

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

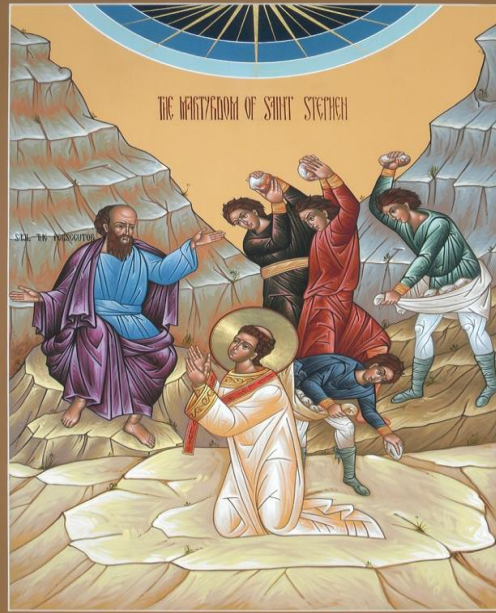
## Pastoral Staff

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 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 7, 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".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 7, 2019</b>
9:00am	John & Marie Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Rosina Midili r/b The Joie Family
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>July 8, 2019</b>
9:00am	For the Speedy and Full Recovery of Wayne Hocking r/b Dean & Mary Russell
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>July 9, 2019</b>
9:00am	Sebastian Canalichio r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>July 10, 2019</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>July 11, 2019</b>
9:00am/Novena	Filomena Catalani r/b People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>July 12, 2019</b>
9:00am	Julie Paglione r/b People of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 13, 2019</b>
4:30pm	Carol Cranmer r/b The Weingard Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 14, 2019</b>
9:00am	Loretta T. Horn-Sauter r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Robert Brown (Birthday Remembrance) r/b His Daughter, JoAnne Capner



**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.

**Offertory Figures for June 29/30 will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on June 27.**

**Diocesan Special Collections:**

July 7 - Holy Father / Peter's Pence  
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, Callum Steinmetz, Rick Taylor, Peter P. Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

## Ministry Schedule for July 13/14

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

EM's: Sr. Eleanora, A. Knight, V. Thibault, A. Cirullo  
Lectors: B. Mattia, R. Taylor

**Sunday, 9:00am**

EM's: T. Modzier, L. McHugh, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, M. Conway  
Lectors: W. McHugh, M. McHugh

**Sunday, 10:30am**

EM's: S. Underwood, W. Delfin, J. Messina, G. Tutwiler  
Lector: R. Aleszczyk

## "Stewards Labor"

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" LUKE 10:2

As Catholic Stewards, we are all called to serve. However, many of us are unsure of what our charisms or gifts from the Holy Spirit are to help build God's Church. Through prayer we are able to discern how God is calling us. The next time your pastor or fellow parishioner asks you to join a committee, ask God first, if that is what He wants you to do with your gifts.

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# YOU DID IT FOR ME



HOUSE OF CHARITY  
BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**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

- 7/8-Monday-9am Mass
- 7/9-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 7/10-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 7/11-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 7/12-Friday-9am Mass
- 7/13-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 7/14-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

Will Resume in September



### 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 weekends of July 6 & 7 and 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

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](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.



## Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

**Is your marriage going down the right road . . .  
or is it a little off track?  
Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges  
you face in marriage.  
Retrouvaille can help get your relationship  
back on track.**

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille* (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes all married couples.

**Our next program is coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA August 9 - 11.** For more information, or to register, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230.

All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

### Post-Abortion Support Group

Catholic Charities is currently organizing a support group for people who have been impacted by abortion and desire healing, hope, and forgiveness. If you are interested in information, contact us at 856-342-4135.

### FOR SALE

Cherrywood headboard with built-in book shelves, matching cedar chest, 2 marble-top end tables and matching coffee table, glass desk with drawers. **If interested, please call Rosemarie at 856-725-1543.**

## 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.njdiocesessivcp.com](http://www.njdiocesessivcp.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>)*

# Wedding of the Sea Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>

Join Bishop Sullivan for 12 Noon Mass on Thurs., August 15 in celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City. Following the Mass, there will be a procession of the Blessed Mother and Benediction on the Boardwalk, followed by the Wedding of the Sea ceremony on the beach.

A festival follows on the grounds of Saint Michael's parking lot and in Quaremba Hall featuring more than ten restaurants and bakery vendors, a beer garden, children's games, face painting, and live music.

Each year, the Wedding of the Sea Festival celebrates the relationship of the city and the sea and asks God to grant success to the work of so many to build up the Atlantic City community!

## Schedule

**Noon**

**Introductory Program Boardwalk Hall**

**12:05**

**Mass of the Assumption with Bishop Dennis Sullivan  
Boardwalk Hall**

**1:15**

**Procession to the surf for the Wedding of the Sea  
with Bishop Sullivan and the Mayor of Atlantic City  
Beach in front of Boardwalk Hall**

**1:45**

**Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
Boardwalk Pavilion**

**1 – 7**

**Festival grounds open  
St. Michael's Parking Lot and Quaremba Hall**

For more information, click on Parish of Saint Monica  
webpage or [www.weddingofthesea.org](http://www.weddingofthesea.org).

# Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

*Luke 10:1-12,17-20*

**Jesus sends out 72 people to  
announce the coming kingdom.**

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.