

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

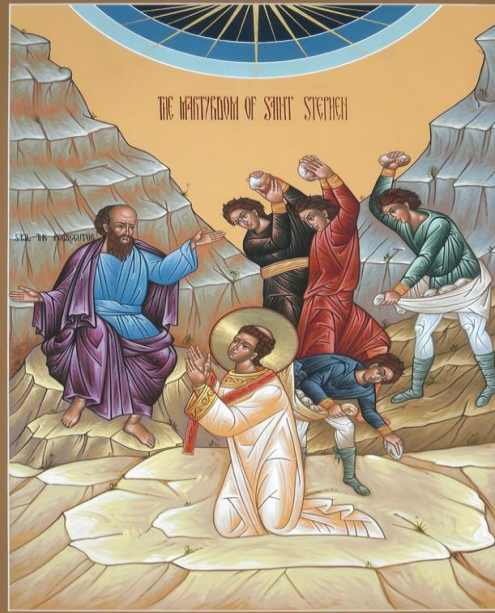
Pastoral Staff

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

Parish Website
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 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 4, 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".

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| SUNDAY 9:00am | August 4, 2019 Mary Gore r/b Joseph Eisenhardt |
| 10:30am | Mary V. Iacovelli r/b Donald Mignone Tilda Lamaina r/b The Zinicola Family Anna Phan r/b The Bui Family John Bui r/b The Bui Family |
| MONDAY 9:00am | August 5, 2019 Alexander Delfin r/b People of the Parish |
| TUESDAY 9:00am | August 6, 2019 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased |
| WEDNESDAY 9:00am | August 7, 2019 For the Healing of Joseph Thurston |
| THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena | August 8, 2019 For All Parishioners Supporting Catholic Strong |
| FRIDAY 9:00am | August 9, 2019 For All Parishioners Supporting House of Charity |
| SATURDAY 4:30pm | August 10, 2019 Leo Russell Gerst (1 st Anniversary August 8 th) r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst |
| SUNDAY 9:00am | August 11, 2019 Maria Calzonetti (13 th Anniversary) r/b Her Family |
| 10:30am | William Sauer r/b His Family Alexander Delfin r/b The Delfin Family |



**The Sanctuary Candle
this week is in memory of
*Frank T. Sonnie
and Mary V. Sonnie***

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.

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| July 27/28 Offertory Collection: | \$3,892 |
| 2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target: | \$4,500 |
| Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: | \$3,860 |
| 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.

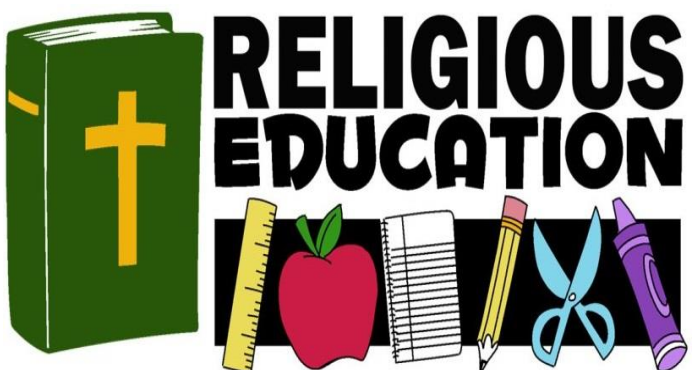


Please call the Rectory to let us know if your family member is in the hospital or homebound so that we may bring them Communion. This week remember to pray for:

- Dee Afilani, Ted Anderson, Ralph Baylor, Mary Bumbalow, Anna Buono, Patrick Carr, John Christy, Edmund Ciccarrone, 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 10/11

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| Saturday, 4:30pm EM's: Sr. Eleanora, A. Knight, V. Thibault, R. Davis Lectors: J. Gerst, B. Mattia |
| Sunday, 9:00am EM's: L. D'Alessandro, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, T. Modzier, M. Miller Lectors: W. McHugh, M. McHugh |
| Sunday, 10:30am EM's: S. Underwood, J. Messina, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman Lectors: R. Aleszczyk, Jared Rivera |



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 11th at 6:15pm.

Rectory Office Summer Hours

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



This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 8/5-Monday-9am Mass
- 8/6-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 8/7-Wednesday-9am Mass
- 8/8-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 8/9-Friday-9am Mass
- 8/10-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 8/11-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



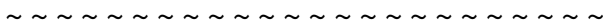
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

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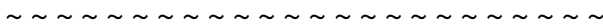
Thursday Night Discussion Club

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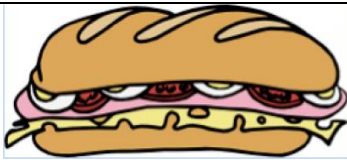


First Friday Adoration

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 weekends of August 3/4 and September 7/8. For info call 856-227-4980.

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



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.




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**




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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.

Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 3pm
Annunciation Church (St. Joachim Parish)
601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ

To attend please RSVP by September 6th
Anne Marie Pirillo at 856-583-6121
or annemarie.pirillo@camdendiocese.org

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New Jersey Independent Victims Compensation Program

The Diocese of Camden – along with the other Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey, has established an Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest of the Diocese.

The IVCP is independently administered by experienced victim compensation experts Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros.

The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims, and operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution.

The administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol.

The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators.

All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially. Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesesisivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

Bishop Sullivan strongly encourages anyone who was sexually victimized by a priest of the Diocese to participate in the IVCP, and has asked that anyone who knows of someone who was abused to contact them so that they are aware of the IVCP and can participate in it.

(To be published through December 29th)



Attention All Neumann-Goretti Alumni

The 9th Annual All Classes Reunion is scheduled for **Saturday, September 28th** from 2 - 6 pm at Chickie's & Pete's Play 2 in South Philadelphia. Visit www.themillayclub.org or call 215-389-0925 for tickets and additional information.

Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

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Prayer to Blessed Chiara Luce Badano

(For the healing of Christina McNasby)

O Father, fount of every good, we give you thanks for the wonderful testimony of Blessed Chiara Badano filled with the Holy Spirit and guided by the radiant light of Jesus, she believed firmly in Your infinite love, and wished to return it with all her strength, surrendering herself in complete trust to Your paternal will.

We humbly beseech You that You may also grant us the gift to live with You and for You, and ask You if it be Your will, for the grace to heal the wounds of our Christina through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.