

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

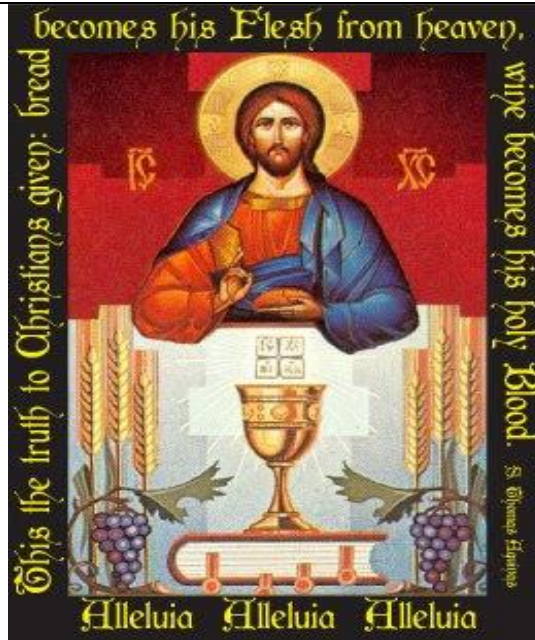
Pastoral Staff

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
(June 1 – August 31)



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9339

Rectory Fax
(856) 662-4679

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

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 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – June 3, 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".

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| SUNDAY | June 3, 2018 |
| 9:00am | Catherine & Phillip Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri |
| 10:30am | Mavrik Laxton & Jimmy Reese r/b Nancy Reese Helen Henry r/b Mary Beth & Joe Uzdinski Nestor & Fermina Nicdao r/b The Nicdao Family Juanito & Virginia Delfin r/b The Delfin Family |
| MONDAY | June 4, 2018 |
| 9:00am | In Thanksgiving for Our Ladies' Bible Study |
| TUESDAY | June 5, 2018 |
| 9:00am | Thomas N. Milorey r/b People of the Parish |
| WEDNESDAY | June 6, 2018 |
| 9:00am | People of the Parish – Living & Deceased |
| THURSDAY | June 7, 2018 |
| 9:00am/Novena | For the Healing of Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ |
| FRIDAY | June 8, 2018 |
| 9:00am | Nicola & Rosa Picciano r/b Nick Picciano |
| SATURDAY | June 9, 2018 |
| 4:30pm | Dolores Browne r/b The Baylor & Pandola Family |
| 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 |



**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 26/27, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$4,117
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,392

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 9/10

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: V. Thibault, Sr. Eleanora, A. Rende, R. Davis, C. Pandola

Lectors: B. Mattia, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: E. Nolte, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, M. Conway, R. Leone

Lectors: Joan Rivera, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, T. Angstman, G. Tutwiler, L. D'Alessandro

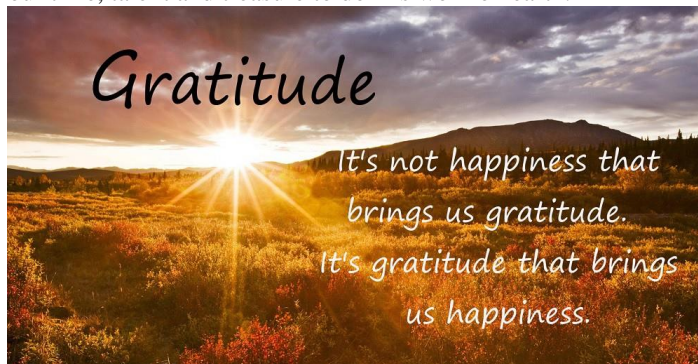
Lectors: J. Messina, R. Aleszczyk

CLOW: J. Messina

"The Perfect Steward"

"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - MARK 14:23

Jesus, the perfect *Steward*, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him, we know what drinking from His cup means. We desire sacrifice – giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.



Gratitude

It's not happiness that brings us gratitude. It's gratitude that brings us happiness.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 6/4-Monday-9am Mass
- 6/5-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 6/6-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 6/7-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 6/8-Friday-9am Mass
- 6/9-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 6/10-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)

Wednesday Night CCD Classes
Continue in the Fall

Thursday Night Discussion Club
 Continues June 7th @ 7pm in the Rectory.
 We'll be 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 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

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

Camden Catholic High School News

Summer Athletic Camps, Arts & Academic Programs

Keep your student busy this summer! Explore the many options available for summer camp at CCHS. Visit www.camdenatholic.org/summercamps for dates, details and registration information. Academic & arts programs include: theater, fine art, music, digital art, forensic science, writing & presentation skills, algebra II, study skills, HSPT prep. Athletic camps: baseball, girls lacrosse, field hockey, boys and girls basketball and softball. Please register by June 15 for arts and academic programs.

