

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

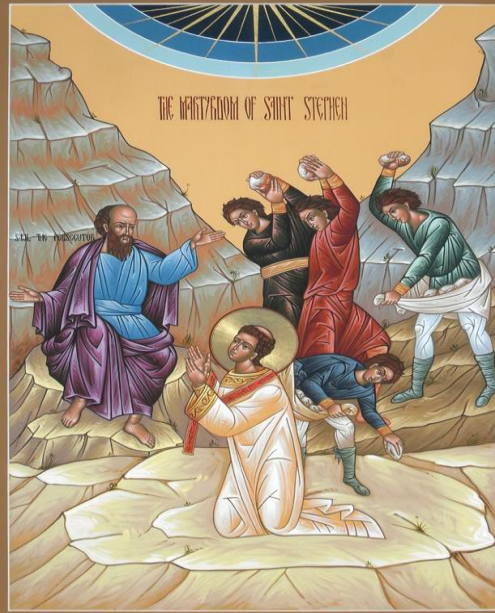
## Pastoral Staff

**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 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 11, 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> 9:00am	<b>August 11, 2019</b> Maria Calzonetti (13 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b Her Family
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Alexander Delfin r/b The Delfin Family
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>August 12, 2019</b> For the Victims & Families in El Paso & Dayton
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>August 13, 2019</b> Fred G. Rocco r/b The Rocco Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>August 14, 2019</b> Richard George r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am/Novena 7:00pm	<b>August 15, 2019 (Feast of the Assumption)</b> Vic Damiano r/b Mary Jane Salmonsens In Honor of Sen Ho's 58 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>August 16, 2019</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>August 17, 2019</b> Anna Kopec r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>August 18, 2019</b> Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
10:30am	Walter Rowland r/b Louise & Leni Zinicola Alexander Delfin r/b The Delfin Family Rosina Midili r/b The Midili Family



**The Sanctuary Candle**  
this week is in memory of the  
*Victims in El Paso & Dayton*

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.

<b>August 3/4 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$3,952</b>
<b>2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target:</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b>	<b>\$3,878</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 15/17/18

### Thursday, 7:00pm – Feast of the Assumption

**EM's:** R. Davis, L. D'Alessandro, E. Nolte  
**Lectors:** Joan Rivera, B. Mattia

### Saturday, 4:30pm

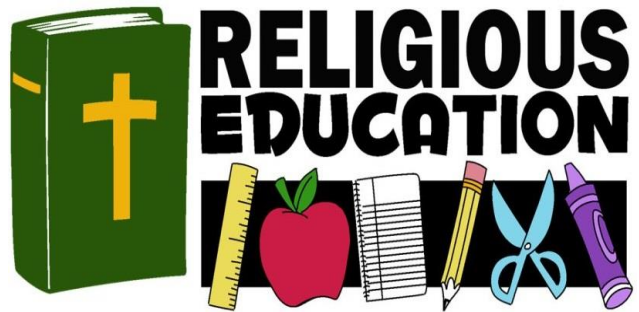
**EM's:** A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, A. Knight  
**Lectors:** J. Melfi, R. Taylor

### Sunday, 9:00am

**EM's:** R. Davis, R. Leone, E. Nolte, L. D'Alessandro  
**Lectors:** D. Steinmetz, P. Nolte

### Sunday, 10:30am

**EM's:** T. Urgo, D. Urgo, W. Delfin, M. Conway  
**Lector:** M. Miller



## Registration for the 2019-2020 Wednesday CCD Classes 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 Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.**

### Rectory Office Summer Hours

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



### This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 8/12-Monday-9am Mass
- 8/13-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 8/14-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 8/15-Thursday-Assumption - 9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Mass
- 8/16-Friday-9am Mass
- 8/17-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 8/18-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, Sept. 6 - 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 September 7 & 8. For info call 856-227-4980.

### Feast of the Assumption Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

Mass Times for this Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated at 9:00am & 7:00pm.

The Rectory and all Diocesan Offices will be closed on August 15<sup>th</sup>.



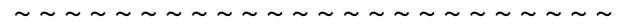
### Art & Environment Ministry

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.



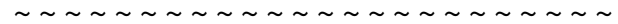
### Automatic E-Giving

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.



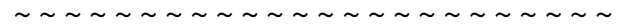
### Choir – New Members Welcome!

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 August contact Maryann @ 856-333-6525



**VITALity**  
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**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.

*90+  
Years  
Blessed*

**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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**Holy Eucharist Parish, Cherry Hill**

is sponsoring their Annual Golf Outing on Monday, **September 30, 2019** at Little Mill Country Club, Marlton, NJ. One of the premiere golf courses in South Jersey. Cost: \$175 Individual Player includes: Lunch, Use of Practice Range, Cart & Greens Fees, Cocktail Hour, Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, Refreshments on Course, and an Outing Gift. Sponsorship available. Register at Holy Eucharist website or Contact: Steve Dumser at 609-707-4273 or [sdumser@swartzcampbell.com](mailto:sdumser@swartzcampbell.com).

**Crafters / Vendors Needed**

**Holy Eucharist Parish Annual Craft Fair**

Saturday, **November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Call Phyllis Cianciarulo at 856-428-5039 for more information.



**First Ever  
Polish American Festival**



Benefitting St. Peter Parish

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019

Time: 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Place: St. Peter Pastors' Hall

Cost: \$40/ Ticket

Entertainment to include music by "Polkadelphia,"

Janosik Polish Dance Ensemble and

Guest Appearance by the Aqua String Band

Polish Food  Beer & Wine  Polka Dancing  
and TONS of FUN!

Tickets will be on sale beginning August 24, 2019 after the 5 PM Mass and will be sold after all weekend Masses (7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, 7:00 PM) up to and including September 21, 2019

For further information or questions, please contact Bobbie @ 856-662-7555.

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**Attention All Neumann-Goretti Alumni**

The 9th Annual All Classes Reunion is scheduled for **Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** 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.



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## Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

*Luke 12:32-48*

**You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.**

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.