

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



## Contact Info

Rectory Phone  
(856) 662-9338

Emergencies  
(856) 261-9336  
(Accidents, Dying or Death)

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 Feast of the Most Holy Trinity – June 16, 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> 9:00am	<b>June 16, 2019 (The Most Holy Trinity)</b> Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Rosina Midili r/b The Midili Family Frank Furlano r/b The Midili Family
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 17, 2019</b> For the Healing of James Rhoads
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 18, 2019</b> For the Healing of Peter P. Tepper
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 19, 2019</b> In Honor of Our Class of 2019 Graduates
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am/Novena	<b>June 20, 2019</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 21, 2019</b> Bishop Joseph A. Galante r/b People of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>June 22, 2019</b> Theresa Henwood r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>June 23, 2019 (Feast of Corpus Christi)</b> Norman & Phyllis Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Jacqueline Catino r/b Her Loving Husband, Carl Rosina Midili r/b The Joie Family



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

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>June 8/9 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,123</b>
<b>2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:</b>	<b>\$4,600</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b>	<b>\$4,291</b>

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 Ciccarrone, Athan Criaris, Fanny DiBenedetto, Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Ronald Heck, Donna Kane, James Kelly, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSI, Sandra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, Nancy Loperfido, Ken Maminski, Larry Miller, Joy and Ed Morrisson, Yvonne Mulhern, Rich Passaro, Nancy Sonnie, Callum Steinmetz, Rick Taylor, Peter P. Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

## Ministry Schedule for June 22/23

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

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

**Sunday, 9:00am**

EM's: M. Miller, E. Nolte, M. Conway, L. McHugh  
Lectors: Jared Rivera, P. Nolte

**Sunday, 10:30am**

EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, W. Delfin  
Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, M. McHugh

## *“Stewards Listen”*

*“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth...” (JOHN 16:13)*  
Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare ourselves, as Stewards we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can give it. Develop a daily prayer routine. Talk and listen to the Holy Spirit. This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.

# YOU DID IT FOR ME



HOUSE OF CHARITY  
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**2019 House of Charity y-t-d \$11,225 (23%)**  
**2019 House of Charity Goal \$48,739**

Thank you to the **41 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

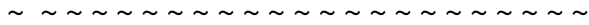


### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 6/17-Monday-9am Mass
- 6/18-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 6/19-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 6/20-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 6/21-Friday-9am Mass
- 6/22-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 6/23-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



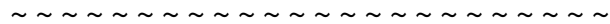
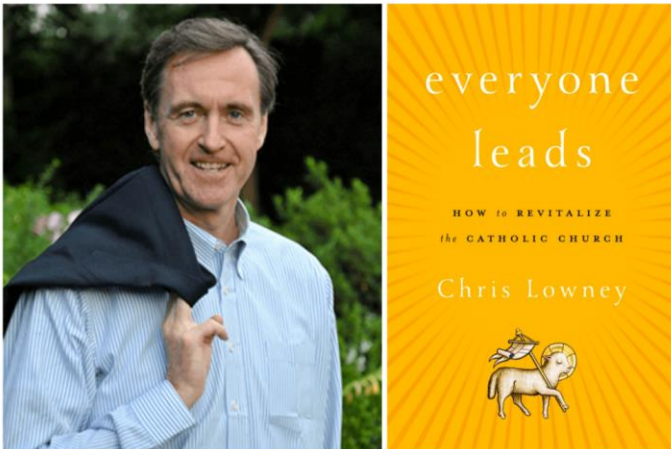
### Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Will Resume in September



### Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm. We'll be discussing:



### 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 July TBA.  
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.



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### 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 June contact Diane @ 856-308-8224.

## 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.**

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## Gloucester Catholic High School

Become a “Ram for the Day”. Schedule a shadow day be visiting [www.gchsrams.org](http://www.gchsrams.org) and click on the Ram for a day link. You can also email Mr. Tom Flynn in the Admissions office [tflynn@gchsrams.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrams.org)

**The Fr. Sullivan Golf Tournament will be held at the Pitman Golf Club on Monday, June 17th.** 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)

**The Johnny Gaudreau Scholarship Golf Tournament** will take place on Friday, July 26, 2019 at the Running Dear Country Club in Pittsgrove, NJ and will provide families with financial need the opportunity to give their sons and daughters a Gloucester Catholic High School education. All proceeds directly fund scholarships and tuition assistance. For more info contact Pat Murphy at [pmurphy@gchsrams.org](mailto:pmurphy@gchsrams.org)

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup>. To receive a brochure please e-mail [Pmurphy@gchsrams.org](mailto:Pmurphy@gchsrams.org)

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## 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 25-27 and Dec 13-15.**

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).

# Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

*John 16:12-15*

**Whatever the Father has is mine.  
The Spirit of truth will guide us.**

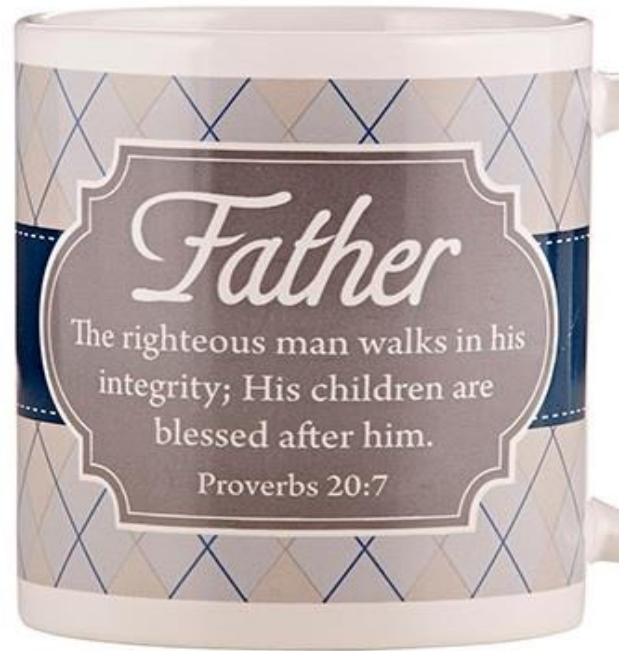
This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity—one God in three persons.

The verses of today's Gospel come near the end of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. In the early part of this discourse, as we saw last week on Pentecost, Jesus offers assurances to the disciples. Even though he must leave the disciples, he tells them that they will have a future because of the help he will send them in the Holy Spirit. In this section he focuses more on the shape of the future, which will include Jesus' victory over the world that they will share in. The disciples of Jesus cannot know the future. They can only know that, whatever shape the future takes, they will not have to face it alone. They have the Spirit of Truth, who will continue to provide the teaching of Jesus in the future.

Reading this passage on Trinity Sunday reinforces our understanding of the unity shared by the members of the Trinity. Although the idea of one God in three persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share all.

# *Happy Father's Day!*

**We're pleased to present  
this wonderful  
Father's Day Mug  
to all Fathers and  
Fathers-to-be this year.**



## *Lord, Thank You for all Fathers*

For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms.  
For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life.  
For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children.  
For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens.  
For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini-adults.  
For the father uncles, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews.  
For all granddads, who love and support their precious grandchildren.  
For the foster dads that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones.  
For the Sunday dads who care for our children and lead them in faith.  
For the dads who give far beyond their own resources,  
who overcome disability to cherish and love.

***Thank you Lord for all our beautiful fathers.  
Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers.  
May you bless them now on this their special day.***

***Amen.***