

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

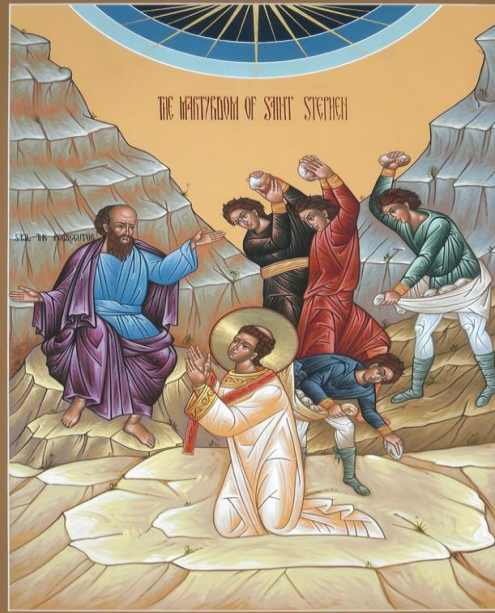
Pastoral Staff

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) 662-9339

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

Parish Email
ecclesia@comcast.net

Parish Website
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 Seventh Sunday of Easter – June 2, 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".

SUNDAY June 2, 2019
9:00am Catherine & Phillip Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri

10:30am Jim Delaney r/b Jack & Maryanne Merritt
Rosina Midili r/b The Midili Family

MONDAY June 3, 2019
9:00am Bishop Joseph Galante r/b People of the Parish

TUESDAY June 4, 2019
9:00am In Honor of Our Class of 2019 Graduates

WEDNESDAY June 5, 2019
9:00am Dolores Moles r/b People of the Parish

THURSDAY June 6, 2019
9:00am/Novena People of the Parish – Living & Deceased

FRIDAY June 7, 2019 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am Victoria Steinmetz r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz

SATURDAY June 8, 2019
4:30pm Ann Mazzarelli r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst

SUNDAY June 9, 2019 (Pentecost Sunday)
9:00am Rosina Midili r/b The Joie Family

10:30am Diane Fleming r/b Duane & Pam Heck



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.

May 25/26 Offertory Collection: \$3,614
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,276

2019 House of Charity y-t-d \$9,925 (20.4%)
2019 House of Charity Goal \$48,739

Thank you to the **39 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.

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 Ciccarone, Fanny DiBenedetto, Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Donna Kane, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Sandra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, Nancy Loperfido, Ken Maminski, Larry Miller, Joy and Ed Morrisson, Sue Ott, Rich Passaro, Nancy Sonnie, Callum Steinmetz, Rick Taylor, Adelaide Travia, Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for June 8/9

Saturday, 4:30pm

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

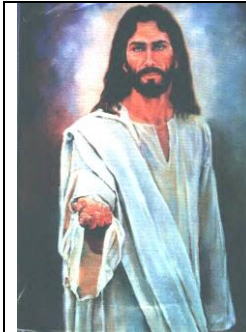
Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: E. Nolte, M. Miller, T. Modzier, M. Conway, L. McHugh
Lectors: Joan Rivera, Jared Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, S. Underwood, T. Scavuzzo, W. Delfin
Lectors: J. Messina, M. Turan

First Friday Adoration



June 7, 2019
9:30am – 7:00pm

“O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine, all praise
and all thanksgiving be every
moment thine.”

RSVP to Rosemarie Leone
@ 856-662-0035.

Dan Rather once interviewed Mother Theresa.

He asked Mother Theresa about prayer:

“What do you say to God when you pray?” he inquired.
“Nothing,” replied Mother Theresa, “I just listen.”

“What does God say to you?” he responded rather derisively. “Nothing,” replied Mother Theresa, “He just listens.” That’s what prayer before the Blessed Sacrament can become. We are still, silent and we listen to God listening to us. And the more time we spend before the Blessed Sacrament in silence the more we will begin to hear God listen, the more aware we will become of his presence in our lives. -Douglas McManaman

Rectory Office Summer Hours

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

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### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 6/3-Monday-9am Mass
- 6/4-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7:30pm Liturgy Board
- 6/5-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 6/6-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 6/7-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7:00pm
- 6/8-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 6/9-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

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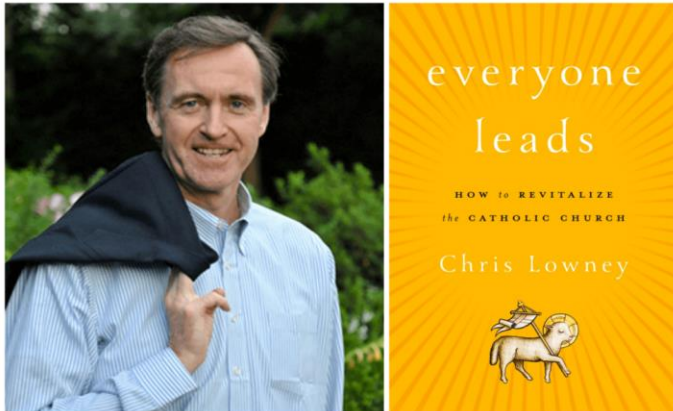
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Will Resume in September

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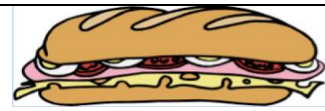
### Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm. We'll be discussing:



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Knights of Columbus, Council 3512



**Next Hoagie Sale:
June 8 & 9**

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 **June 8 & 9**.
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.

