

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

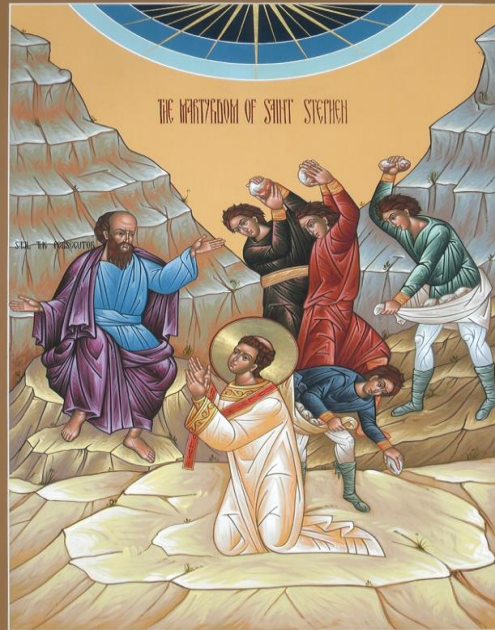
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Rose Marie Davis
Keith Knight

Rectory Office Hours
Monday–Friday 9am-4:30pm
*Closed All Holy Days of Obligation
and Holidays except Veterans Day*



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

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 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 16, 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".

SUNDAY 9:00am	September 16, 2018 Joseph B. Vogdes r/b The Haas Family
10:30am	Pascuala Cotto r/b Her Daughter, Esther Nunez
MONDAY 9:00am	September 17, 2018 Msgr. Patrick McCabe r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY 9:00am	September 18, 2018 A Special Intention r/b Suzanne Underwood
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	September 19, 2018 Paco Cotto r/b Kathy Brown
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	September 20, 2018 Rev. Alfred Aversa r/b People of the Parish
FRIDAY 9:00am	September 21, 2018 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY 4:30pm	September 22, 2018 Leo Russell Gerst r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
SUNDAY 9:00am	September 23, 2018 Rita Nardi r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His 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.

September 8/9, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$4,359
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,067

Upcoming Special Collections / Envelopes:

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 Ciccarone, Carol Cranmer,
Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy,
Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Sandra Lippi, Katelyn Lum,
Sam & Nancy Loperfido, Ken Maminski, Sue Ott,
Rich Passaro, Andy Salmonsens, Nancy Sonnie,
Callum Steinmetz, Rick Taylor,
Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for September 22/23

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: V. Thibault, T. Scavuzzo, A. Knight, C. Pandola, Sr. Eleanora
Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: R. Davis, M. Conway, E. Nolte, R. Leone, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: Jared Rivera, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: M. Miller, M. Meloni, J. Messina, G. Tutwiler, W. Delfin
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, R. Aleszczyk



MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 10, 2018

Register Today!
www.manupsouthjersey.com

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 10th.

Register now and save!
www.manupsouthjersey.com

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 9/17-Monday-9am Mass
- 9/18-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 9/19-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 9/20-Thurs.-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 9/21-Friday-9am Mass
- 9/22-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 9/23-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

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
Continue this Wednesday @ 6:15pm.

Registration forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The post-Labor Day registration fee is now \$145 per family.

Thursday Night Discussion Club
Continues this Thursday @ 7:00pm.

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, October 5th
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

Resumes on Catechetical Sunday September 16th

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 rejoice their parents. We hope that you will allow your children to participate in this religious education experience.

Choir – New Members Welcome!

St. Stephen's Music Ministry cordially invites you to consider joining our Music Ministry family. Choir gathers in the church 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.

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
September contact Betty:
856-662-6928.

Paul VI High School Events

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 27th**. Paul VI High School annually awards academic scholarships to incoming freshmen. To enter the scholarship process, 8th grade students must take the HSPT at Paul VI on October 27th. For more information, and to register for the test, please visit our website, www.pvihs.org/Admissions.

Paul VI presents Tours & Touchdowns- This season's dates are **Friday Sept. 21st, and Friday Oct. 19th**. 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.

Paul VI Eagle-for-a-Day visits are available for 8th 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. 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 15th**. 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.

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, Paul VI Director of Admissions, kstewart@pvihs.org

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.

Home Health Aide Available

Sadie at 856-979-3155 is looking to work as a home health aide, with many years of experience and a list of references. Reliable, respectful, caring and professional.

