

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

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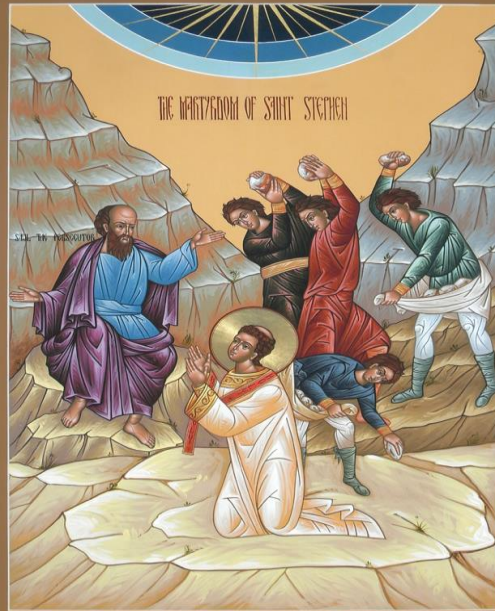
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Rectory Summer Hours

Monday–Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm

Friday: 9:30am-2:00pm



Contact Info

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(856) 261-9336

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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.

August 20, 2017 – The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Required Preparation is 1 class, 2nd Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3rd Sunday of month @ Noon.

Anointing of the Sick/Eucharist –

Upon request after the 4:30pm Mass in the Chapel.

Prior notification is necessary by calling the rectory Monday-Friday. Also call the Rectory if someone is sick or housebound.

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. Further information is available by calling the Rectory.

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.

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 2018 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

SUNDAY	August 20, 2017
9:00am	Lenora N. Annibale r/b Joe & Maria Haas
10:30am	Thomas Van Langen r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood
MONDAY	August 21, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	August 22, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
WEDNESDAY	August 23 2017
9:00am	Rev. Henry J. McBride r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	August 24, 2017
9:00am/Novena	Rev. Marjan L. Bober r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY	August 25, 2017
9:00am	Mary Anne Kriebel r/b Mary Beth McCarthy
SATURDAY	August 26, 2017
4:30pm	Michael Vicario r/b Our 4:30pm Mass Ushers
SUNDAY	August 27, 2017
9:00am	Lenora N. Annibale r/b George & Michelle Morales and Family
10:30am	Fermina & Nestor Nicdao r/b The Nicdao Family



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 12/13, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$3,759
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,071

Next Special Collection:

September 3rd:
“Holy Father Peter’s Pence”
(Diocese)



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:

- Joseph & Dolores Afilani, Raymond Amatrudo, Jr., Eleanor Becker, Barbie Brown, Anna Buono, Jackie Cardwell, Lina Ciarrocchi, Edmund Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Crammer, Joe DeLorenzo, Esther DeMarco, Fanny DiBenedetto, Fred Dickson, Joseph DiFrank, Biagio Dinoto, Michael DiVito, Patricia Domer, Joe Flacco, Joanna Galdo, Richard Gentile, Jr., Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Gregory Hayes, Mary Ann Hoffacker, Thomas Holmes Sr., Debra Knapp, Donna Krawchuk, Janet LaFreda-Hopkins, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sam Loperfido, Sr., Michael Lopez, Joann Lunsford, Ken Maminski, Harry, Mary Ellen & William Mayer, Cecilia McGonigle, Dorothy McPeak, Rosemary Murray, Florence O’Connor, Margie Ogden, Jennifer Osborn, Savaelina Perez, Linda Petrilli, Rosemarie Rosolia, Patricia Ruhl, Dean & Mary Russell, John S., Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Keri Ann Taxis, Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper, Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Viviello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for August 26/27

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Servers: TBD

EM’s: A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, R. Davis, A. Rende

Lectors: J. Gerst, P. Nolte

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: TBD

EM’s: R. Leone, E. Nolte, T. Modzier, M. Conway, L. D’Alessandro

Lectors: W. McHugh, J. Scavuzzo

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: TBD

EM’s: K. Fagan, J. Fagan, M. Miller, G. Tutwiler, T. Mattera

Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, J. Messina

Stewardship Reflection **“Stewardship Calling”**

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.”
- ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good *Stewards* by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

8/21-Monday-9am Mass
8/22-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
8/23-Wednesday-9am Mass
8/24-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
8/25-Friday-9am Mass
8/26-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
8/27-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Rectory Office Summer Hours

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

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 2017-2018 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 6th at 6:15pm.**

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Resumes September 14th @ 7pm in the Parish Center.

