

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

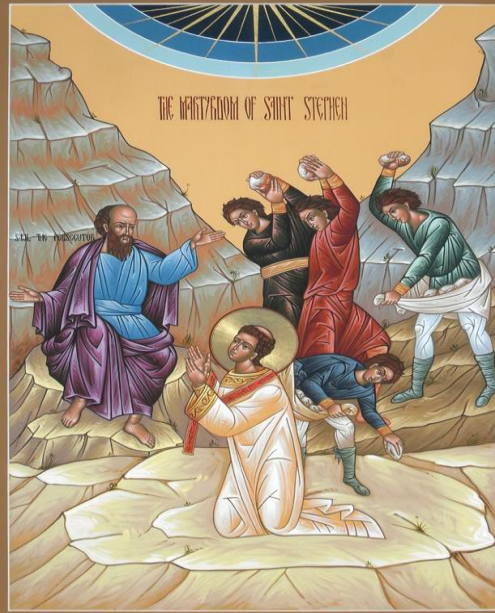
## Pastoral Staff

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

**Parish Website**  
[StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 28, 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".

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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>9:00am          | <b>July 28, 2019</b><br>Gloria Vendetti (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)<br>r/b Her Husband, Anthony  |
| 10:30am                          | Rosina Midili r/b The Joie Family  |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>9:00am          | <b>July 29, 2019</b><br>Tilda Lamaina r/b Sandra Casparro  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>9:00am         | <b>July 30, 2019</b><br>Tilda Lamaina r/b Bob & Nancy Snow   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>9:00am       | <b>July 31, 2019</b><br>For the Healing of Joseph Thurston   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>9:00am/Novena | <b>August 1, 2019</b><br>People of the Parish – Living & Deceased  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>9:00am          | <b>August 2, 2019 (First Friday Adoration)</b><br>For All Victims of Violence and Abuse  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>4:30pm        | <b>August 3, 2019</b><br>Vincent L. Buondonno r/b His Sister   |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>9:00am          | <b>August 4, 2019</b><br>Mary Gore r/b Joseph Eisenhardt   |
| 10:30am                          | Mary V. Iacovelli r/b Donald Mignone<br>Tilda Lamaina r/b The Zinicola Family<br>Anna Phan r/b The Bui Family<br>John Bui r/b The Bui 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.

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| <b>July 20/21 Offertory Collection:</b>         | <b>\$3,790</b> |
| <b>2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target:</b>       | <b>\$4,500</b> |
| <b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b> | <b>\$3,849</b> |

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 August 3/4

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

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

Lectors: R. Taylor, P. Nolte

**Sunday, 9:00am**

EM's: R. Davis, R. Leone, E. Nolte, L. McHugh, M. Conway

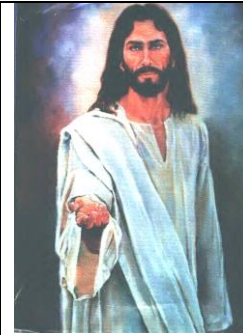
Lectors: M. Miller, Joan Rivera

**Sunday, 10:30am**

EM's: J. Messina, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, W. Delfin

Lector: R. Aleszczyk

## *First Friday Adoration*



**August 2, 2019  
9:30am – 7:00pm**

*"Come to beauty,  
silence, prayer.  
Come to Me."*

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

### **"Good Stewardship"**

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good Steward only asks God for what he needs.

### Rectory Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00am – 4:30pm  
Friday: 9:30am – 2:00pm



### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 7/29-Monday-9am Mass
- 7/30-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 7/31-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 8/1-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 8/2-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7:00pm
- 8/3-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 8/4-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

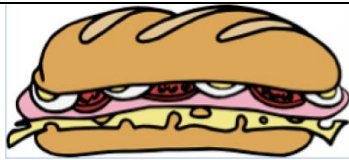
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### First Friday Adoration

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.

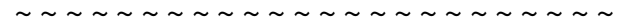
### Art & Environment Ministry

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.



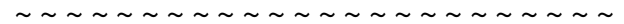
### Automatic E-Giving

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



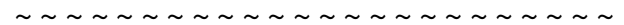
### CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

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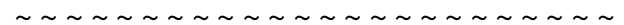
### Choir – New Members Welcome!

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](mailto: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.**

In August contact **Maryann @ 856-333-6525**



**VITALity**  
Catholic Healthcare Services

*Celebrating Life to the Fullest*

**A Special Mass for  
Nonagenarians and Centenarians**



We invite all Nonagenarians (90 years and beyond) and Centenarians (100 years and beyond) and their families, friends and caregivers to join us for a special Mass to recognize

this milestone of life of 90 years and beyond. Mass will be followed by a light reception and fellowship.

**Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 3pm  
Annunciation Church (St. Joachim Parish)  
601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ**

To attend please RSVP by September 6<sup>th</sup>  
Anne Marie Pirillo at 856-583-6121  
or [annemarie.pirillo@camdendiocese.org](mailto:annemarie.pirillo@camdendiocese.org)




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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](http://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>)*



## 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](http://www.themillayclub.org) or call 215-389-0925 for tickets and additional information.

# Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

*Luke 11:1-13*

## Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

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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.