

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

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



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.*

June 11, 2017 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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, 2nd Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3rd 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".

SUNDAY 9:00am	June 11, 2017 (The Most Holy Trinity) Norman & Phyllis Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Carolyn McHenry Lymper r/b Pam Heck Catherine M. Schneider r/b People of the Parish
MONDAY 9:00am	June 12, 2017 Mary C. Valente r/b Bill, Mary, and Kate Sullivan
TUESDAY 9:00am	June 13, 2017 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	June 14, 2017 John Bollendorf r/b Mary McCarthy
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	June 15, 2017 For All Recent Victims of Terrorism in our World
FRIDAY 9:00am	June 16, 2017 For All Those Who Assisted in Selling our School
SATURDAY 4:30pm	June 17, 2017 Joseph Schmidt (1 st Anniversary) r/b The McHugh Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	June 18, 2017 (Father's Day) Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Enrico T. Caruso, Sr. r/b Duane & Pam Heck



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
***In Memory of
Florence Burke***

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 3/4, 2017 Offertory Collection: \$4,420
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,670

Next Special Collection:

July 9th: "Solidarity Fund-Church in Africa" (Diocese)

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

**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, Kerri 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 17/18

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**Altar Server:** TBD

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

**Lectors:** B. Mattia, D. Steinmetz

### Sunday, 9:00am

**Altar Server:** TBD

**EM's:** J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Davis, M. Bufanio, R. Leone

**Lectors:** D. Heck, W. McHugh

### Sunday, 10:30am

**Altar Servers:** TBD

**EM's:** T. Scavuzzo, J. Fagan, K. Fagan, T. Angstman, J. Messina

**Lectors:** M. Turan, M. Miller

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,  
 Come One, Come All  
 To Coffee and Pastries,  
 At the Parish Hall!

Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>  
 After the

9:00am & 10:30am Masses



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

- 6/12-Monday-9am Mass
- 6/13-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 6/14-Wednesday-9am Mass, 1:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive
- 6/15-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 6/16-Friday-9am Mass
- 6/17-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 6/18-Sunday-9am Mass, Coffee & Pastries, 10:30am Mass

***Rectory Office Summer Hours***

**Monday thru Thursday:**

**9:00am – 4:30pm**

**Friday:**

**9:30am – 2:00pm**

***Monday Ladies Bible Study***

**Will resume in September.**

***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 Resume in September.**

***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be  
**Friday, July 7, 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. (Final session June 4, will resume Sept.)

***Parish Library***

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your summer 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 June contact  
**Betty @ 856-662-6928.**



# In Appreciation

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus' generous contribution of delicious hoagies for our Ministries reception last Saturday in the Parish Center. The event could not have taken place without the hard work of our Hospitality Ministry led by Mary Sharon Monaco, Terry Modzier, Anna Cirullo, and Kathy Brown. And finally, thanks to all those who contributed their baking talents and irresistible delicacies.

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## 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.

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## 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).



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive at the parish center on **Wednesday, June 14, from 1:30 pm 6:30 pm**. For more information, please call Lonnie at 856 397-2069.

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### Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading for *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity* *John 3:16-18*

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.



**May 27, 2017**

**Dear Friends,**

Last week Phyl and I had the great pleasure of visiting Saint Stephen to place our paver on the walkway leading to the statue of our Blessed Mother.

We also were presented with the photograph taken after our last Mass at Saint Stephen.

That photo now hangs in a special place of honor in our home!

It's so nice to be able to see the faces of the people that we are grateful to call "friends."

Our life has been enriched by knowing you, and we continue to keep you in our daily prayers.

Thank you and God bless.

**Deacon Anthony and Philomena Cioe**

