

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

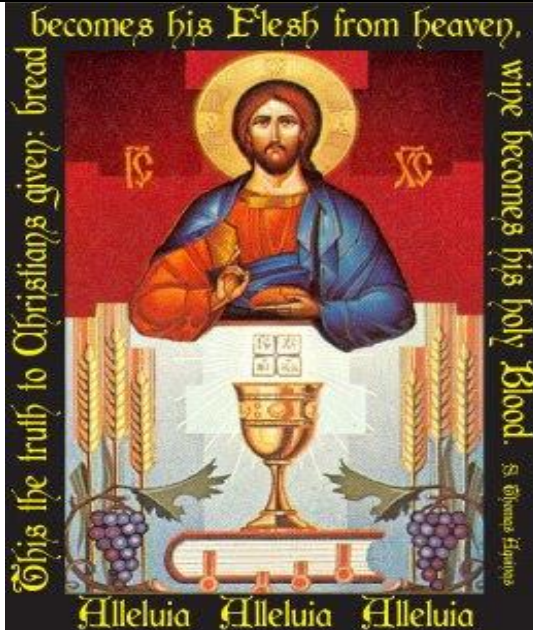
Pastoral Staff

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
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(856) 261-9336
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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.*

June 18, 2017 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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	June 18, 2017 (Father's Day)
9:00am	Louis Buondonno r/b His Daughter
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Enrico T. Caruso, Sr. r/b Duane & Pam Heck
MONDAY	June 19, 2017
9:00am	Raymond Steele r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY	June 20, 2017
9:00am	Brooke Mulford r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	June 21, 2017
9:00am	For the Healing of Keri Ann Taxis r/b the Parish
THURSDAY	June 22, 2017
9:00am/Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY	June 23, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY	June 24, 2017
4:30pm	Jacqueline Catino r/b Her Loving Husband Carl
SUNDAY	June 25, 2017
9:00am	Paul Tryson (4 th Anniversary) r/b The Tryson Family
10:30am	Raymond Steele r/b People of the Parish



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.

June 10/11, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$3,855
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,653

Next Special Collection:

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

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,
- Barbie Brown, 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, 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 24/25

- Saturday, 4:30pm**
Altar Server: TBD
EM's: A. Knight, A. Rende, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora
Lectors: D. Heck, B. Mattia
- Sunday, 9:00am**
Altar Server: TBD
EM's: R. Leone, E. Nolte, T. Modzier, M. Conway, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: P. Nolte, J. Scavuzzo
- Sunday, 10:30am**
Altar Servers: TBD
EM's: W. Delfin, T. Scavuzzo, T. Mattered, G. Tutwiler, T. Urgo
Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, J. Messina

Stewardship Reflection *"Stewardship Generosity"*

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."
1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a **Stewardship** lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

6/19-Monday-9am Mass
6/20-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
6/21-Wednesday-9am Mass
6/22-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
6/23-Friday-9am Mass
6/24-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
6/25-Sunday-9am Mass, 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 to set up your account.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

(Will resume in September)

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 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.

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.

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 camdencatholic.org, Classmates.com or Facebook Event CCHS Class of 1967 50th Reunion.

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## **Mary Undoer of Knots Young Adult Ministry**

**In Affiliation with  
Christ the King, Haddonfield, NJ**

Our ministry has a special devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots. For those of you unfamiliar with Mary Undoer of Knots She helps undo "the knots" in our lives. For instance, if you're struggling with a difficult decision, you can pray to the Blessed Mother for guidance. Mary Undoer of Knots is also one of Pope Francis' favorites.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **6-19-2017 (Monday) Monthly Bowling Night**

Our monthly bowling night will take place at Pinsetter's, 7111 Maple Avenue, in Merchantville, NJ 08109 at 7:30 PM. The games are \$2.25 each and shoe rental is \$2.25. We will meet on the benches across from the bowling alley counter. Food and drink specials are available!

#### **6-29-2017 (Thursday) Trivia Night**

Come join us for a fun night of fellowship, appetizer's, drink specials, and trivia. We will be meeting at 7:30 PM at the Whistler's Inn, 901 US Route 130, in Cinnaminson, NJ. If you plan to come, please let me know so you can be included in the head count. We will meet by the bar entrance.