Camden Catholic High School Events

Camden Catholic 70+ Year Alumni Mass & Brunch for Classes 1943 and Earlier

Monday, **September 24** at 8:15 a.m. at Camden Catholic High School (300 Cuthbert Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002). All CCHS alumni who graduated in the year 1943 or earlier are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy during an all-school Mass with students, followed by a reunion brunch. Each alumnus may bring a guest. RSVP: Jennifer Van Es 856-663-2247 ext. 133 or email Jennifer.vanes@camdenatholic.org.

Designer Bag Bingo: October 12

Pisa Dining Hall @ CCHS. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. First game begins at 7 p.m. \$25 in advance. \$35 at the door. Purchase tickets www.camdenatholic.org or email noemi.merenyi@camdenatholic.org to reserve tickets. Tickets include 10 games and 50/50. One purse winner each game! And door prizes! One special purse will be raffled off. Bring your own appetizers and refreshments.

Camden Catholic High School Open House

Thursday, **October 25** at 6:30 p.m. Learn how we empower today's students to find their purpose through academics, arts and spirituality. Meet our faculty, students, coaches and administration, tour the campus, and learn more about our "Strong Ties. Inspiring Journeys."

RSVP online: www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents.

Camden Catholic High School Scholarship & High School Placement Test

Saturday, **November 3** at 8:30 a.m. Pre-Register online www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents. Students interested in competing for Merit and Arts Scholarships *must* take the test at Camden Catholic.

Irish Experience Guest Days for 8th grade students are being scheduled at Camden Catholic High School. Experience the tradition, feel the passion, catch the spirit of being a student at CCHS, the only school in South Jersey with a Leadership Academy.

Select your day at:

www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents

or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule:

janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org

or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

A Catholic, pro-life maternity home

in Riverside is looking for compassionate, dedicated, hard-working staff. Positions include House Manager and the ideal candidate would have experience in managing people. One does not have to have direct human services experience, but would have an ability to work well with all kinds of people in challenging situations. **Interested candidates should apply online at www.GoodCounselHomes.org and also email a resume to cbell@goodcounselhomes.org.**

The Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations after all Masses on **September 22 and 23** to raise money to purchase **BIBLESTICKS** for our military personnel all over the world. This will be the third year we have participated in this ongoing campaign, which has raised enough money to provide nearly one million bible sticks. Thank you in advance for your contributions.



August, 2018 – Response Card Testimonies

It has been such an inspiration to me and to others. It is so convenient to use and share. Sgt—US Army

The BibleStick helps and inspires us through our busy life. Thank you for keeping God in our lives. A1C—US Air Force

Thank you so much! These deployments can be tough. Thoughts of family can leave you feeling lonely. I've found some peace in reading (the Bible), praying, and (going to) church and I know having the ability to listen (to the BibleStick) will encourage me and provide so much more peace. My wife and kids will love listening with me. I'm thankful for your generosity. Major—US Air Force

Enjoyed the BibleStick. It helps me get better understanding of the Scriptures. E-5—Navy

My husband has found this audio Bible so helpful. He said he wanted to order me one; I decided to request one myself. I am excited to receive it! SFC, Ret.—US Army

My brother cannot read due to a major stroke years ago. He got the biggest smile on his face when the chaplain gave us the BibleStick and put the earpiece in his ears; I also received one as his caregiver. I cannot thank you enough for the message I get to listen to as I work. I feel more confident in my walk with Christ now! Private—US Navy

This is a great way to fulfill my evening spiritual needs. I use it to relax before I go to sleep. —US Army

(I use this BibleStick) to increase my conscious contact with God and I go to sleep listening to this MP3. E-7—US Navy-CB

I love it and find it very inspiring! Thank you! Private—US Marine Corps

I LOVE IT! It is absolutely wonderful! E-4--US Navy and US Army

I listen to this when I can't make it to church. It helps me keep my faith. E-4—US Army

Real nice. God bless our troops. Spec-5—US Army

I am able to hear God's Word everywhere I go. SSgt—USAF ANG

Hearing the Word of God gives me strength. It keeps me from trouble; this is grace. Thank you so much. E-5—USAF

I have found that the BibleStick has been very inspirational. It has been very handy and unique to carry when I am traveling or doing my chores and duty. I recommend it to any one and I hope and pray you will continue to make it possible for others to receive. SP5—US Army

This BibleStick has made getting to know the Word of God much easier. I listen to it laying down and doing chores. E-1—US Army

This BibleStick is wonderful. I'm quite busy and this is very enjoyable to listen to in my times of relaxation. SGT—US Army