

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

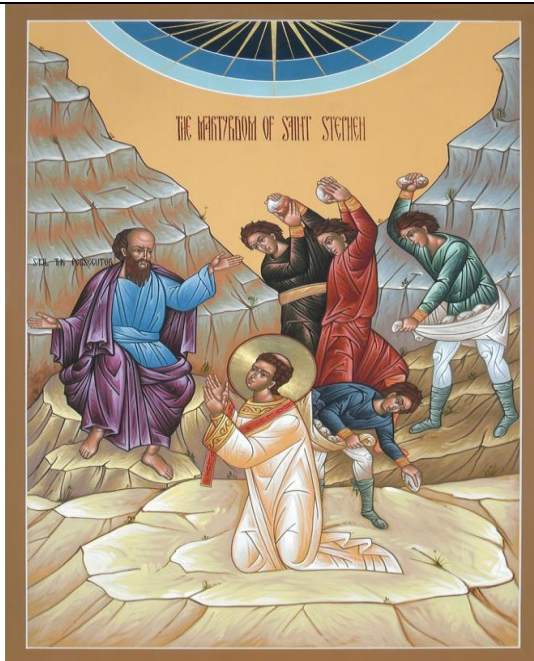
Pastoral Staff

Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood
Coordinator of
Religious Education

Parish Trustees
Rose Marie Davis
Keith Knight

Rectory Office Hours
Monday – Friday:
9:00am - 4:30pm



Contact Info

Rectory Phone
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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.*

September 17, 2017 – The 24th 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	September 17, 2017
9:00am	Margaret Hankins r/b Louise D'Alessandro
10:30am	Cass Conover r/b Dorothy Coyle
MONDAY	September 18, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	September 19, 2017
9:00am	Arlene Petulla r/b M/M Charles Gugliotta
WEDNESDAY	September 20, 2017
9:00am	Linda Petrilli r/b Joe & Maria Haas
THURSDAY	September 21, 2017
9:00am/Novena	Thomas J. Watson r/b Herb & Nancy Schreiber
FRIDAY	September 22, 2017
9:00am	Carmel Naples r/b Rose Davis
SATURDAY	September 23, 2017
4:30pm	John V. Meyer (6 th Anniversary) r/b People of the Parish
SUNDAY	September 24, 2017
9:00am	Rita Duffy r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	William Sauer r/b 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 9/10, 2017 Offertory Collection: \$5,330
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,126

Special Collections:

September 17th: "Catholic University" (Diocese)
October 1st: "Pro-Life" (Diocese)
(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

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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 Ciccaraone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Cranmer, 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 Vivillo, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for September 23/24

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, A. Rende, A. Knight, C. Pandola

Lector: J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, M. Conway, Mi. Conway

EM's: R. Davis, E. Nolte, T. Modzier, M. Conway, L. D'Alessandro

Lectors: J. Scavuzzo, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Nicdao, M. Daniels, Ma. Daniels

EM's: G. Tutwiler, W. Delfin, M. Meloni, T. Scavuzzo, K. Fagan

Lectors: M. Miller, J. Messina

Our Lady Invites You...

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 14th at Noon by the Pavers to Our Lady to participate in one of the 20,000 planned Rosary Rallies in honor of the Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.

Facing the threat of war with North Korea, and the sins of abortion, euthanasia, "transgenderism", Satanism and the growing rate of drug addiction and suicide among young people, our nation desperately needs a supernatural solution. The solution was given by the Blessed Mother at Fatima in 1917 when She told people to pray the Rosary for world peace.

America Needs Fatima.
Pray for the urgent conversion of America.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 9/18-Monday-9am Mass, 11am Ladies Bible Study
- 9/19-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Joint Council Mtg.
- 9/20-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 9/21-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 9/22-Friday-9am Mass
- 9/23-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 9/24-Sunday-9am Mass, 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

Continue September 20th @ 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

Continues Sept. 21st @ 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

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.

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.

St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You



We are here to pray for you.

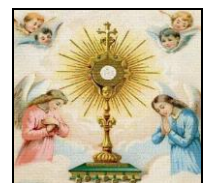
For Prayer Requests in the month of September contact **Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.**

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 28th**. 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 28th. 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 Oct. 6th and Friday Oct. 13th**. 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 9th**. 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

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Real home improvement is not about hammers and nails; it's about relationship. Enrich your marriage. Enrich your home.

Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekends are **Oct 20-22 and Dec 8-10, 2017**. Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or email applications@wwme-southjersey.org. Visit our website wwme-southjersey.org

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Could God be calling you to the Priesthood?

Come, consider the call. Father Michael Romano, Director of Vocations, is hosting a "Young Adult Priesthood Discernment Group" at Our Lady of Peace Parish Offices, 32 Carroll Avenue, Williamstown, NJ. If you are currently a junior or senior in high school, college student or in the professional world (up to 39 years old), and feel the possible call to the priesthood, this group can help you discern and pray with others who are also considering the priesthood. **All meetings are on Sundays from 2:00-3:30 P.M. The schedule is as follows: September 17, 2017, October 15, 2017, November 12, 2017, January 14, 2018, February 11, 2018, March 11, 2018, April 15, 2018.** For more information, please call the Office of Vocations at 856-583-2864 or email: michael.romano@camdendiocese.org.

Camden Catholic High School News

Camden Catholic High School Open House

Thursday, **October 26** at 7 p.m. (check-in begins at 6:30). 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 "Catch the Spirit" of CCHS!
RSVP online: www.camdencatholic.org/openhouse.

Camden Catholic High School Scholarship & High School Placement Test Saturday, November 4 at 8:30 a.m. Pre-Register online www.camdencatholic.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.camdencatholic.org/admissionsevents or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule: janet.indelicato@camdencatholic.org or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

Girls Leadership Workshop

Hosted by the Leadership Academy of Camden Catholic High School on Sunday, October 29 for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Visit www.camdencatholic.org/irishsynergy for more info.

Designer Bag Bingo: October 13

Pisa Dining Hall @ CCHS. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. First game begins at 7 p.m. \$25 in advance. \$35 at the door. Purchase tickets www.camdencatholic.org or email ann.clinton@camdencatholic.org to reserve. 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

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House of Charity Employee Giving

Did you know that the House of Charity is a donor choice for many employee giving campaigns? Many businesses will begin their Employee Giving Campaigns this month and continue to solicit donations through the fall months. **Employee Giving/United Way** campaigns give us an opportunity to direct our donations to the charities that best represents our beliefs, interests and social concerns.

Ask your employer for a pledge card and be sure to:

In the Donor Choice Section, designate the "**HOUSE of Charity**". Ask to be **acknowledged!** This ensures our parish will receive credit toward our *House of Charity* goal. If the agency requests a code for your donor choice...these codes may be found on the *House of Charity* website under "Employee Giving Campaign" and in the *Catholic Star Herald*.

Your donation to our *House of Charity* helps to build, support and maintain many programs, ministries and services throughout our parishes and communities. These programs save lives and build futures. Thank you so much for your past, present and future support of our *House of Charity* fundraising campaign. If you have any questions, please contact:

Sheila McGirl, House of Charity (856) 583-6128
BishopsAppeal@camdendiocese.org

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 49th 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.