

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

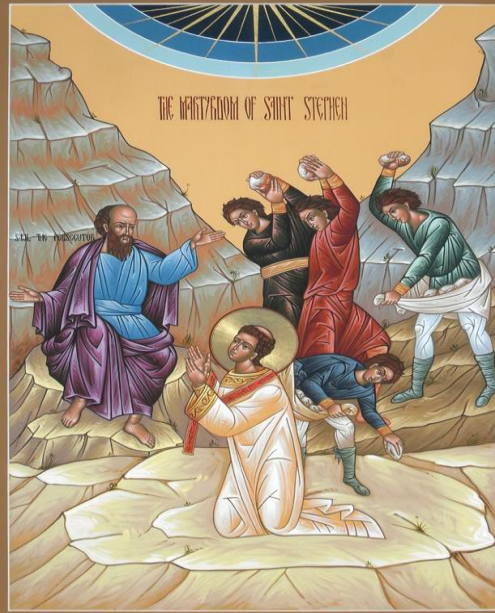
Pastoral Staff

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) 662-9338

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 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 14, 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	July 14, 2019
9:00am	Loretta T. Horn-Sauter r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Robert Brown (Birthday Remembrance) r/b His Daughter, JoAnne Capner
MONDAY	July 15, 2019
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	July 16, 2019
9:00am	Adeline Canalichio r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz
WEDNESDAY	July 17, 2019
9:00am	Thomas Kelly r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
THURSDAY	July 18, 2019
9:00am/Novena	Dr. Stanley Kotula r/b The Rocco Family
FRIDAY	July 19, 2019
9:00am	Filomena Catalani r/b Lucille Buffington
SATURDAY	July 20, 2019
4:30pm	Jennie Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
SUNDAY	July 21, 2019
9:00am	Ada Barbarito r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Susan Ott r/b The Haas Family



**The Sanctuary Candle
this week is in
*Thanksgiving for Blessings***

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.

July 6/7 Offertory Collection:	\$3,403
2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,500
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$3,403

Next Special Collection:
September 29 – "Pro Life"

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, Ralph Baylor, Mary Bumbalow, Anna Buono, Patrick Carr, John Christy, Edmund Ciccarone, Athan Criaris, Fanny DiBenedetto, Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Ronald Heck, Wayne Hocking, Donna Kane, James Kelly, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Sandra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, Nancy Loperfido, Ken Maminski, Larry Miller, Joy and Ed Morrisson, Yvonne Mulhern, Rich Passaro, Dean & Mary Russell, Nancy Sonnie, Rick Taylor, Peter P. Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

Ministry Schedule for July 20/21

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: C. Pandola, Sr.Eleanora, A. Knight, V. Thibault
Lectors: J. Gerst, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, L. McHugh, R. Davis, R. Leone, E. Nolte
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, Jared Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, G. Tutwiler, J. Messina
Lectors: M. McHugh, M. Miller

"Stewards Love"

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"
LUKE 10:37

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to live in Stewardship loving our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know or someone that looks different than you or someone that you don't like, all without expecting anything in return.

YOU DID IT FOR ME



HOUSE OF CHARITY
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2019 House of Charity y-t-d \$11,525 (23.6%)
2019 House of Charity Goal \$48,739

Thank you to the **43 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



This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 7/15-Monday-9am Mass
- 7/16-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 7/17-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 7/18-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 7/19-Friday-9am Mass
- 7/20-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 7/21-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



Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Will Resume in September



Thursday Night Discussion Club

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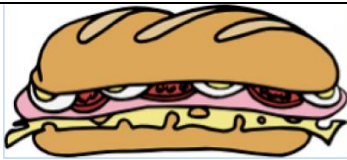


First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Friday, August 2 - 9:45am-7:00pm.



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 August 3 & 4. 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.



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



Choir – New Members Welcome!

St. Stephen's Music Ministry cordially invites you to consider joining our Music Ministry family. Our Choir will begin to gather in the church this Fall 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.



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 Betty @ 856-662-6928.

Joy of the Gospel Lay Leaders

St. Stephen's Joy of the Gospel Lay Leaders thank you for your participation in our Meet and Greet at the weekend Masses on 6/21 and 6/22. It was a simple yet beneficial event! It was nice to say "Hello!" to new friends and old. Our group met on Tuesday 6/25/19 to discuss more ways that we can continue our outreach and utilize our gifts.

Many ideas were discussed. At this time we are planning to institute a "ride share" for the residents at Stonegate 1 for weekend Masses, to develop a stronger partnership with the Food Pantry, and we are exploring the idea of a Parish electronics recycling event which will also tie into the Food Pantry Ministry. More information and dates to follow. **Our next meeting will be Tuesday 9/17/19 at 7:30pm in the All Purpose Room in the Church after the Rosary.**

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**Save the Date**

**Polish-American Festival**  
 Saturday, September 28, 2019  
 Pastors' Hall

St. Peter Church  
 43 W. Maple Avenue ~ Merchantville  
 856~663~1373

6 PM ♦ Food ♦ Music  
 More to follow!

## New Jersey Independent Victims Compensation Program

The Diocese of Camden – along with the other Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey, has established an Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest of the Diocese.

The IVCP is independently administered by experienced victim compensation experts Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros.

The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims, and operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution.

The administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol.

The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators.

All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially. Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to **www.njdiocesesisivcp.com** and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

Bishop Sullivan strongly encourages anyone who was sexually victimized by a priest of the Diocese to participate in the IVCP, and has asked that anyone who knows of someone who was abused to contact them so that they are aware of the IVCP and can participate in it.

*(To be published through December 29<sup>th</sup>)*

# Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

*Luke 10:25-37*

## The parable of the Good Samaritan

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbor. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho descends 3,300 feet in just 17 miles. Its narrow passes and rocky terrain made it an easy place for bandits to wait for travelers. The traveler in this parable is identified only as "a certain man." Luke uses this phrase in many of his parables so that the audience, Jew or Gentile, could identify with the man. After the attack, the man is left for dead, naked and bleeding on the side of the road. A priest comes along, but rather than helping, as one might expect, he moves to the other side of the road. Another religious person comes along, a Levite who assists in the Temple. His reaction is the same as the priest's. Both of them choose to not even find out if the man is alive. A third person comes along. The listeners would probably expect him to be an Israelite. This would make the parable a criticism of the religious leadership. Instead he is a Samaritan, an Israelite's most hated neighbor. Samaritans were descendants of Jews from the northern part of the country, who had intermarried with Gentiles and did not worship in Jerusalem. The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbor in this parable.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.