

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

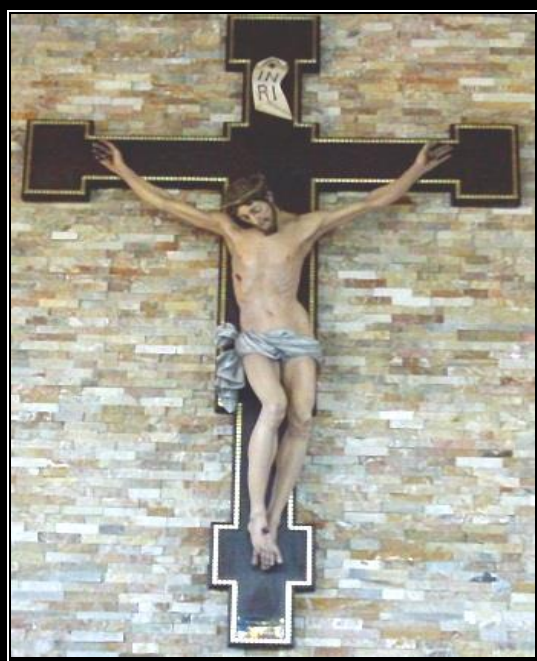
Pastoral Staff

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
(Through 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 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 1, 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 | July 1, 2018 |
| 9:00am | John & Marie Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri |
| 10:30am | Stella McCarthy r/b Marge & Jim Dotzman Gennaro Leone r/b The Zinicola Family (Leni & Louise) |
| MONDAY | July 2, 2018 |
| 9:00am | Gennaro Leone r/b The Loperfido Family |
| TUESDAY | July 3, 2018 |
| 9:00am | Rev. Kenneth Johnston r/b People of the Parish |
| WEDNESDAY | July 4, 2018 (Independence Day) |
| 9:00am | Ida Marano r/b Her Son, Sal |
| THURSDAY | July 5, 2018 |
| 9:00am/Novena | People of the Parish – Living & Deceased |
| FRIDAY | July 6, 2018 (First Friday Adoration) |
| 9:00am | Betty Picciano r/b Nick Picciano |
| SATURDAY | July 7, 2018 |
| 4:30pm | John Gerst r/b Joseph & Jennifer Woolston |
| SUNDAY | July 8, 2018 |
| 9:00am | Carmella "Millie" Meyers r/b Jim Pennestri |
| 10:30am | William Sauer r/b His Family |



**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of the
Deceased Members of the
Marano Family**

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.

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| June 23/24, 2018 Offertory Collection: | \$3,629 |
| 2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Target: | \$4,600 |
| Final Year-To-Date Average w/ E-Giving: | \$4,653 |

Upcoming Special Collections / Envelopes:

- 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., Alice Jean Baylor, 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, 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 Vivillo, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Please contact the Parish Office @ 856-662-9338, x6 if you wish to continue to keep your loved one's name on the above Sick List. Every June 30th all names will be removed if we are not contacted annually. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule for July 7/8

Saturday, 4:30pm

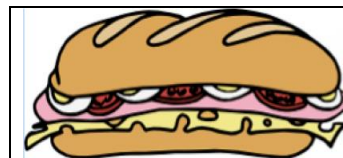
EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, R. Davis
Lectors: J. Gerst, D. Heck

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: M. Miller, T. Modzier, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, E. Nolte
Lectors: W. McHugh, M. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, J. Messina
Lector: R. Aleszczyk



**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 7/8.**

For info call 856-227-4980.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 7/2-Monday-9am Mass
- 7/3-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 7/4-Wednesday-9am Mass, **Rectory Closed 4th of July**
- 7/5-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 7/6-First Friday-9am Mass, **Adoration until 7pm**
- 7/7-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 7/8-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

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)

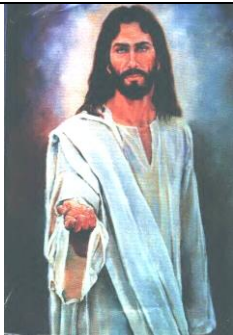
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

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Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will Resume in September

A SPECIAL INVITATION



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

**First Friday Adoration
July 6, 2018**

"A Genius conceives a masterpiece... He is delighted with it; he will realize it by every possible means and at the cost of any sacrifice.

He is dominated by his masterpiece; he sees it continually.

Well, (in like manner) fix your mind on our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and ponder on his love."
Saint Peter Julian Eymard

**RSVP to Rosemarie Leone
@ 856-662-0035.**

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 to set up your account.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Will Resume in September

Music Ministry Notes



The St. Stephen Music Ministry would like to thank you for all of the support and encouragement that you offer us each year. We especially want to offer our gratitude to Father Rocco for his leadership and inspiration. The Adult Choir will be taking their summer break, but will be back the weekend after Labor Day. We will still provide music for all of our liturgies and we ask you to, please, welcome a few "guest cantors/musicians" this summer. As always, we invite you to consider joining our Music Ministry family. If you want to share your talents, please contact Mrs. Nancy Werner-Kaiser through the Rectory Office. Thanks again, and see you in September.

Mrs. Nancy Werner-Kaiser, Music Ministry Director

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 **July** contact

Bernadette @ 609-220-6359



House of Charity Appeal

2018 House of Charity y-t-d \$37,785 (78.7%)

2018 House of Charity Goal \$48,018

Thank you to the **70 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



On Wednesday July 4th we will observe Independence Day, a national holiday. The rectory office will be closed.

Christmas in July 5K Run / 1 mile walk

St. Thomas More Parish 50th Anniversary Event
1439 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Wednesday evening, July 25, 2018 7:00PM

Parish grounds.

All ages of Runners and Walkers invited.

To register:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/CherryHill/ChristmasinJuly5K1Mile>

Or E-mail Co-Chair Chris Betson-Smith at cbetsonsmith@comcast.net

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 & information.

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

Keeping Students Connected to the Catholic Church.

Newman Connection's High School Outreach Program keeps high school and college students connected to Catholic campus ministry.

When students sign-up with Newman Connection, their information will be automatically sent to the Campus minister at the colleges of their choice. The Campus Minister can then reach out to the student prior their arrival on campus. This effort has show great success.

We are keeping students connected to the Catholic Church using technology and social media.

To find out more, please go to newmanconnection.com. Or contact Cassie Campton at (866) 815.2034 ext. 708, ccampton@newmanconnection.com



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Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 5:21-43 (shorter form, Mark 5:21-24, 35b-43)

Jesus heals a woman afflicted with a hemorrhage and raises Jairus's daughter from death.

For today's Gospel, we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Last Sunday we heard about Jesus calming the storm, the first of four miracles that Jesus performs in the vicinity of the Sea of Galilee. Each of these four miracle stories offers us a glimpse at Jesus' power. This week we hear about the third and fourth miracles, skipping the second miracle, the healing of a man from Gerasene who was possessed by a demon. Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a hemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey, and it is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions. But in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.