

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

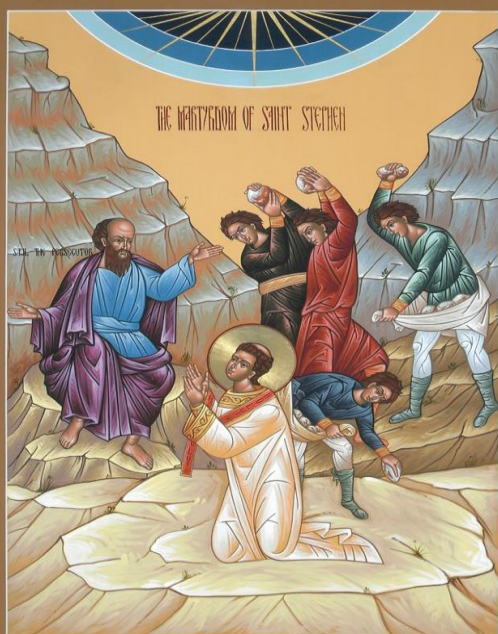
Pastoral Staff

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 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 19, 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".

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| 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 |
| MONDAY | August 20, 2018 |
| 9:00am | People of the Parish – Living & Deceased |
| TUESDAY | August 21, 2018 |
| 9:00am | Sam Scavuzzo (20 th Anniversary) r/b Family |
| WEDNESDAY | August 22, 2018 |
| 9:00am | For Our Students and Teachers returning to School |
| THURSDAY | August 23, 2018 |
| 9:00am/Novena | For Those Who Suffer from Depression and Mental Illness |
| FRIDAY | August 24, 2018 |
| 9:00am | For the Elderly and Homebound of our Parish |
| SATURDAY | August 25, 2018 |
| 4:30pm | Helen Setzer r/b Dot Carter |
| SUNDAY | August 26, 2018 |
| 9:00am | Gennaro Leone r/b The Knight Family |
| 10:30am | Charles Ackerman r/b His Family Frank & Susie Furlano r/b The Midili Family Nestor & Fermina Nicdao r/b The Nicdao Family |



The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of
Josephine Scavuzzo

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 11/12, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$4,211
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$3,958

Upcoming Special Collections / Envelopes:

- September 9: "Catholic University" (Diocese)
- October 7: "Pro-Life" (Diocese)
- October 21: "World Mission Sunday" (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 Ciccaraone, 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 25/26

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, V. Thibault, Sr. Eleanora, A. Knight, C. Pandola
Lectors: B. Mattia, R. Taylor

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: E. Nolte, R. Davis, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, M. Conway
Lectors: Jared Rivera, M. Miller

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: S. Underwood, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, W. Delfin, K. Fagan
Lector: J. Messina



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.

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"Stewardship Wisdom"

"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..." (EPHESIANS 5:15)

A wise *Steward* recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise *Steward* thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise *Steward* realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

8/20-Monday-9am Mass
8/21-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
8/22-Wednesday-9am Mass
8/23-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
8/24-Friday-9am Mass
8/25-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
8/26-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.

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.

Collegium Center Events

Come enjoy a free presentation by Fr. Robert Hughes on "Finding Yourself in the Most Holy Trinity," at 7:00PM on Tuesday, August 21st at The Collegium Center for Faith and Culture, 301 White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035. Refreshments served. Handicapped accessible. For more information contact Brenda at olvbquinn@aol.com or 856-534-0400. Doors open at 6:30.

Join us for a discussion of the book, "The Screwtape Letters," by C.S. Lewis, Monday, Aug. 27 at 7:00 PM at The Collegium Center for Faith and Culture, 301 White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035.



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.

Did you know that more than 96% of South Jersey Catholic Schools' 2018 graduates are starting college this summer and fall? There is still time to give your child the gift of a Catholic school education.

For more information contact the parish office or the Office of Catholic Schools at 856-583-6107 or go to www.southjerseycatholicschools.org.

Golf Outing Sept. 10th

Holy Eucharist Parish, Cherry Hill is sponsoring a Golf Outing on Monday, **September 10, 2018** at Little Mill Country Club, Marlton, NJ. 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. Contact: Dominic Villecco at dvillecco@gmail.com.

Diocese of Camden Gospel Choir

Join us at our upcoming rehearsals in preparation for singing at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., the Annual Black Catholic Ministries' Day of Reflection, and the 2nd Annual Tri-State Concert with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Wilmington! All rehearsals are 6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. See the following locations and dates:

- **Tues., Sept. 11: St. Bridget Parish, 125 Church Street Glassboro, NJ 08028-2517**
 - **Tues., Sept. 25: St. Bridget Parish, 125 Church Street Glassboro, NJ 08028-2517**
 - **Tues., Oct. 9: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish/St. Luke Church 55 Warwick Road, Stratford, NJ 08084**
- For more info email tdorseymusic@gmail.com or call (609) 502-7414.

Special Mass of Celebration Sept. 16th

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

World Marriage Weekend

When you care enough to love the very best in your marriage, treat yourself to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is **Oct 19-21, 2018**. Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org Visit our website wwme-southjersey.org

Crafters / Vendors Needed

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

Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

Jesus teaches that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live forever.

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarreled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world.

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.