We'll be discussing Prof. William R. Cook's

“The Catholic Church: A History”



All Are Welcome to Join Us!

Art & Environment Ministry

Anyone interested in donating flowers for the altar to mark an Anniversary, Christening or Memorial Mass or would like to make a donation for a tree to honor a deceased loved one is asked to contact our A&E Chairperson Maria Haas at 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.

During the 10:30 AM Mass, children between the ages of 4 and 7 are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word for Children. Before the 1st Reading, children will be called forward. Led by adults they will process to the Parish Center where they will hear the readings and participate in activities that will help them to begin to better understand the meaning of God's Word. At the Offertory Procession, the children will be led back to Mass where they will rejoin their parents. We hope that you will allow your children to participate in this religious education experience.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, October 6, 2017 9:45am-7:00pm.**



(There will be no First Friday Adoration in September)

Parish Library

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your summer reading needs! We have a wide variety of books and CDs for all ages, which are available to be borrowed. Please stop by after Masses.

Hours: Saturday, 5:30-6:00pm

Sunday, 10:00-10:30; 11:30-12:00

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 August contact **Lois @ 856-665-1221.**

FT Maintenance Position Available

Saint Rose of Lima Parish and School is seeking to hire a full-time Maintenance Manager to oversee the general maintenance and repair of buildings, facilities, and equipment of the school and parish buildings. Candidates should have reasonable practical experience in carpentry, plumbing, glass replacement; painting, masonry, grounds keeping, appliance repair, and cleaning.

Please send your resume and cover letter by **August 25th** to Fr. Joseph Byerley at pastor@strosenj.com. Or you may mail your info to Fr. Joseph Byerley, Saint Rose of Lima, 300 Kings Highway, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

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Data Entry Position Available

The Development Office of the Diocese of Camden seeks a reliable Data Entry Clerk to join our team. This is a full-time, temporary position that will last for approximately 18 months. The successful candidate will have quick typing skills, exceptional attention to detail, and a passion for precision. If you think you would like to work in a faith-based, mission driven office, enjoy data entry, and can work efficiently in a fast-paced office setting, please get in touch.

This position will involve data entry of pledges, payments, and constituent information, running of reports, and importing lock box deposits for an upcoming diocesan-wide campaign.

The ideal candidate will have 2+ years' data entry experience. Experience in Raiser's Edge preferred. Excellent typing skills essential. Ability to maintain confidentiality with regard to financial matters is required.

If you are interested, please respond to **HR@camdendiocese.org** by **August 25, 2017**.

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Car Needed

An impoverished parishioner with several small children needs a car, any car, that runs and can carry five people. If you would like to donate such a car to her, please call Jim at the rectory at 856-662-9339, Ext. 6.

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CCHS Class of '67 Reunion

Camden Catholic High School Class of 1967 50th reunion will be held on **September 16, 2017** at the DoubleTree in Mount Laurel. For more information and contacts, log onto camdencatholic.org, Classmates.com or Facebook Event CCHS Class of 1967 50th Reunion.



We've noticed many new visitors attending Mass who've generously contributed to our church. Please consider registering as there are many benefits to being officially registered at St. Stephen's:

- **To Arrange for the Reception of the Sacraments**
- **To Receive Certificates of Eligibility to act as a Sponsor**
- **To Become more intimately involved in our Parish Ministries**
- **To Begin receiving Offertory Envelopes to track contributions**

St. Stephen Parish Registration Form

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

(This form may be mailed OR placed in the Offertory Basket at Mass)

Family Last Name: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Current Date: ____/____/____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Husband's 1st Name: _____

DOB: __/__/__ **Religion:** _____

Wife's Name (1st & maiden): _____

DOB: __/__/__ **Religion:** _____

Marriage: Priest___ Special Permission___ Divorced___ Separated___ Single___ Widowed___ Co-Habit___ Other_____

Children at Home Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** ____/____/____

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Others Living in the Home: _____ **Date of Birth:** ____/____/____

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Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.



Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.