

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

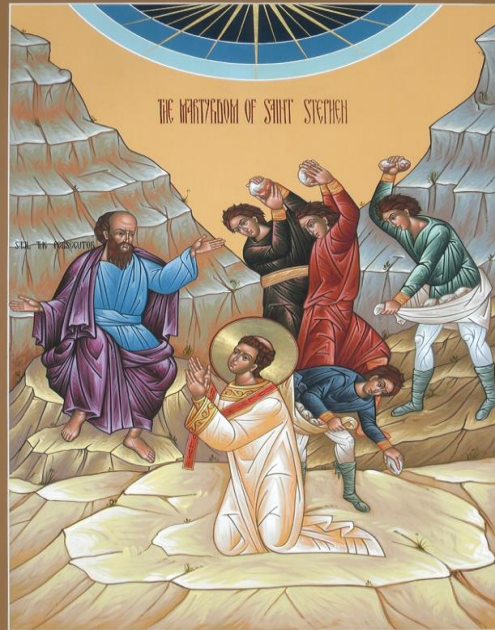
## ***Pastoral Staff***

**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

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(856) 261-9336  
(Accidents, Dying or Death)

**Parish Email:**  
[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

**Parish Website:**  
[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 5, 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".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 5, 2018</b>
9:00am	Maria Calzonetti (12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b Family
10:30am	Mary V. Iacovelli r/b Donald Mignone Anna Phan r/b The Bui Family Mary Virginia r/b Marcia Miller Frank Thomas Sonnie r/b Marcia Miller
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>August 6, 2018</b>
9:00am	Dolores Canevari r/b M/M Leone
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>August 7, 2018</b>
9:00am	Prayers for Abby r/b Her Grandmother
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>August 8, 2018</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>August 9, 2018</b>
9:00am/Novena	Joseph Luciano r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>August 10, 2018</b>
9:00am	Gennaro Leone r/b Rose Davis
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>August 11, 2018</b>
4:30pm	Nicholas Panaro r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>August 12, 2018</b>
9:00am	Gennaro Leone r/b Joseph & Bonita Genovese
10:30am	Nora Anders r/b People of the Parish



The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
*In Memory of*  
**Vincent L. Buondonno**

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>July 28/29, 2018 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$3,953</b>
<b>2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:</b>	<b>\$4,600</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b>	<b>\$3,867</b>

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

## Ministry Schedule for August 11/12

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**EM's:** T. Scavuzzo, V Thibault, A. Knight, C. Pandola, Sr. Eleanora  
**Lectors:** J. Gerst, Joan Rivera

### Sunday, 9:00am

**EM's:** T. Modzier, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, M. Conway, L. D'Alessandro  
**Lectors:** W. McHugh, D. Steinmetz

### Sunday, 10:30am

**EM's:** M. Miller, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman, W. Delfin, S. Underwood  
**Lector:** R. Aleszczyk

## *"Stewardship Sharing"*

*"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." (EXODUS 16:4)*

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a **Stewardship** lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.



## 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***

8/6-Monday-9am Mass  
8/7-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
8/8-Wednesday-9am Mass  
8/9-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena  
8/10-Friday-9am Mass  
8/11-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass  
8/12-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"**

***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.

***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](mailto: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

## 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/>

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:Annemarie.pirillo@camdendiocese.org)**



### Man-Up South Jersey:

#### A Men’s Spirituality Conference

On November 10, 2018, Catholic men from across  
South Jersey will come together for a spirituality  
conference at the Paul VI Conference Center in  
Haddon Heights, NJ.

Through inspirational talks and discussions, these  
men will leave equipped to become better sons,  
fathers, and husbands....better men.

The day-long event, includes powerful speakers,  
time for Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation,  
and will conclude with Mass celebrated by our  
Bishop, Dennis Sullivan.

If you desire to become the man that God intended  
you to be, join us on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Register now and save!

[www.manupsouthjersey.com](http://www.manupsouthjersey.com)

## Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

**John 6:24–35**

**Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the “bread of life.”**

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as “I am,” as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.