

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

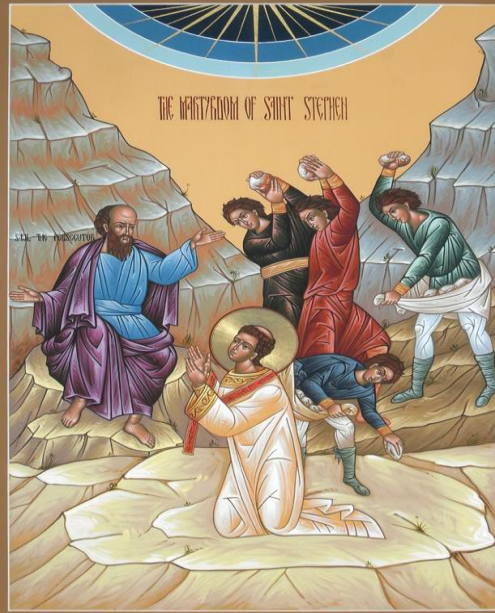
Pastoral Staff

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 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 21, 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 21, 2019
9:00am	Ada Barbarito r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Susan Ott r/b The Haas Family Madeline Ulkowski r/b Linda & Brian Yeager
MONDAY	July 22, 2019
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	July 23, 2019
9:00am	Tilda Lamaina r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
WEDNESDAY	July 24, 2019
9:00am	Sr. Maureen Cooper r/b Liz McHugh
THURSDAY	July 25, 2019
9:00am/Novena	For the Soul of Maria r/b Sen Ho
FRIDAY	July 26, 2019
9:00am	Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
SATURDAY	July 27, 2019
4:30pm	Mary Ellen Gerst r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
SUNDAY	July 28, 2019
9:00am	Gloria Vendetti (6 th Anniversary) r/b Her Husband, Anthony
10:30am	Rosina Midili r/b The Joie Family



**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 13/14 Offertory Collection:	\$4,354
2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,500
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$3,879

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 27/28

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: A. Knight, V. Thibault, R. Davis, A. Cirullo
Lectors: J. Gerst, J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, T. Modzier
Lectors: Joan Rivera, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: M. Miller, M. Conway, W. Delfin, S. Underwood
Lectors: J. Messina, W. McHugh

“Stewards Share Faith”

“...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.” -COLOSSIANS 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to continuously grow in our relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to live *Stewardship* by sharing your faith the next time the opportunity arises.



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

- 7/22-Monday-9am Mass
- 7/23-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 7/24-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 7/25-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 7/26-Friday-9am Mass
- 7/27-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 7/28-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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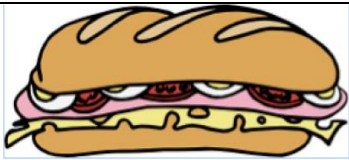


First Friday Adoration

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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## 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.njdiocesesivcp.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>)*

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Attention All Neumann-Goretti Alumni

The 9th Annual All Classes Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th from 2 - 6 pm at Chickie's & Pete's Play 2 in South Philadelphia. Visit www.themillayclub.org or call 215-389-0925 for tickets and additional information.

Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

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## **Prayer to Blessed Chiara Luce Badano**

*(For the healing of Christina McNasby)*

O Father, fount of every good, we give you thanks for the wonderful testimony of Blessed Chiara Badano filled with the Holy Spirit and guided by the radiant light of Jesus, she believed firmly in Your infinite love, and wished to return it with all her strength, surrendering herself in complete trust to Your paternal will.

We humbly beseech You that You may also grant us the gift to live with You and for You, and ask You if it be Your will, for the grace to heal the wounds of our Christina through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.