

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

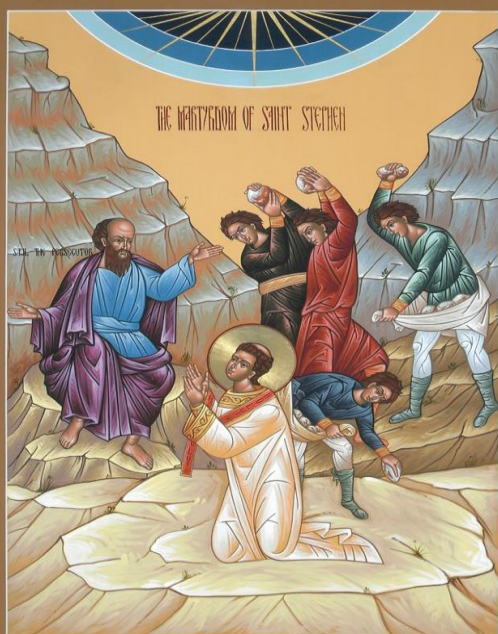
Pastoral Staff

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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 12, 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	August 12, 2018
9:00am	Gennaro Leone r/b Joseph & Bonita Genovese
10:30am	Nora Anders r/b People of the Parish
MONDAY	August 13, 2018
9:00am	Pierre Nhan r/b His Daughter, Anna Nga
TUESDAY	August 14, 2018
9:00am	Betty Picciano (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Nick Picciano
WEDNESDAY	August 15, 2018 (Feast of the Assumption)
9:00am	Angelo A. Flamini, Sr. r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
7:00pm	Fred G. Rocco r/b His Family
THURSDAY	August 16, 2018
9:00am/Novena	For Peace, Health and Good Jobs for My Family r/b Anna Nga
FRIDAY	August 17, 2018
9:00am	Josephine Buondonno r/b Her Daughter
SATURDAY	August 18, 2018
4:30pm	Arline Polak r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
SUNDAY	August 19, 2018
9:00am	Gennaro Leone r/b Rita Vogt
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Victor & Aurelia Dungca r/b Ramon



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.

August 4/5, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$4,157
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$3,915

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 Ciccione, Carol Cranmer,
 Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy,
 Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ,
 Sam & Nancy Loperfido, Ken Maminski,
 Nancy Sonnie, Callum Steinmetz, Rick Taylor,
 Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for August 15/18/19

Wednesday, 7:00pm (Feast of the Assumption)

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, R. Davis, L. D'Alessandro

Lectors: J. Melfi, B. Mattia

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, A. Knight, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: R. Davis, R. Leone, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, T. Modzier

Lectors: D. Steinmetz, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: K. Fagan, J. Fagan, J. Messina

Lectors: M. Miller, M. McHugh

Feast of the Assumption Wednesday, August 15th

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 15th.



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.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

8/13-Monday-9am Mass
8/14-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
8/15-Wed-Feast of the Assumption 9am & 7pm Masses
8/16-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
8/17-Friday-9am Mass
8/18-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
8/19-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"**

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
**Friday, September 7th
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.

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
August contact Diane-856-308-8224.



Rectory Office Summer Hours

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

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**Wedding of the Sea Festival  
Wednesday, August 15**

Take part in this special tradition  
of the Parish of St. Monica in Atlantic City!

Mass of the Assumption of Mary • Boardwalk Hall

Doors Open • 11:00 AM  
Program and Mass • 12:00 PM

Procession of the Blessed Mother  
and Benediction on the Boardwalk

Procession to Surf • 1:15 PM

Join the Most Reverend Dennis Sullivan, Bishop of the  
Diocese of Camden in celebration of this beautiful Mass.

Festival – St. Michael’s Church Parking Lot,  
Georgia Avenue • 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Free & open to the public.

Enjoy 10 Atlantic City restaurant vendors, a beer garden,  
live music, children's games, and more.

Free parking at multiple locations.

(609) 345-1878 • <http://weddingofthesea.org/>

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A Closer Walk with God

Come out to St. Rose of Lima Church Parish in Haddon
Heights on **Sunday August 19th from 2 to 3:30 p.m.** for
a beautiful experience of prayer and meditation before
Our Eucharistic Lord. Father Joseph Byerley will give
two inspirational and informative talks:

- 1) Faith AND Works and 2) Silence.**

Each talk will be followed by silent time to meditate
before Our Lord. A booklet will be provided with space
for notes and selected scriptures and quotes from the
saints which will be reflective of the meditation topics.
This is a free event. For reminders on your mobile
device of all upcoming CWG events, please text the
message @strosecwg to the number 81010. Standard
text message rates apply.

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**Crafters / Vendors Needed**

Holy Eucharist Parish Annual Craft Fair, Saturday,  
**November 10<sup>th</sup>**. Call Barbara Hill at 856-374-3696 or  
Phyllis Cianciarulo at 856-428-5039 for more  
information.

**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.

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**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



Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Maple Shade
welcomes you to schedule a tour of our preschool - 8th
grade school for enrollment for the 2018-19 school year.
The Pennsauken School District provides transportation
for our students who live there. Please contact Mrs.
Cynthia Smith, Principal for more details and for
registration information. Office hours are Tuesday –
Friday, 8:30AM – 12:30PM or by appointment. (856) 779-
7526 principal@OLPHparish.com.

Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

John 6:41-51

**Jesus responds to the murmurs of the crowd,
who wonders what he means when he says that he came down from heaven.**

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father’s will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today’s Gospel reading.

Today’s Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John’s Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today’s reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.