8th Graders:

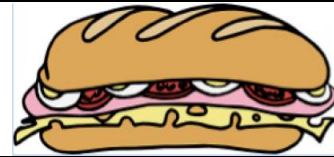
Limited Space Remains in the CCHS Class of 2022
Admissions Applications for the Class of 2022 may be submitted on a rolling basis but limited spots remain. Please submit your application as soon as possible in order to be considered for a spot in the CCHS Class of 2022. Visit www.camdenatholic.org/admissions.

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, 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 **June 9 & 10**.

For info call 856-227-4980.

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.

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 weekends of **June 2/3, and June 9/10**. Your donation will help the families that decided to save their Child over Abortion. Thank you for your support.

“Called to be Fully Alive in Christ”

Explore an ancient tool, the Enneagram, that provides understanding of our humanity. Developed by Christian and Sufi mystics, it has been used for generations to help persons grow into spiritual maturity. The presenter is Sr. Eileen Smith, RSM. This program will be offered at St. Thomas More Parish, Cherry Hill on **Tuesday June 5, 12, and Thursday June 14** at 9:45AM in the Parish Hall. Please call the parish office to register (424-3212).

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.

Where: Woodcrest Country Club – Fountain Ballroom
When: Thursday, June 14 – 6:30pm-9:00pm - **Cost:** \$40
Contact: Greg Bergamesco at bergamesco@yahoo.com for information and tickets.

Thank You

The **St. John Paul II Chapter of the K of C** wish to thank all of you and your Parish for making this Blood Drive a success...Again! Producing 67 productive pints helping 201 patients. Our Faithful Navigator sends his THANKS!

Subject: Heaven Tech Support

Tech Support: Yes, how can I help you?

Customer: Well, after much consideration, I've decided to install Love. Can you guide me through the process?

Tech Support: Yes. I can help you. Are you ready to proceed?

Customer: Well, I'm not very technical, but I think I'm ready. What do I do first?

Tech Support: The first step is to open your Heart. Have you located your Heart?

Customer: Yes, but there are several other programs running now. Is it okay to install Love while they are running?

Tech Support: What programs are running?

Customer: Let's see, I have Past Hurt, Low Self-Esteem, Grudge and Resentment running right now.

Tech Support: No problem, Love will gradually erase Past Hurt from your current operating system. It may remain in your permanent memory but it will no longer disrupt other programs. Love will eventually override Low Self-Esteem with a module of its own called High Self-Esteem. However, you have to completely turn off Grudge and Resentment. Those programs prevent Love from being properly installed. Can you turn those off?

Customer: I don't know how to turn them off. Can you tell me how?

Tech Support: With pleasure. Go to your start menu and invoke Forgiveness. Do this as many times as necessary until Grudge and Resentment have been completely erased.

Customer: Okay, done! Love has started installing itself. Is that normal?

Tech Support: Yes, but remember that you have only the base program. You need to begin connecting to other Hearts in order to get the upgrades.

Customer: Oops! I have an error message already. It says, "Error - Program not run on external components". What should I do?

Tech Support: Don't worry. It means that the Love program is set up to run on Internal Hearts, but has not yet been run on your Heart. In non-technical terms, it simply means you have to Love yourself before you can Love others.

Customer: So, what should I do?

Tech Support: Pull down Self-Acceptance; then click on the following files: Forgive-Yourself; Realize Your Worth; and Acknowledge your Limitations.

Customer: Okay, done.

Tech Support: Now, copy them to the "My Heart" directory. The system will overwrite any conflicting files and begin patching faulty programming. Also, you need to delete Verbose Self-Criticism from all directories and empty your Recycle Bin to make sure it is completely gone and never comes back.

Customer: Got it. Hey! My heart is filling up with new files. Smile is playing on my monitor and Peace and Contentment are copying themselves all over My Heart. Is this normal?

Tech Support: Sometimes. For others it takes a while, but eventually everything gets it at the proper time. So Love is installed and running. One more thing before we hang up. Love is Freeware. Be sure to give it and its various modules to everyone you meet. They will in turn share it with others and return some cool modules back to you.

Customer: Thank you, God.