

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

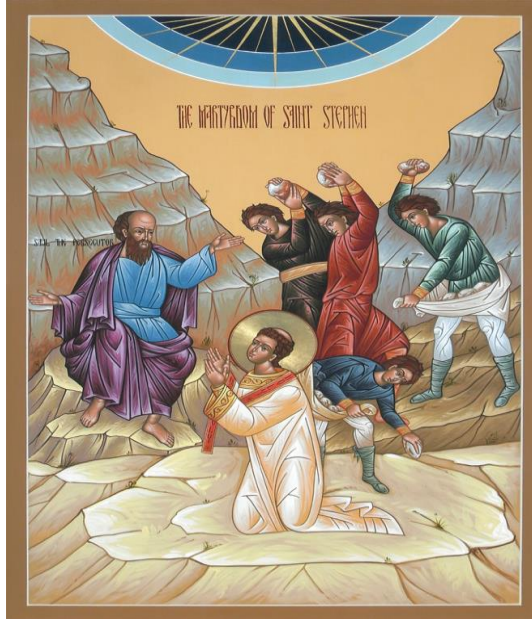
## *Pastoral Staff*

**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

**Parish Trustees**  
Rose Marie Davis  
Keith Knight

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



## *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](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

**Parish Website:**  
[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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.*

***July 2, 2017 – The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>July 2, 2017</b>  |
| 9:00am           | John & Marie Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri                   |
| 10:30am          | Catherine Schneider<br>r/b George, Gail & Valerie Tutwiler |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>July 3, 2017</b>  |
| 9:00am           | People of the Parish – Living & Deceased                   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>July 4, 2017 (Independence Day)</b>                     |
| 9:00am           | Our Military Personnel – Living & Deceased                 |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>July 5, 2017</b>  |
| 9:00am           | Rev. Jerome C. Romanowski r/b People of the Parish         |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>July 6, 2017</b>  |
| 9:00am/Novena    | Jean Gugliotta r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta                   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>July 7, 2017 (First Friday Adoration)</b>               |
| 9:00am           | Joe Cavilere r/b Nick Picciano                             |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>July 8, 2017</b>  |
| 4:30pm           | Dolores Kunder r/b the Baylor & Pandola Families           |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>July 9, 2017</b>  |
| 9:00am           | Loretta T. Horn-Sauter r/b Jim Pennestri                   |
| 10:30am          | William Sauer r/b His Family                               |



## The Sanctuary Candle this week is In Memory of Our Deceased Military

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.

**June 24/25, 2017 Offertory Collection: \$4,118**  
**2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target: \$4,600**  
**Final Year-Ending Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,638**

Next Special Collection:

July 9<sup>th</sup>: "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, Barbie Brown, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Lina Ciarrocchi, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Crammer, 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 July 8 / 9

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

Altar Server: J. Bui

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

Lectors: B. Mattia, J. Scavuzzo

**Sunday, 9:00am**

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, M. Conway, Mi. Conway

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

Lectors: Jared Rivera, P. Nolte

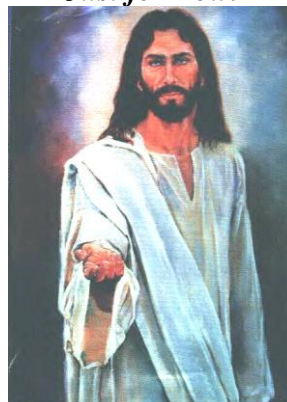
**Sunday, 10:30am**

Altar Servers: K. Fagan, M. Daniels, Ma. Daniels

EM's: T. Mattered, G. Tutwiler, T. Urgo, D. Urgo, J. Messina

Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, M. Turan

## A SPECIAL INVITATION Just for You!



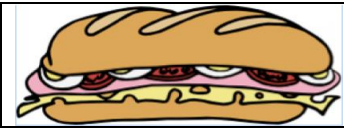
### First Friday Adoration July 7, 2017

Take some time. Be quiet for 15 minutes or so. Pull all your attention together, and see Him before the eyes of your mind on the roads of Galilee, on the Cross, or standing by the empty tomb. Pray in a way that you have never prayed before.

Come, let us adore Him in silence.

*Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R.*

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



**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 8 & 9**. For info call 856-227-4980.

***This Week @ St. Stephen Parish***

- 7/3-Monday-9am Mass
- 7/4-Tuesday-9am Mass, **Rectory Closed Independence Day**
- 7/5-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 7/6-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 7/7-Friday-9am Mass
- 7/8-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 7/9-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***

**Registration for 2017-2018 is underway!**

Registration forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The fee is \$135 per family (\$10 late fee after Labor Day). Opening CCD Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, September 6th at 6:15pm.**

***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

**Will Resume in September.**

***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](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.

***Children's Liturgy of the Word***

**(Will resume in September)**

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.

***Parish Library***

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your summer 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](mailto: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 July contact **Maryann @ 856-333-6525.**



**On Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> we will observe Independence Day, a national holiday. The rectory office will be closed.**

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**Stewardship Reflection  
“Live Stewardship”**

*“...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” - MATTHEW 10:38*

Pope Benedict XVI said “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness”. “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Live *Stewardship*, pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

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**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 [camdenatholic.org](http://camdenatholic.org), [Classmates.com](http://Classmates.com) or Facebook Event CCHS Class of 1967 50th Reunion.

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**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 Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow. **The next weekend dates are Oct. 20-22 and Dec. 8-10, 2017.** Call 609-741-8012 for information or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

**Background on  
Today’s Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 10:37-42**

**Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.**

Today’s Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew’s audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew’s Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one’s whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew’s community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus’ followers. In today’s Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today’s Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus’ name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God’s love.

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**Rediscover the  
Love in Your Marriage!**

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille may be the **LIFELINE** that you need! It is *not* just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it.

**The next program begins, the weekend of August 11-13 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

**We invite all Centenarians, their Families,  
Friends and Caregivers to join us for a Special  
Mass to Celebrate Life to the Fullest**



*100 Years Blessed*

**Through Liturgy and Prayer we will Recognize, Honor and  
Celebrate those who have reached this  
Milestone of Life of 100 years and beyond.**

**Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 12pm**  
*(On the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne)*  
**Annunciation Church (St. Joachim Parish)**  
**601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr**

*A light reception and fellowship to follow*

**To register and attend or for additional information,  
Please contact Karen Fisher at 856-583-6123  
Or email [Karen.Fisher@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Karen.Fisher@camdendiocese.org)**



*"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)*