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### 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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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.

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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.

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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.

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### 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.**





## Knights Blood Drive June 13<sup>th</sup>

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive at St. Stephen Church on Thursday June 13 from 1:30 pm 6:30 pm. For more information, please call Lonnie at 856-662-6049.

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### 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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## Catholic Business Executives: Legatus is for you!

The Camden Diocese Chapter of Legatus is looking for Catholic business leaders who would like to strengthen their faith in their business, professional, and personal lives with their spouses alongside their peer Catholic executives.

Founded by Tom Monaghan in 1987, Legatus is the only organization in the world designed specifically by and for Catholic business leaders. The Providence Chapter has flourished since 2006 and is a very special community. Members meet monthly for unforgettable events that feature Mass, dinner, and an inspiring presentation from a guest speaker.

For more information on the Legatus membership criteria and the Providence chapter, contact John Knowles at (215) 262-3832 or [jknowles@legatus.org](mailto:jknowles@legatus.org).



Ambassadors for Christ in the Marketplace  
[www.legatus.org](http://www.legatus.org)

**Diocese of Camden  
SOCCER CUP  
TORNEO DE FUTBOL**

*Come for a day of family fun and happy, healthy and holy competition. There will be music, prayer and food for our participants and their families.*

Age Range to participate in the Tournament: 18 - 30 years old  
There will be all boys teams and all girls teams

*Te invitamos a un día de diversión familiar y una competencia llena de felicidad, alegría y fraternidad. Tendremos música, oración y comida para nuestros participantes y sus familias.*

Edad para participar en el Torneo: 18 - 30 años  
Habrá equipos de hombres y equipos de mujeres

**SATURDAY JUNE 15, 2019**  
**ST. AUGUSTINE PREPARATORY SCHOOL**  
611 Cedar Ave., Richland, NJ 08350  
**8:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

FREE ADMISSION / ENTRADA GRATIS

Diocese of Camden Hispanic Ministry  
Youth/Adult Campus Ministries  
Diocese of Camden

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US AT / PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN CONTÁCTENOS A  
[jose.rodriquez@camdendiocese.org](mailto:jose.rodriquez@camdendiocese.org) or 856-583-6172

**St. Stephen Church  
Pastoral and Finance Council Minutes  
May 21, 2019**

**Council Members Present:** Terry Modzier, Earl Nolte, Melanie Lopez, Liz McHugh, Joe Haas, Janis Melfi, and Father Rocco.

**Finance Members Present:** Rose Davis, Rita Vogt, Lonnie Monaco, Keith Knight, & Rick Taylor

**JOINT MEETING OF THE PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCILS**

**Opening prayer by Father Rocco at 7:30PM.**

**BUDGET**

Every year at this time our parish is obligated to review our finances and submit our budget to the Diocese. As of May 1, 2019 we have calculated all sources of income current and potential and were successful in balancing our budget (as posted in Fr. Rocco's letter to the parish in the May 5<sup>th</sup> bulletin).

**STONGATE II PROJECT**

As we have all been aware, the above project is on its way. We expect completion at the end of 2019. Move-in time hopefully spring of 2020. Once construction is complete and the proverbial dust has settled, we will have more of our parking spaces returned.

**MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR CHURCH AND RECTORY**

**ROOF**

We are accepting bids for the replacement of the 32-year old rectory roof. When a satisfactory bid is submitted, work will begin immediately.

**LIGHTING**

The semi-circle is in need of approximately 10 lights. These will be placed when the Stonegate Project II is complete to avoid any further damage.

**HOT WATER**

After a long hiatus, we now have HOT water in the church!!! Thank you John.

**THE CONVOCATION AND ITS AFTERMATH**

Ten parishioners had been sent to Atlantic City in late March of this year. They were joined with 800 fellow Catholics from the Diocese of Camden. It was four days of Masses, prayer, hymns and inspirational speakers and workshops. The goal is to inspire our parishes to grow and to reach out to our communities. Missionary discipleship is the so called hashtag. Our ten members will be meeting to assess our parish's needs and to target those in need. Above all to make our church family feel welcome.

**DIRECTION OF THE UPCOMING YEAR**

Hopefully, upon completion of the Stonegate Project II, we will utilize their conference areas for various services. These will be faith-based. Some examples will be Parish Nursing Ministry presentations as well as informational sessions discussing death and dying and how this relates to our Catholic faith. Meeting Adjourned @ 8:30 PM with a closing prayer. Next PPC meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Janis Melfi,**  
**Secretary of St Stephen's PPC**