

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

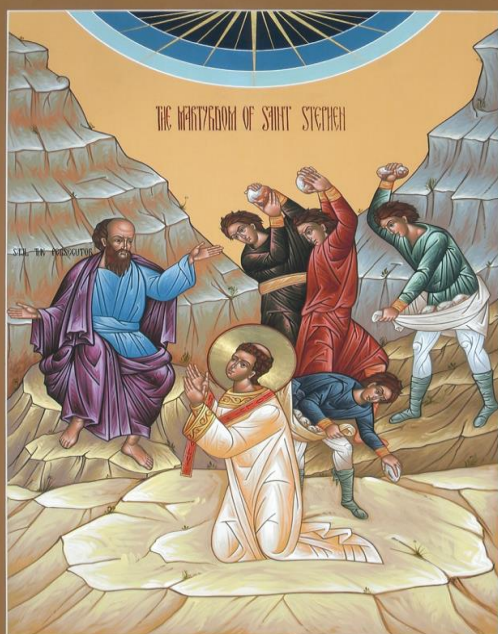
Pastoral Staff

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

Emergencies
(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 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 29, 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	July 29, 2018
9:00am	Gloria Vendetti (5 th Anniversary) r/b Her Husband, Anthony
10:30am	The Deceased Members of the McGovern and Underwood Families r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood
MONDAY	July 30, 2018
9:00am	Pierre Hue r/b A Friend
TUESDAY	July 31, 2018
9:00am	For the Healing of Palm r/b A Friend
WEDNESDAY	August 1, 2018
9:00am	Gennaro Leone r/b Bob & Bonnie Leone
THURSDAY	August 2, 2018
9:00am/Novena	Ann Matysik r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY	August 3, 2018 (First Friday Adoration)
9:00am	Vincent L. Buondonno r/b His Sister
SATURDAY	August 4, 2018
4:30pm	Nicholas Gambino r/b His Wife, Vilma
SUNDAY	August 5, 2018
9:00am	Maria Calzonetti (12 th Anniversary) r/b Family
10:30am	Mary V. Iacovelli r/b Donald Mignone Anna Phan r/b The Bui Family Mary Virginia r/b Marcia Miller Frank Thomas Sonnie r/b Marcia Miller



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of
Edward J. Vogt, Jr.

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 21/22, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$3,431
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$3,846

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.

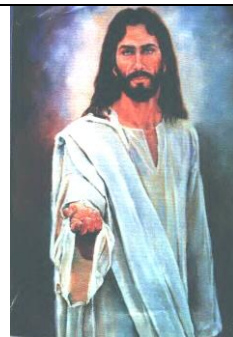
Ministry Schedule for August 4/5

Saturday, 4:30pm
EM's: A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, L. D'Alessandro
Lector: B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am
EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, R. Leone, E. Nolte
Lectors: P. Nolte, M. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am
EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, J. Messina, J. Fagan, K. Fagan
Lectors: W. McHugh, Jared Rivera

A SPECIAL INVITATION



First Friday Adoration August 3, 2018

"A Genius conceives a masterpiece... He is delighted with it; he will realize it by every possible means and at the cost of any sacrifice.

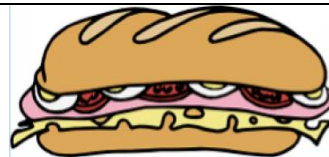
He is dominated by his masterpiece; he sees it continually.

Well, (in like manner) fix your mind on our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and ponder on his love."

Saint Peter Julian Eymard

RSVP to Rosemarie Leone
@ 856-662-0035.

"O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine."



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 4 & 5.

For info call 856-227-4980.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 7/30-Monday-9am Mass
- 7/31-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 8/1-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 8/2-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 8/3-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 8/4-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 8/5-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

Registration for 2018-2019 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 12th at 6:15pm.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will Resume in September

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

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.

RCIA Ministry

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

RCIA begins soon. Don't let another year go by without inquiring into the Catholic faith, catching up on missed sacraments, resolving issues in your relationship with the Church and refreshing your faith. **For more information, call Loretta Steinmetz at 856-227-4980.**

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.**
In **August** contact **Diane-856-308-8224.**



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

Tennis Coach Needed

Merion Mercy Academy High School is looking to hire a Varsity & assistant varsity tennis coach, assistant soccer coach & assistant volleyball coach. Please contact Athletic Director Barbara Clarke – bclarke@merion-mercy.com



Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Maple Shade still has vacancies in some of our preschool through 8th grade classes. Please contact Mrs. Cynthia Smith, Principal for more details and for registration information. Office hours are Tuesday–Friday from 8:30AM–12:30PM.

Call (856) 779-7526 – or email principal@OLPHparish.com

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.

A Special Mass of Celebration SAVE THE DATE

VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services is looking for parishioners who have reached that Milestone of Life of age 90 and above. We want to Recognize, Honor and Celebrate you or your family member at a special Mass and celebration on **September 16th**, at 3pm at Annunciation Church, St. Joachim Parish in Bellmawr, NJ. Please contact or forward to us your or your friend or family member's name, address, phone number, parish and date of birth, to receive an invitation to this very special event. Send your information to or contact us at:

VITALity Catholic Healthcare Services

Attn: Anne Marie Pirillo

Diocese of Camden

631 Market Street

Camden, NJ 08102

(856)583-6121

Or email to :

Annemarie.pirillo@camdendiocese.org



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

John 6:1-15

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.