

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## Pastoral Staff

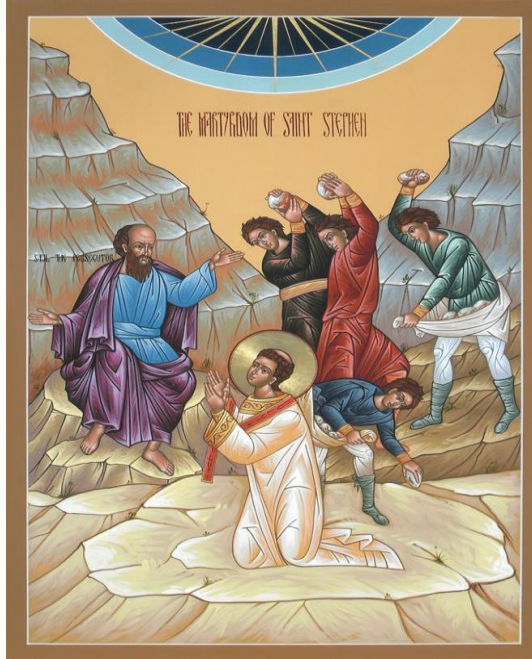
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco  
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

Parish Trustees  
Rose Marie Davis  
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### Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Friday:  
9:00am - 4:30pm



## Contact Info

Rectory Phone  
(856) 662-9339

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[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.*

**September 10, 2017 – The 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ Noon.

Baptism – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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".

<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 10, 2017</b> Marie C. Miller r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	John McGrath, Sr. r/b People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 11, 2017</b> The Victims of 9/11 r/b People of the Parish
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 12, 2017</b> For the Healing of Joseph Eisenhardt
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 13, 2017</b> For the Healing of Joseph Allen
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am/Novena	<b>September 14, 2017</b> For the Healing of Rick Taylor
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 15, 2017</b> Frances Thomas r/b Our Nursing Home Ministry
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>September 16, 2017</b> Catherine Conover r/b M/M E. Lynn
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 17, 2017</b> Margaret Hankins r/b Louise D'Alessandro
10:30am	Cass Conover r/b Dorothy Coyle



The Sanctuary Candle this week is  
***In Memory of  
The Victims of 9/11***

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.

September 2/3, 2017 Hurricane Harvey Relief:	\$2,000
September 2/3, 2017 Holy Father Collection:	\$ 517
September 2/3, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$3,747
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,005

Next Special Collection:  
**September 17<sup>th</sup>: "Catholic University" (Diocese)**  
*(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)*

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## Remember Our Sick

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, Antonio Genovese, 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 Vивиello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

### Ministry Schedule for September 16/17

- Saturday, 4:30pm**  
Altar Server: J. Bui  
EM's: Sr. Eleanora, A. Rende, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, M. Monaco  
Lectors: B. Mattia, Jared Rivera
- Sunday, 9:00am**  
Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, K. Conway  
EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, R. Davis, L D'Alessandro, R. Leone  
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, P. Nolte
- Sunday, 10:30am**  
Altar Servers: K. Fagan, C. Nicdao  
EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, J. Fagan, M. Meloni, T. Angstman  
Lectors: J. Messina, TBD

Hear Ye, Hear Ye,  
Come One, Come All  
To Coffee and Pastries,  
At the Parish Hall!

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
After the  
9:00am & 10:30am Masses



### *This Week @ St. Stephen Parish*

9/11-Monday-9am Mass  
 9/12-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary  
 9/13-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes  
 9/14-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club  
 9/15-Friday-9am Mass, 6pm Wedding Rehearsal  
 9/16-Sat.-2pm Wedding, 3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass  
 9/17-Sunday-9am Mass, Coffee/Pastries, 10:30am Mass

**STARTING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**



We are all on a journey, and God's word is a light to our path. Stop in and join us at the St. Stephen Ladies' Bible Study for reflections in scripture, lively discussions and fun!

**When: Mondays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Where: St. Stephen Parish Center (next to the church)**

Please contact Eileen Heide with any questions.

Phone or text: 610-805-5363 email: heides@comcast.net

*The woman who walks with God  
Always reaches her destination!*

### *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*

#### **Will Resume September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm**

Spaces still available, registration forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The fee is now \$145 per family (includes \$10 late fee after Labor Day).

### *Thursday Night Discussion Club*

Resumes September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 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](http://www.StStephensPennsauken.com) to set up your account.

