

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

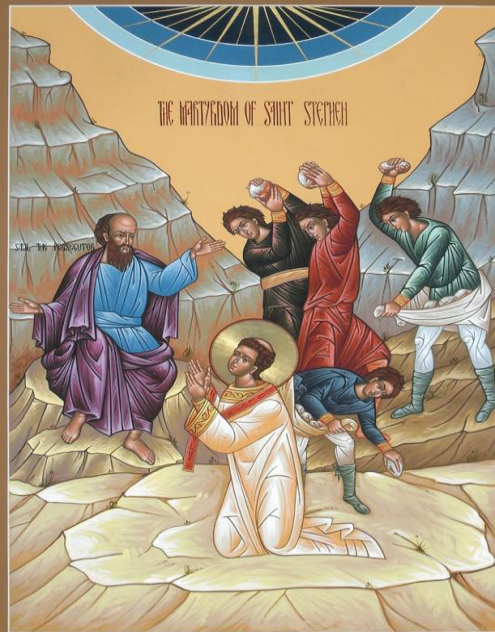
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Rose Marie Davis
Keith Knight

Rectory Summer Hours
Monday–Thursday 9am-4:30pm
Friday 9:30am-2:00pm
(Through August 31)



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336
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Parish Email:
ecclesia@comcast.net

Parish Website:
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.*

The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 10, 2018

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".

SUNDAY	June 10, 2018
9:00am	Antonio Genovese r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
10:30am	Theresa Cavaliere r/b Anna Ryan Frank & Susie Furlano r/b Rosina, Susan & Anthony Midili
MONDAY	June 11, 2018
9:00am	Pietro Faiola r/b Rosa Faiola and Family
TUESDAY	June 12, 2018
9:00am	Robert Lynch r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	June 13, 2018
9:00am	Carol Griffith r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	June 14, 2018
9:00am/Novena	John Gerst r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY	June 15, 2018
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY	June 16, 2018
4:30pm	Michael L. DiGiacomo, Sr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
SUNDAY	June 17, 2018 (Father's Day)
9:00am	Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
***In Memory of
Anthony Moffa***

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.

June 2/3, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$4,250
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,390

Upcoming Special Collections / Envelopes:

June 17: "Support of Seminarians" (Diocese)
July 1: "Holy Father/Peter's Pence" (Diocese)
July 8: "Pastoral Solidarity in Africa" (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, 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 Viviello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for June 16/17

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, A. Knight, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, R. Davis
Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Davis, R. Leone, T. Modzier
Lectors: W. McHugh, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: S. Underwood, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, M. Conway, M. Miller
Lector: M. Turan
CLOW: M. Conway

Stewardship Reflection "Stewards Together"

"And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." - MARK 3:25

Do your parish ministries of *Stewardship* complement each other or do they compete against each other? Is your parish "one Body of Christ" or a bunch of little, separate ministries controlled by human ego? The goal of all parish ministries is to bring people to Christ. All of our parish work should be for the glory of God's name, not our own name.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 6/11-Monday-9am Mass
- 6/12-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 6/13-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 6/14-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 6/15-Friday-9am Mass
- 6/16-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 6/17-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)

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***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***  
**Continue in the Fall**  
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Thursday Night Discussion Club

Series concludes June 14th @ 7pm in the Rectory.
 We'll finish 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, July 6
9:45am-7:00pm



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 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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You

We are here to pray for you.

For Prayer Requests in the
 month of **June** contact
Lois @ 856-665-1221





House of Charity Appeal

2018 House of Charity y-t-d \$16,385 (34.1%)
2018 House of Charity Goal \$48,018

Thank you to the 66 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.

Rectory Office Summer Hours

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



Man-Up South Jersey: A Men's Spirituality Conference

On November 10, 2018, Catholic men from across South Jersey will come together for a spirituality conference at the Paul VI Conference Center in Haddon Heights, NJ.

Through inspirational talks and discussions, these men will leave equipped to become better sons, fathers, and husbands....better men.

The day-long event, includes powerful speakers, time for Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and will conclude with Mass celebrated by our Bishop, Dennis Sullivan.

If you desire to become the man that God intended you to be, join us on November 10th.

