

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

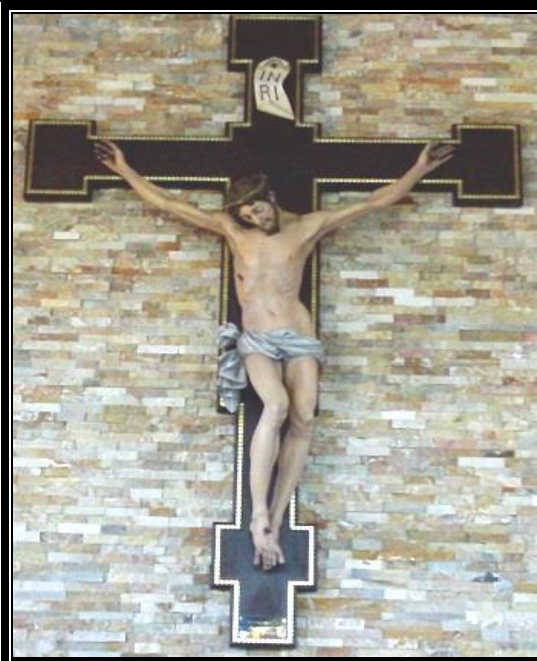
Pastoral Staff

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

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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336
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Parish Email:
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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 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 8, 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 9:00am	July 8, 2018 Carmella "Millie" Meyers r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family
MONDAY 9:00am	July 9, 2018 Gennaro Leone r/b The Leone Family
TUESDAY 9:00am	July 10, 2018 Gennaro Leone r/b Frank Pigliacelli
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	July 11, 2018 Rev. Kenneth Johnston r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	July 12, 2018 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	July 13, 2018 Gennaro Leone r/b Lucille Buffington
SATURDAY 4:30pm	July 14, 2018 Jennie Szalagiewicz r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
SUNDAY 9:00am	July 15, 2018 Loretta T. Horn-Sauter r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Peter Johnston r/b Joe & Maria Haas



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 30 / July 1 will be posted in next week's bulletin as this issue was submitted on June 28.

Upcoming Special Collections / Envelopes:

July 8: "Pastoral Solidarity in Africa" (Diocese)
August 15: "Feast of the Assumption" (St. Stephen)

(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)
(Last fiscal year's average weekly E-Giving total was \$439)



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:

**Alice Jean Baylor, Anna Buono,
Edmund Ciccarone, Carol Cranmer,
Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy,
Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ,
Sam & Nancy Loperfido, Ken Maminski,
Rick Taylor, Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard.**
(Confirmed names above, unconfirmed names below as of 6/28/18)

Joseph & Dolores Afilani, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Barbie Brown, Jackie Cardwell, Lina Ciarrocchi, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Biagio Dinoto, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Bernice Evans, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Angela Gallecchio, Richard Gentile, Jr., Chase Gilchrist, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Rosemarie Leonardo, Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Mary Ellen Mayer, William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O'Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Linda Petrilli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Dean & Mary Russell, John S., Helen Setzer, Joan Siperavage, Nancy Sonnie, Michael Sponburgh, Steven Stepanavage, Keri Ann Taxis, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Vivillo, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb,

Please contact the Parish Office @ 856-662-9338, x6 if you wish to continue to keep your loved one's name on the above Sick List. All names will be removed if we are not contacted annually.

Ministry Schedule for July 14/15

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: V. Thibault, A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, E. Nolte
Lectors: J. Gerst, B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, R. Leone, R. Davis, M. Conway, T. Modzier
Lectors: M. Miller, D. Heck

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: K. Fagan, J. Fagan, W. Delfin, S. Underwood
Lectors: J. Messina, Joan Rivera

"Stewards Equipped"

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" (EZEKIEL 2:2-3)

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. As His *Stewards* he gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 7/9-Monday-9am Mass
- 7/10-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 7/11-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 7/12-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 7/13-Friday-9am Mass
- 7/14-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 7/15-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

Will Resume in September

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will Resume in September

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

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

Friday, August 3
from 9:45am-7:00pm



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.

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



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

Christmas in July

5K Run / 1 mile walk

St. Thomas More Parish 50th Anniversary Event

1439 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Wednesday evening, July 25, 2018 7:00PM

Parish grounds. All ages of Runners and Walkers invited.

To register:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/CherryHill/ChristmasinJuly5K1Mile>

Or E-mail Co-Chair Chris Betson-Smith at cbetsonsmith@comcast.net



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

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.

Rutgers Catholic Campus Ministry

The Catholic Campus Ministry at Rutgers University-Camden asks each parishioner to pray for our students, and to encourage them to continue attending weekend Masses in the parish, and to become leaders and examples in parish youth ministry. We urge all incoming students at Rutgers-Camden to contact us as soon as they arrive on campus, and join us in a journey of faith.

If you are going to Rutgers-Camden, please let us know!

Fr. Kristof Wtorek:

Camden.CM@camdendiocese.org

Sr. Dorothy Gilooley, SSJ:

Sr.DorothyGilooley@camdendiocese.org

CONGRATS TO GOOD COUNSEL HOMES BIG 50/50 RAFFLE LUCKY WINNERS

We Are Grateful to all those who participated in our 1st BIG 50/50 RAFFLE

Your support to our fundraising events are allowing our Moms and babies to find their safe haven at our Home in Riverside, NJ. Your generosity allows Good Counsel to continue serving those who need us. "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one" -Mother Teresa

The following winners were drawn on June 11th by Father Dan Gowen, Administrator at Jesus, the Good Shepherd Church:

- 1st Prize: Jim and Dolores Doyle of Cherry Hill; \$4,710.
 - 2nd Prize: Linda Piacentino of Jackson; \$2,355.
 - 3rd Prize: Jim Dougherty of Sewell; \$785.
- Proceeds to Good Counsel Home amounted to \$7,850.

THANK YOU!

Please save the date for our next big event ~ Annual Banquet Thursday **October 25th** at THE MERION in Cinnaminson. More to come!

May God bless you!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mary Ann Lorimer; maryann_lorimer@goodcounselhomes.org

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Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.