

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

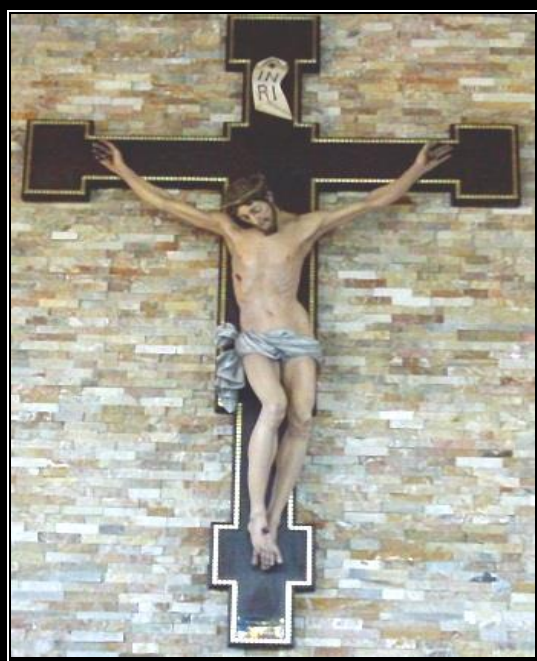
Pastoral Staff

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

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(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 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 15, 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".

SUNDAY 9:00am	July 15, 2018 Loretta T. Horn-Sauter r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Peter Johnston r/b Joe & Maria Haas
MONDAY 9:00am	July 16, 2018 Joseph Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
TUESDAY 9:00am	July 17, 2018 Gennaro Leone r/b Tilda Lamaina
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	July 18, 2018 Rev. Kenneth Johnston r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	July 19, 2018 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	July 20, 2018 Trong Quang Huynh r/b Nick Picciano
SATURDAY 4:30pm	July 21, 2018 Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Vilma Gambino
SUNDAY 9:00am	July 22, 2018 Gennaro Leone r/b Bob & Bonnie Leone
10:30am	Ada Barbarito r/b Jim Pennestri



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.

July 7/8, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$3,875
June 30/July 1, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$3,717
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$3,796

Upcoming Special Collections / Envelopes:

August 15: "Feast of the Assumption" (St. Stephen)
September 9: "Catholic University" (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:

Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Alice Jean Baylor,
Anna Buono, Edmund Ciccarone, Carol Cranmer,
Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy,
Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ,
Sam & Nancy Loperfido, Ken Maminski,
Nancy Sonnie, Rick Taylor,
Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for July 21/22

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, R. Davis
Lectors: P. Nolte, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, T. Modzier, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: Joan Rivera, Jared Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: M. Miller, D. Urgo, T. Urgo, G. Tutwiler, M. Conway
Lectors: J. Messina, R. Aleszczyk

Thank You!

We wish to offer our heartfelt appreciation to the Knights of Columbus who assisted in expanding the church entrance driveway off of Stonegate Drive: **Lonnie Monaco, Glenn Johnson, Dan Steinmetz, John Bertino and Mike Ciarrocca.**

Also participating on the project were **Earl Nolte and Bill Mattia.** All enjoyed the ungodly hot weather and the ability to cast stones.



"Stewards Lack Ego"

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." (MARK 6:8)

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. When we really live in **Stewardship** putting God first in everything and money and possessions second, we experience more freedom to joyfully serve God and others.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 7/16-Monday-9am Mass
- 7/17-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 7/18-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 7/19-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 7/20-Friday-9am Mass
- 7/21-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 7/22-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

Will Resume in September

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will Resume in September

We'll be discussing:
**"The Catholic Theological Union
Lecture Series: Rediscovering Vatican II"**

***First Friday
Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

**Friday, August 3
from 9:45am-7:00pm**



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

Together in Prayer

A prayer group for the LGBT community, their families, loved ones and allies, will gather at 6:30pm at the Parish Center of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Turnersville on the LAST Sunday of each month. All are welcome to join us for prayer. For more information, please call Christine at 207-240-5254.

Announcing 2 New Trips!

Sunday, November 18, 2018 - Trip to see the **Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular** - Buses will depart St. Margaret's Regional School parking lot in Woodbury Heights at 8:00 AM arriving in New York City at 10:00 AM. You will have time on your own and attend the 2:00 PM Show at Radio City Music Hall. You are asked to be in line a half hour before the show. The show lasts about 90 minutes. The bus will depart New York City immediately following the show approximately 4:00 PM. We will arrive at St. Margaret's School Park- ing Lot around 6:00 PM. Cost for transportation and show is \$135.00. Payment is due at time of reservation. Seats are located in the Orchestra and are limited so don't delay!

Saturday, January 5, 2019 - Trip to see "JESUS" at the **Sight & Sound Theatre** with lunch at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord Buses will depart 8:00am from St. Margaret's Regional School parking lot in Woodbury Heights arrive at 10:15am for the 11am show, show runs until approximately 1:45pm, lunch will follow at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord at 3:00pm - plan accordingly - we are expected to be back to St. Margaret's by 6:30pm. Cost - \$145 per person. Price includes show, lunch and all gratuities. Act quick - ONLY ONE BUS for each trip!! To sign up email Neen at neenie@comcast.net or call 856-468-6430

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.

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### 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](mailto:cbetsonsmith@comcast.net)

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**Man-Up South Jersey:
A Men's Spirituality Conference**
On November 10, 2018, Catholic men from across South Jersey will come together for a spirituality conference at the Paul VI Conference Center in Haddon Heights, NJ.

Through inspirational talks and discussions, these men will leave equipped to become better sons, fathers, and husbands....better men.

The day-long event, includes powerful speakers, time for Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and will conclude with Mass celebrated by our Bishop, Dennis Sullivan.

If you desire to become the man that God intended you to be, join us on November 10th.

Register now and save!
www.manupsouthjersey.com

Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.