Register now and save!
www.manupsouthjersey.com

Rutgers Catholic Campus Ministry

The Catholic Campus Ministry at Rutgers University-Camden asks each parishioner to pray for our students, and to encourage them to continue attending weekend Masses in the parish, and to become leaders and examples in parish youth ministry. We urge all incoming students at Rutgers-Camden to contact us as soon as they arrive on campus, and join us in a journey of faith.

If you are going to Rutgers-Camden, please let us know!

Fr. Kristof Wtorek: Camden.CM@camdendiocese.org

Sr. Dorothy Gilooley, SSJ:

Sr.DorothyGilooley@camdendiocese.org

Knights of Columbus Diaper Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 3512 will be collecting diapers to be donated to Catholic Charities and Guadeloupe Family Services. Please bring diapers, pull-ups and baby wipes to Church on the final weekend of **June 9/10**. Your donation will help the families that decided to save their Child over Abortion. Thank you for your support.

Knights Blood Drive June 21st

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive at St. Cecilia's school on Thursday June 21 from 1:30 pm 6:30 pm. For more information, please call Lonnie at 856-662-6049.

University of Notre Dame Celebration

All friends and alumni of Notre Dame are invited by the South Jersey ND Club to join us the evening of **Thursday, June 14th** as we celebrate Notre Dame traditions old and new at our annual UND Celebration. Bob Mundy, the Director of Admissions at Notre Dame, will be the guest speaker.

Woodcrest Country Club – Fountain Ballroom
Thursday, June 14 – 6:30pm-9:00pm - Cost: \$40

Contact: Greg Bergamesco at bergamesco@yahoo.com for information and tickets.

Gloucester Catholic News

Gloucester Catholic Alumni 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

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

We are pleased to announce that the following student from your parish has recently graduated from Gloucester Catholic High School: **Ruben Arroliga**.

Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 3:20–35

Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me.

In the section of the Gospel just before these verses, Jesus calls his Twelve Apostles. Now he performs his first exorcism. It is told within the context of conflict with his family. A crowd so large has gathered that Jesus and his disciples are not even able to eat their bread. His family comes to take him away because they think he is beside himself. And the scribes think he is possessed by the devil. Jesus points out to them the absurdity of their thinking that he uses the devil to cast out demons. In fact, it is Jesus who ties up the strong man, Beelzebub, and overcomes him.

He concludes with a brief saying about the forgiveness of sins. All sin can be forgiven except for blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. It's not known exactly what he means by this. It could be that the only sin that can't be forgiven is the one that cuts you off from the source of forgiveness, the Holy Spirit. Mark then brings Jesus' family back into the picture. They are not presented in a critical light but are just trying to see him. This gives Jesus the opportunity to point out that family for him is not based on blood.

FREE PIANO!

A friend of the parish is offering a free Jacobs Brother upright piano to anyone who is able to pick it up! Call 856-488-1375 to make arrangements!

Haitian Farm Workers' Mass and Reception

Fri., June 22, 6 p.m., Columbia Fruit Farms, 220 Columbia Road, Hammonton, NJ 08037.

This Mass will be celebrated in Haitian Creole & English. Donations of individual, non-perishable beverages are welcome.

**Contact James E. Andrews at
(856) 583-2907 or 2904 or**

james.andrews@camdendiocese.org.

Farm Workers' Prayer

Bless the hands of the people of the earth, the hands that plant the seed, the hands that bind the harvest, the hands that carry the burden of life. Soften the hands of the oppressor and strengthen the hands of the oppressed. Bless the hands of the workers; bless the hands of those in power above them that the measure they deal will be tempered with justice and compassion. Amen.

Catholic School Students Need Your Help!

Governor Murphy's proposed 2019 state budget reflects a total cut 3.8 million dollars from nonpublic school aid. These cuts will affect vital nursing services and technology aid for our students. In addition, the proposed per pupil allotment for nonpublic school bus transportation is \$884.00, cut from \$1,000 for this current year.

Please take a few minutes of your time to log on to the NJ Catholic Conference Voter Voice System and send a message to key state legislators who can influence the outcome of the final budget released on July first.

The link is

<https://www.votervoicenet.com/campaigns/58391/respond>.

Thank you in advance on behalf of all Catholic schools families in our diocese.