#### **7-8-2017 (Saturday) Phillies Game**

Come join us at Citizens Bank Park to watch the Phillies play the San Diego Padres. Citizens Bank Park is located on One Citizens Park Way in Philadelphia, PA. We will meet at 1:30 PM by the Steve Carlton Statue, which is located by the Left Field Gate to purchase tickets. Tickets will cost approximately \$30 per person. Gates open shortly after we arrive for access to the concession stands. Hope you can enjoy an afternoon of baseball with us! (RAIN DATE 9-16-2017)

#### **7-16-2017 (Sunday) Mass and Breakfast**

Your invited to join us at Christ The King Church, 200 Windsor Ave, in Haddonfield, NJ for Mass. We will meet in the "gathering space," in the rear of the church. The time is TBD since we await the Summer Mass schedule. Immediately after Mass, we will have breakfast at the Westmont Diner, 317 N Haddon Avenue, in Westmont, NJ.

#### **7-31-2017 (Monday) Monthly Bowling Night**

Our monthly bowling night will take place at Pinsetter's, 7111 Maple Avenue, in Merchantville, NJ 08109 at 7:30 PM. The games are \$2.25 each and shoe rental is \$2.25. We will meet on the benches across from the bowling alley counter. Food and drink specials are available!

### **PLEASE RSVP if you plan to attend any event(s)**

If you know any Catholic young adults 21 to 40 years old looking to learn more about their faith, volunteer some of their time, or looking to meet new friends, please invite them to join us. For information, please e-mail Rosanne - [persistent21@verizon.net](mailto:persistent21@verizon.net).

## **Military BibleStick Drive**

The Military BibleStick is designed specifically to bring God's Word to the men and women deployed in the U.S. military. It represents hope for our heroes especially when they are away from home.

It's a digital player pre-loaded with the Audio Drama New Testament plus Psalms specifically selected for our Troops. It's small enough to take anywhere they go — bringing hope and comfort through God's Word when they need it most.

The **Knights of Columbus** will be outside collecting donations after all Masses on **June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you for the support to our servicemen and women.

## **BibleStick Testimonies**

I have never read the Bible and this has been a great tool for help in understanding and knowledge.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Rank: HM3 Branch: US Navy

You are a blessing. What a wonderful tool of God.

Rank: PV2 Branch: Army National Guard

I feel this is a great thing for all donors to fund for more Military BibleSticks. Rank: E/3 Branch: USMC

I really appreciate this gift. This got me through a tough time in my life. Branch: US Air Force

It's a clear way of understanding His Word. You can use it everywhere. It has helped me out so much.

Rank: E-4 Branch: Army

Outstanding! Electronic literature at its best.

Rank: E-5/SGT Branch: USMC

I really enjoy listening to my Bible. Thank you.

Rank: E7 Branch: USAF

Awesome, I have learned so much I didn't even know.

When I need to read the Word hands free, I grab my BibleStick and listen to the Word. Thank you so much.

Rank: E4 Branch: Navy

I thank you so much for providing this "stick". It is helpful on the go. Rank: E4 Branch: Army

This is one of the best gifts that anyone could have given me. It gives me peace when I listen to it.

Rank: E4 Branch: Navy

# ***South Jersey Catholic School students set to lose critical funding!***

**G**overnor Christie has proposed flat or reduced funding for non-public school students in the 2017-18 school year. In his plan, the per-student allotment for bus transportation will remain \$884 – an amount that has not changed in 10 years. Also, funding for school nurses and technology will be reduced, and funding for non-public school security will be eliminated altogether.

**Students in Catholic schools save New Jersey taxpayers millions of dollars each year.** Catholic school families pay their full share of taxes, but receive minimal funding for school related expenses in return.

Each child who leaves a Catholic school and moves to public school costs taxpayers an average \$19,000 a year. So it's in all our best interest to help keep students in our schools.

Contact your representatives in South Jersey and ask them reach out to their counterparts who serve on the Budget and Appropriations committees and ask them to:

- increase the ceiling for nonpublic school transportation, which can be accomplished by moving funds in the Governor's proposed Budget without increasing the overall budget, and
- restore the Nonpublic School Security Aid Program (which was completely eliminated) to \$50.00 per pupil, and to restore Nonpublic School Nursing Service Aid to \$90.00 per pupil and the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative to \$26.00 per pupil. Such increases are greatly needed by nonpublic school children whose parents save the taxpayers of New Jersey a great deal of money every year.

**You can contact your representative by going to <https://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action>**

You can also contact your representative directly via the information below:

Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez  
(Camden County and  
Gloucester County residents)  
Phone: (856) 547-4800  
[SenCruzPerez@njleg.org](mailto:SenCruzPerez@njleg.org)

Senator Jeff Van Drew  
(Atlantic, Cape May and  
Cumberland County residents)  
Phone: (609) 465-0700  
[SenVanDrew@njleg.org](mailto:SenVanDrew@njleg.org)

Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli  
(Salem and Gloucester  
County residents)  
Phone: (856) 251-9801  
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