup>th</sup> graders only. Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy. Contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: [janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org) or 856-663-2247 x136.

**Bag Bingo Basket Blowout - May 11 @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm**, Pisa Dining Hall @ CCHS. Doors Open 6 p.m. Bingo Starts 7 p.m. Tickets \$25 in advance & \$35 at the door. Ages 21+. Purchase tickets [www.camdenatholic.org](http://www.camdenatholic.org) or reserve through Mrs. Merenyi: [noemi.merenyi@camdenatholic.org](mailto:noemi.merenyi@camdenatholic.org). Tickets include 10 boards for 10 games of Bingo, additional boards can be purchased. BYOB & Bring appetizers to share with your table! Get your tickets now to have the chance to win gorgeous handbags (Michael Kors, Kate Spade and more!), amazing raffle prize baskets and the 50/50.

### **Summer Athletic Camps, Arts and Academic Programs**

Keep your student busy this summer! Explore the many options available for summer camp at CCHS. Visit [www.camdenatholic.org/summercamps](http://www.camdenatholic.org/summercamps) for dates, details and registration information. Academic & arts programs include: theater, fine art, music, digital art, forensic science, writing & presentation skills, algebra II, study skills, HSPT. Athletic camps: baseball, girls lacrosse, field hockey, boys and girls basketball and softball. **Please register by June 1.**

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### **St. John Paul II Chapter Blood Drive KofC Blood Drive**

THIS month: Wednesday, **May 23rd** (Knights of Columbus)  
Time: 12:30-6:15 PM; 350 Crystal Lake Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ, 08033. To make an appointment visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Enter sponsor code: k of c haddon twp; Save a Life!  
Or--e-mail [johnbuttil1952@netzero.com](mailto:johnbuttil1952@netzero.com) / Call 856-547-7096.

## Paul VI High School News

**Paul VI High School Girls Basketball Junior Skills Camp** will be held at the school June 11 – 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 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 \$125 per athlete, or \$100 per athlete if registering 3 or more. Daily camp rate is \$40 per athlete. For more information, contact Paul VI Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Lisa Steele, [lsteale@pvihs.org](mailto:lsteale@pvihs.org).

**Paul VI High School Summer Programs** are open for registration now! Offerings include High School Programs for Sat Prep, College Planning & Musical Theatre Middle School Programs for Creative Writing, Robotics & HSPT Prep Sports Camps for Volleyball, Softball and Girls Basketball For more information, please visit [www.pvihs.org](http://www.pvihs.org), under the STUDENT LIFE tab, or email Mr. Matt Scenci, [msscenci@pvihs.org](mailto:msscenci@pvihs.org)

## Gloucester Catholic High School News

**Host Families Needed** for Chinese Students To Attend Gloucester Catholic in 2018-2019. Gloucester Catholic has partnered with IVY international (IIG). They are a leading educational placement agency for students from China who study in private high schools throughout the U.S. There is a growing need for families who are willing to open their homes to our students and become a host for the 2018-2019 school year. Our students range from grades 9-11. Each family will be awarded a monthly stipend \$1000 per month by IVY International. If interested, please contact Mandy Chan at IVY International by phone at 484 300 5760 or [mchan@usivy.net](mailto:mchan@usivy.net).

### **Rams Basketball School**

The Rams Basketball School for boys entering grade 3rd through 9th will again be held this summer at Gloucester Catholic High School. The camp will be under the direction of Mr. Pat Murphy former head coach of Gloucester Catholic High School. The camp will be offered **July 23rd to July 26th**. To receive a brochure please e-mail [Pmurphy@gchsrams.org](mailto:Pmurphy@gchsrams.org)

### **Gloucester Catholic Fr. Sullivan Golf Tournament**

The Fr. Sullivan Golf Tournament will be held at the Pitman Golf Club on Monday, **June 18th**. 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](mailto:patrickmoughan@gmail.com).



## ***Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2018***

On April 29<sup>th</sup> the following students of St. Stephen Parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation with **Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan** presiding.

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

***Kelly Francis Conway  
Robert Ignatius Gardner  
Quynh John Nguyen  
Ziarra Rosa Rivera  
Anthony Michael Vales  
Rachel Hope Wetherspoon***

We wish to thank Mrs. Suzanne Underwood, CRE, Deacons Al Porowicz and Anthony Cioe, teacher Mr. Earl Nolte, Seamstress Pat Nolte, our Altar Servers, Special Lectors Janis Melfi and Bill Mattia, Choir Director Nancy Werner Kaiser and our Choir, the Knights of Columbus, and a special thank you to Maria Haas for beautifying our church for Confirmation.

## **Diocese of Camden Jubilee Mass May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Bishop Dennis Sullivan will be the principal celebrant at a special Mass honoring priests in the Diocese of Camden who will celebrate a special jubilee this year.

The Jubilee Mass for our Priests  
will be held on  
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.  
Saint Mary's Church  
2001 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill

All the people of the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass.  
Come and celebrate with the priests of our diocese.  
We celebrate the following Jubilarians...

### 25 Years

Reverend E. Joseph Byerley  
Reverend Sungheum John Kim  
Reverend Pawel W. Kryszkiewicz  
Reverend Paul A. Olszewski

### 40 Years

Reverend John D. Bohrer  
Reverend Monsignor Dominic J. Bottino  
Reverend Peter A. McLaughlin  
Reverend John A. O'Leary

### 50 Years

Reverend James J. Durkin  
Reverend Robert J. Gregorio  
Reverend Kenneth J. Johnston  
Reverend Calogero N. LaVerde  
Reverend Monsignor Andrew E. Martin  
Reverend Brian E. O'Neill

### 60 Years

Reverend Felipe L. Doldan  
Reverend Monsignor Thomas M. Flynn  
Reverend Joseph V. Jurkowski

### 70 Years

Reverend Monsignor Cornelius P. O'Leary