

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

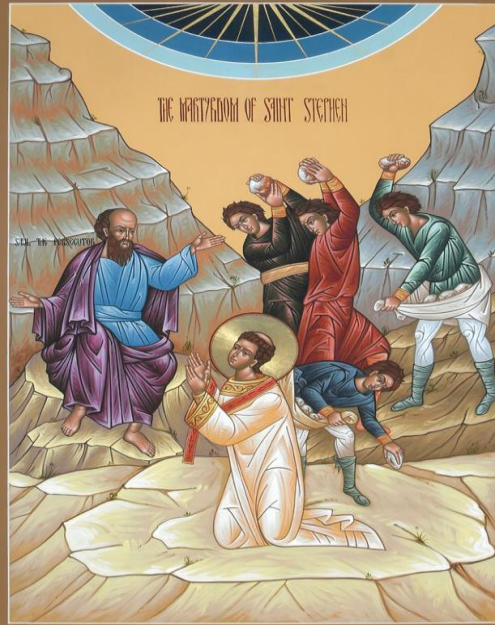
## ***Pastoral Staff***

**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

**Mrs. Suzanne Underwood**  
Coordinator of  
Religious Education

**Parish Trustees**  
Keith Knight  
Earl Nolte

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



## ***Contact Info***

**Rectory Phone**  
(856) 662-9338

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

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

**Parish Website**  
[StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 22, 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".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 22, 2019</b>
9:00am	Daniel Frizzle r/b Earl & Pat Nolte
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family Salvatore Messina r/b George & Gail Tutwiler Mary & Harry Donato r/b The Rachubinski Family Joyce M. Warwick r/b The Filachek Family
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 23, 2019</b>
9:00am	For All Victims of Violence and Abuse
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 24, 2019</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 25, 2019</b>
9:00am	Glenn Nazarok r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 26, 2019</b>
9:00am/Novena	For the Healing of Rita Vogt
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 27, 2019</b>
9:00am	For the Healing of Catherine Flacco
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 28, 2019</b>
4:30pm	Tony Cook r/b The Pandola Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 29, 2019</b>
9:00am	Tilda Lamaina r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Salvatore Messina r/b Bishop Eustace Assembly 652 Alice Damiano r/b Mary Jane Salmonsens



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 14/15 Offertory Collection: \$3,855**  
**2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,500**  
**Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$3,820**

Next Special Collection: September 29 – "Pro Life"  
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## 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:

- Ted Anderson, Ralph Baylor, Grace Becker,
- Mary Bumbalow, Anna Buono, Patrick Carr, John Christy,
- Edmund Ciccarone, Athan Criaris, Fanny DiBenedetto,
- Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Ronald Heck,
- Wayne Hocking, Donna Kane, James Kelly,
- Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, Rosemarie Leonardo,
- Sandra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, Nancy Loperfido,
- Ken Maminski, Tom McFadden, Larry Miller,
- Joy and Ed Morrisson, Yvonne Mulhern, Rich Passaro,
- Dean & Mary Russell, Nancy Sonnie, Rick Taylor,
- Peggy Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Frances Vocale, Rita Vogt,
- Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

## Ministry Schedule - September 28/29

**Saturday, 4:30pm**  
 EM's: Sr. Eleanora, A. Knight, V. Thibault  
 Lectors: J. Gerst, J. Melfi

**Sunday, 9:00am**  
 EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, L. D'Alessandro, M. Conway  
 Lectors: Joan Rivera, Jared Rivera

**Sunday, 10:30am**  
 EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, M. Meloni, J. Messina  
 Lector: M. Miller



The Missionary Discipleship Committee is sponsoring a volunteer program to give people who need it a free ride to church as often as needed. If interested, please call **(856) 662-9339, Ext. 6.**

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

- 9/23-Monday-9am Mass
- 9/24-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 9/25-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 9/26-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 9/27-Friday-9am Mass
- 9/28-Saturday-10:30am Dee Afilani Memorial Mass,  
3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 9/29--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**

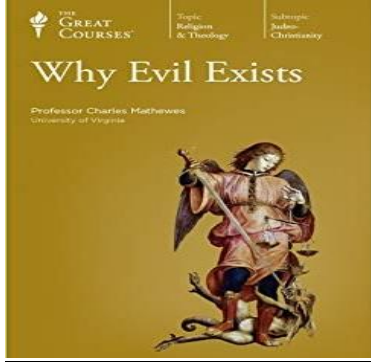
### ***Wednesday Night CCD Classes***

**Continue September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm**

### ***Thursday Night Discussion Club***

**Continues September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Rectory**

**We'll be discussing:**



### ***First Friday Adoration***

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be **Friday, Oct. 4 - 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 weekend of **October 5/6.** 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](http://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 rejoin 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. Our Choir meets 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](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 **Lois @ 856-665-1221.**