### *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

Will tentatively resume on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### *Parish Library*

The Parish Library is now open in the Parish Center for all your Fall 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](mailto:Ciarrocca@juno.com).

### *St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You*



**We are here to pray for you.**

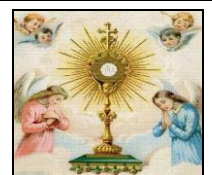
For Prayer Requests in the month of September contact Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.

### *First Friday Adoration*

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

**Friday, October 6, 2017**

**9:45am-7:00pm.**



## Paul VI High School News

**Are you ready to be a Paul VI Eagle? We're ready to help you soar!** - Paul VI High School is ready for you! Please join us this fall for Open House, our scholarship test, and more!

**Paul VI Scholarship Test** will be conducted at Paul VI, on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Paul VI High School annually awards academic scholarships to incoming freshmen. To enter the scholarship process, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must take the HSPT at Paul VI on October 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information, and to register for the test, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions).

**Paul VI presents Tours & Touchdowns-** This season's dates are **Friday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**. Arrive at the PVI football gate by 6 o'clock for a student-guided tour of our beautiful facility, and stay for Friday night football under the lights. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations are appreciated. For more information, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions).

**Paul VI Eagle-for-a-Day** visits are available for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout the fall admissions season. To see the schedule of available dates, and to make a reservation, please visit [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions). Experience a day in the life of a Paul VI Eagle!

**Paul VI High School Open House** will be held at 6:30 PM, **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Middle school students and their families are invited to meet our faculty, coaches and students, enjoy special performances by our performing arts groups, and see our beautiful school. Reservations are appreciated. For more information, please visit our website, [www.pvihs.org/Admissions](http://www.pvihs.org/Admissions).

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Paul VI Director of Admissions, [kstewart@pvihs.org](mailto:kstewart@pvihs.org)

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## DESIGNER BAG BINGO

The Infant Jesus Parish Women's Club will host Designer Bag Bingo on **Saturday, October 14th** at Fr. McKeever Hall at St. Margaret's Regional School, 773 Third Street, Woodbury Heights, NJ.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with Bingo beginning at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Price includes one set of 10 Bingo Sheets consisting of 4 cards on each sheet. Additional sets can be purchased at the door. Attendees must be age 18 and older.

10 Bingo Games / Door Prizes / Basket Auction and 50~50. Note: You can reserve a table with the purchase of 10 tickets. There will be Light Refreshments and Desserts available. Feel free to bring your own pickies and drinks.

For more information and to purchase tickets email AnnaMarie Spevak [reareas727@yahoo.com](mailto:reareas727@yahoo.com) or NeenRaspa [neenie@comcast.net](mailto:neenie@comcast.net) or call Neen at 856-468-6430. You will receive a confirmation email with instructions. Tickets will only be sold at the door if space is available.

## Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

*Matthew 18:15-20*

### Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed. In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

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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 [camdenatholic.org](http://camdenatholic.org), [Classmates.com](http://Classmates.com) or Facebook Event CCHS Class of 1967 50th Reunion.

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## Laptop Donation Wanted

A Parishioner is looking for a used (working preferred, but **non-working OK**) but usable laptop computer for a worthy cause. Operating System may be Vista, Windows 7, or Windows 8. Please call 856-488-1375 if you are able to accommodate this request. All original data will be erased.

# **BIG FLEA MARKET**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2017**

Want to get rid of stuff you don't need? Want to make some money doing it? Want to attend a really big local yard sale and flea market with scores of vendors?

Knights of Columbus Council #3512 will hold a big yard sale/flea market on the **Mary, Queen of All Saints Parish parking lot** at 49<sup>th</sup> Street & Westfield Ave., Pennsauken, N.J. the morning of **Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 8 AM to 2 PM**, rain date September 30, 2017. There are three ways you can take advantage of it:

**As a Vendor** - Rent a space at the yard sale for \$15.00 and sell your stuff. A table can also be rented for \$10.00. To make a reservation, call Lonnie at (856) 662-6049 or Larry at (856) 662-5927. Keep whatever you make selling your stuff.

**As a Buyer** - Come to the yard sale and shop among a host of vendors selling all sorts of things. Refreshments available.

**As a Donor** - Leave off your stuff with us at 7 AM. We'll then sell it and give the proceeds to charity.

Whatever the Knights make from the yard sale goes to charity. We are heavily publicizing this event. That should produce a good crowd of buyers and sellers. Any questions, call Lonnie or Larry at the numbers shown above.