

St. Stephen Parish

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Pastoral Staff

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



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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 4, 2017 – Pentecost Sunday

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 4, 2017 (Pentecost Sunday)
9:00am	Catherine & Phillip Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Raymond Amatrudo, Sr. r/b Family Pietro Faiola r/b Rosa Faiola and Family Virginia Delfin & Nestor Nicdao r/b The Delfin & Nicdao Families
MONDAY	June 5, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	June 6, 2017
9:00am	Jean Gugliotta r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY	June 7, 2017
9:00am	Louise Pigliacelli r/b Frank Pigliacelli
THURSDAY	June 8, 2017
9:00am/Novena	Andrew S. Palmer r/b Joanne Sofia
FRIDAY	June 9, 2017
9:00am	Frank Rosolia (2 nd Anniversary) r/b Family
SATURDAY	June 10, 2017
4:30pm	Bernadette Bierbach r/b Kathy Smith
SUNDAY	June 11, 2017 (The Most Holy Trinity)
9:00am	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



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 27/28, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$4,107
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,676

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,
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 10/11

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: TBD

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

Lectors: J. Melfi, Jared Rivera

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Server: TBD

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

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: TBD

EM's: M. Miller, T. Mattered, D. Urgo, T. Urgo, T. Angstman

Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, J. Messina

Stewardship Reflection "God Centered Stewardship"

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and let Him in! Open your heart and be grateful for all the gifts God has given us. Regardless of your circumstance, God has given us all blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God. Generously sharing our gifts in *Stewardship* keeps us more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

6/5-Monday-9am Mass
6/6-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
6/7-Wednesday-9am Mass
6/8-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Choir, 7pm Discussion
6/9-Friday-9am Mass
6/10-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
6/11-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

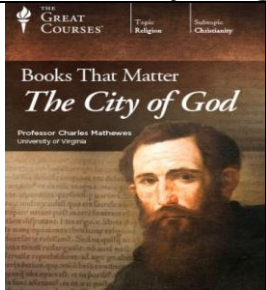
To Jesus Through Mary - 7:00-7:30pm @ Church

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 conclude June 8th @ 7pm
in the
Sr. Bernadette Parish Center
with
Prof. Charles Mathewes'
"Books That Matter-
The City of God"

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

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 Spring 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.

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 20-22 and Dec 9-11, 2017**. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Visit our website: wwme-southjersey.org.

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 for more information, or contact the Director of Summer Programs, Mr. Matt Screnci, atmscrenci@pvihs.org.

PAUL VI ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Paul VI 3rd Annual Alumni Golf Tournament will be held at the Woodcrest Country Club on Tuesday, **June 20th**. 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.



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.

Do you want Babies in the Womb protected by Society and the Law?



Come to an information night to hear about an exciting new pro-life initiative that's happening in New Jersey called the:

"20/20 Project"

Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Shrine
(in Chapel – across South St. from Church)
135 North White Horse Pike
Lindenwold, NJ 08021



Refreshments served.

Please contact **Mary Ann Chezik** at machezik@gmail.com or Call her at 609-707-1725 if you plan to attend.

All are welcome to this event designed to protect babies in the womb.



Presenter:
Christine Flaherty,
Executive Director
LIFENET
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WHAT IS PENTECOST?



The word itself means “fiftieth”. Pentecost is 50 days after Easter and ten days after the Ascension of our Lord into heaven.

Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost .

7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Reflection on the Gospel Reading for Pentecost Sunday – June 4, 2017

John 20:19-23

The Season of Easter concludes with today’s celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today’s first reading. The account in today’s Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John’s Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today’s Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus’ appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus’ act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God’s act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for “spirit” can also be translated as “breath.”

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church’s sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.