# K of C Yard Sale Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a big yard sale on **Saturday, 9/28/19 from 8 AM to 2 PM** at St. Cecelia School parking lot, Westfield Ave. & 49th St., rain date 10/5. **To rent a space or donate goods for charity, call Lonnie at 662-6049 or Frank at 665-1226.**





**First Ever  
Polish American Festival**




Benefitting St. Peter Parish

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019

Time: 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Place: St. Peter Pastors' Hall

Cost: \$40/ Ticket

Entertainment to include music by "Polkadelphia,"  
Janosik Polish Dance Ensemble and  
Guest Appearance by the Aqua String Band



Polish Food



Beer & Wine



Polka Dancing  
and TONS of FUN!

Tickets will be on sale beginning August 24, 2019  
after the 5 PM Mass and will be sold after all weekend Masses  
(7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM, 7:00 PM)  
up to and including September 21, 2019

For further information or questions,  
please contact Bobbie @ 856-662-7577.

# 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 26<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 26<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, and to register for the test, please visit our website.

**Paul VI presents Tours & Touchdowns-** This season's dates are **Friday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, and Friday Oct. 11<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 7<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) or Mr. Stephen Jamrogowicz, Paul VI Admissions Associate, [sjamrogowicz@pvihs.org](mailto:sjamrogowicz@pvihs.org).*

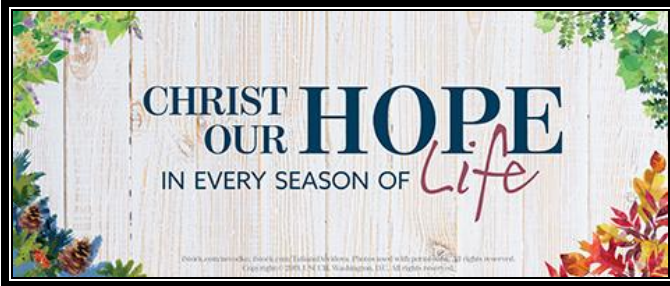
# Merion Mercy Academy Events

You are welcome to join us at **Merion Mercy Academy's Open House** to be held on Sunday, **October 6**, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated in the convent chapel at 11:00 a.m., an information session will follow in the gym from 12:15 p.m. - 1p.m., and school tours will run 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

To register for Open House, please visit:  
<https://www.merion-mercy.com/openhouse>.

**Merion Mercy's Scholarship and Entrance Exam** will be given on Saturday, **October 26** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The make-up date is November 2.

Please visit the Admissions Process page on our website for more information or register here at: <https://merion-mercy.myschoolapp.com/app#login/apply>. Note that the test registration also serves as the application to the school (all on one form).



From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope. Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1817).

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (*Spe salvi* 31).

Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ. The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

***Your generosity in next weekend's Pro-Life Collection will fund programs that support life from conception until natural death.***

JOIN BISHOP DENNIS SULLIVAN IN HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS AT THE

**BLUE MASS**

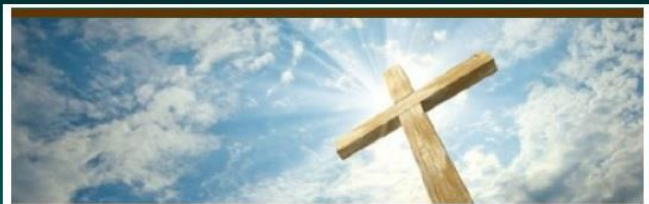
18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAMDEN DIOCESAN  
**BLUE MASS**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019  
10:30 AM

**OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH**  
ST. AGNES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
701 LITTLE GLOUCESTER ROAD  
BLACKWOOD, NEW JERSEY 08012

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**ST. MARY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH**



**MASS CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 | 6:00 PM**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH  
285 ROUTE 206 | HAMMONTON, NJ**

*Presentation and Dinner Reception  
to follow in St. Anthony Hall*

**"OUR CALL TO MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP"**

*Featured Speaker*

**Deacon Anthony Cioe**

Pastoral Associate for Evangelical Outreach, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish

**"In virtue of their Baptism,  
all the members of the  
People of God have become  
Missionary Disciples."  
...Pope Francis**



To register or for more information, call  
St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish Center  
at (609) 704-5945