

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

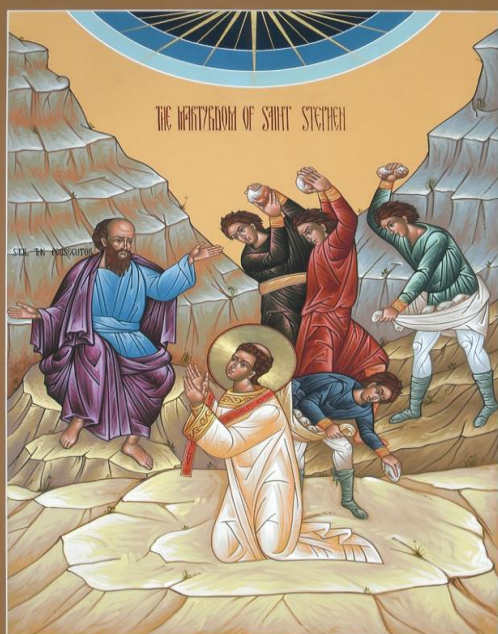
Pastoral Staff

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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 23, 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 23, 2018 Rita Nardi r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	William Sauer r/b His Family
MONDAY 9:00am	September 24, 2018 Rev. Alfred Aversa r/b People of the Parish
TUESDAY 9:00am	September 25, 2018 Msgr. Patrick McCabe r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY 9:00am	September 26, 2018 Anita Proambo r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
THURSDAY 9:00am/Novena	September 27, 2018 People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY 9:00am	September 28, 2018 Joan Hubler r/b Aida Rocco
SATURDAY 4:30pm	September 29, 2018 Denise Penn r/b The Pandola Family
SUNDAY 9:00am	September 30, 2018 Michail Schaedle r/b Louise D'Alessandro
10:30am	Richard Colaianni r/b People of the Parish



**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 15/16, 2018 Offertory Collection:	\$4,349
2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,091

Upcoming Special Collections / Envelopes:

October 7: "Pro-Life" (Diocese)

October 21: "World Mission Sunday" (Diocese)

(Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)

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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 & information.



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 29/30

Saturday, 4:30pm

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, A. Cirullo, A. Knight, C. Pandola, R. Davis
Lectors: B. Mattia, J. Melfi

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, E. Nolte, M. Conway, L. D'Alessandro
Lectors: M. McHugh, P. Nolte

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: T. Urgo, D. Urgo, J. Fagan, M. Meloni
Lectors: M. Miller, J. Messina



**Convocation
of Catholic Leaders**
The Joy of the Gospel in South Jersey

In March 2019, 650+ invited individuals from parishes across the diocese will gather at the *Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in South Jersey* to focus on building missionary disciples. Over four days, these lay leaders will pray, reflect, learn and talk with one another. They will then be commissioned to go back to their parishes with the task of reinvigorating and reenergizing their parishioners, ministries and communities. Pray for the pastors and lay leaders that the Holy Spirit works within each of them and empowers them to continue to build the kingdom of God.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 9/24-Monday-9am Mass
- 9/25-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 9/26-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 9/27-Thurs.-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 9/28-Friday-9am Mass
- 9/29-Saturday-3:45pm Confessions, 4:30pm Mass
- 9/30-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

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.

The Catholic Strong Campaign is a Local Campaign

Unlike most diocesan-wide campaigns of this nature, the Catholic Strong campaign returns 70% of the funds raised directly back to the parish. This is virtually unheard of in the world of fundraising.

Bishop Dennis Sullivan has seen first-hand the great work being done in the parishes. Catholic Strong was designed to support the development of needed initiatives that help our local Catholic communities continue to grow, strengthen and welcome new members into their parishes.

As you consider a gift to this campaign, and perhaps even more importantly, as you discuss it with your family and friends, remember that this campaign is for you and your parish.

To learn more about the Catholic Strong campaign speak with your pastor, a member of your parish's campaign volunteer team or go to www.southjersecatholicstrong.org.

Father,

We are grateful for the gift of our church and the blessings of its parishes, schools and ministries.

Please watch over us as we embark on this campaign, CATHOLIC STRONG, which will fortify these gifts for the benefit of the entire community of South Jersey.

Let this be an opportunity to celebrate our tradition of church teaching by going outward, strengthening our future and becoming Missionary Disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, to the people of Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties.

We pray that you watch over us and guide us as we invigorate our parishes and leadership, raise our public image, embrace our diversity, and continue to serve Your mission on Earth.

Father, bless our campaign and send forth your Holy Spirit so that we will be for years to come
CATHOLIC STRONG.

Amen.

Camden Catholic High School Events

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.

Camden Catholic High School's Class of '73

Will be holding their 45th class reunion
On Saturday October 20, 2018
7-11 pm at the CCHS Dining Hall
Dinner Buffet, DJ & Cash Bar
For more information please email
gloria.maccaroni@verizon.net by 10/6

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Good Counsel's 12th Annual Banquet

THURSDAY, October 25, 6:00-9:00pm

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YOU are invited to attend Good Counsel 12th Annual Fund Raising Banquet to benefit the homeless, pregnant mothers and the babies of our South Jersey Home. Our key note speakers are John and Donna Kurtz, "hearts for a family as big as the world." There will be a special tribute to William Klatt, co-founder of the Riverside Home. Come and hear one of the many success stories of a Good Counsel mom and how, through your financial support, she now has hope for her future. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Silvana Cowden at banquet@goodcounselhomes.org or call 201.795.0637 or register online at www.goodcounselhomes.org/sj. Ask friends to join you and we will reserve a table of 10 just for you! The event is free but opportunities to give will be presented during the evening. Celebrate the miracles of our Riverside home with us. We look forward to seeing you.

AN EVENING OF PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF ABUSE AND REPARATION FOR THE SINS OF THE CHURCH

SAINT AGNES CHURCH
OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH
701 LITTLE GLOUCESTER RD. | BLACKWOOD, NJ
SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 | 7PM
WITH BISHOP DENNIS SULLIVAN

Please join Bishop Dennis Sullivan, and the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Diocese of Camden, for an evening prayer service for victims of abuse and for reparation for the sins of the Church.

In our faith, the act of penance, both for ourselves and for the Church as a whole, is an important and ancient tradition. All the faithful in South Jersey are invited to join with the clergy to conduct such a penitential act in humble prayer for those who have been hurt by the Church and its leaders.



To make this opportunity available to those who cannot attend the September 28 service, one week later, on October 5, 2018, each of the five deaneries of the diocese will host local prayer services for the victims of abuse and reparation for the sins of the Church.

These will be held at 7PM in the following parishes:

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER
901 HOPKINS RD. | HADDONFIELD

SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE
27 KRESSON GIBBSBORO RD. | GIBBSBORO

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION
240 MAIN ST. | MANTUA

CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD
1655 MAGNOLIA RD. | VINELAND

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL
6075 W JERSEY AVE. | EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP

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