

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

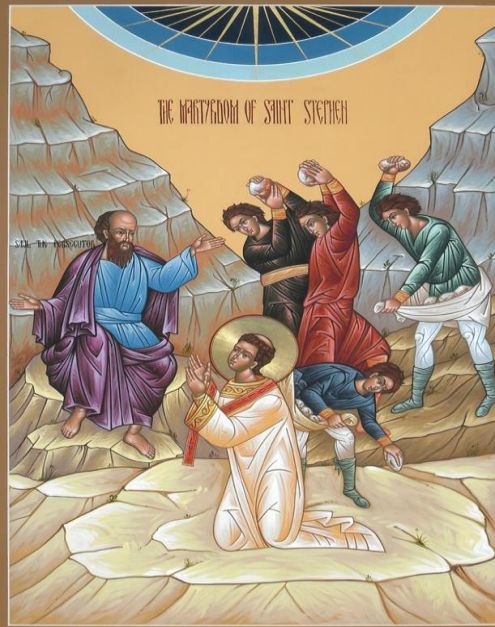
## Pastoral Staff

**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 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 29, 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 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
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 30, 2019</b>
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>October 1, 2019</b>
9:00am	Rev. William F. Ryan r/b People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>October 2, 2019</b>
9:00am	Frances Vocale r/b People of the Parish
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>October 3, 2019</b>
9:00am/Novena	In Honor of Michael Vanderborcht's Birthday r/b The Rocco Family
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>October 4, 2019 (First Friday Adoration)</b>
9:00am	Daniel Steinmetz, Sr. r/b Dan & Loretta Steinmetz
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>October 5, 2019</b>
4:30pm	Mickey Broome (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/b Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>October 6, 2019</b>
9:00am	Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	David Croge r/b The Angstmans Francisco Van r/b The Bui 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.

<b>September 21/22 Offertory Collection:</b>	<b>\$3,684</b>
<b>2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target:</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:</b>	<b>\$3,809</b>

**Special Collections:**

September 29<sup>th</sup> - "Pro Life"  
October 20<sup>th</sup> - "World Mission Sunday"

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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, John Moffett, Joy and Ed Morrisson, Yvonne Mulhern, Rich Passaro, Dean & Mary Russell, Nancy Sonnie, Rick Taylor, Peggy Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Rita Vogt, Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

## Ministry Schedule – October 5/6

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

EM's: A. Knight, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, L. D'Alessandro  
Lectors: J. Melfi, B. Mattia

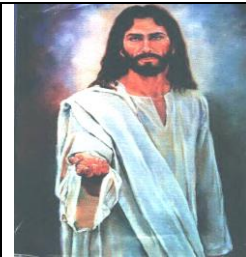
**Sunday, 9:00am**

EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, E. Nolte, L. McHugh  
Lectors: D. Steinmetz, Joan Rivera

**Sunday, 10:30am**

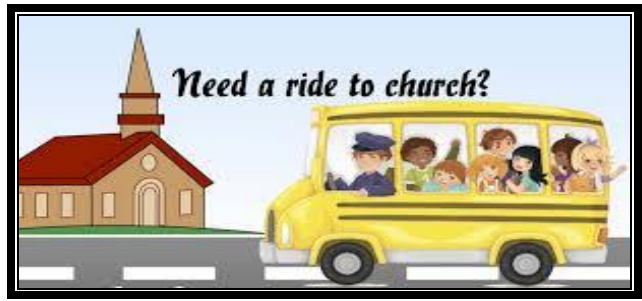
EM's: J. Messina, M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman  
Lector: M. Miller

## First Friday Adoration



**October 4, 2019  
9:30am – 7:00pm**  
"Come to beauty,  
silence, prayer.  
Come to Me."

**RSVP to Rosemarie Leone  
@ 856-662-0035.**



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

- 9/30-Monday-9am Mass
- 10/1-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 10/2-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Classes
- 10/3-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 10/4-First Friday-9am Mass, Adoration until 7pm
- 10/5-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 10/6--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

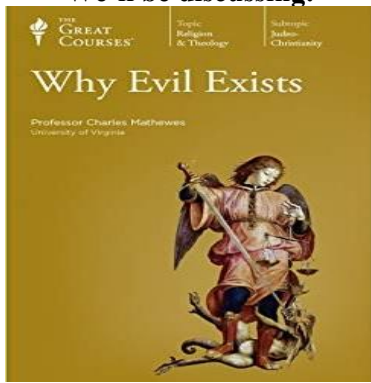
### Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Continue October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15pm

### Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the Rectory

We'll be discussing:

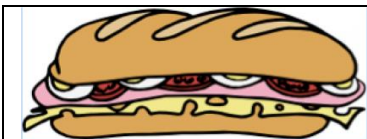


### First Friday Adoration

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.**

In October contact

**Bernadette @ 609-220-6359**

# St. Stephen's Missionary Discipleship Committee

The Missionary Discipleship Committee met on 9/17/19 at 7:30 after the Rosary in the Church Meeting Room. Topics of discussion included Our Meet and Greet scheduled for 9/21-9/22/19 after the Masses, The Ride Share Program, the upcoming Harvest Mass, and two possible future events around a Marian Prayer Service/Mass and a Presentation about Sharing Your Faith Story. More to come. **Our next Meeting will be Tuesday, 11/5/2017 at 7:30 after the Rosary in the Church Meeting Room.** The committee is open to anyone that wants to help spread the Joy of the Gospel or who has some ideas to share. **Please plan to attend the next meeting!**

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## Gloucester Catholic HS Events

**Open House** for prospective students will be held **October 17** at 7pm. Contact Mr. Tom Flynn in the Admissions office [tflynn@gchsrams.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrams.org) or more information.

**Become a "Ram for the Day".** Schedule a shadow day be visiting [www.gchsrams.org](http://www.gchsrams.org) and click on the Ram for a day link. You can also email Mr. Tom Flynn in the Admissions office [tflynn@gchsrams.org](mailto:tflynn@gchsrams.org).

**Scholarship/Placement Exam October 26th** or November 16th. Pre-registration required/ contact [guidance@gchsrams.org](mailto:guidance@gchsrams.org) to secure a testing spot.

**Gloucester Catholic Junior High Visitation Day**-Prospective students **November 7th**. Students in 5th, 6th & 7th grades are invited to check out our junior high! Contact [mkelly@gchsrams.org](mailto:mkelly@gchsrams.org) to register!

**Christine McKenna Memorial Golf Outing- Saturday October 5** at Ed Oliver Golf Course in Wilmington, DE. Single Golfers \$130.00 and Hole Sponsorships for \$100.00 for more info please contact Sean Swayngim [swayngim147@msn.com](mailto:swayngim147@msn.com)

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**Married Couples:** Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive!

The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

The next weekend dates are **Oct 25-27 and Dec 13-15, 2019**. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org).

Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

# 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).*

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## 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).

# Justice for All Dinner

Catholic Charities' 16th Annual Justice for All Dinner and Awards ceremony is less than a month away! Join us at this inspiring evening on **October 3 at 5:30 PM** at **Resorts Hotel in Atlantic City**. Catholic Charities will honor five local Disciples of Mercy awardees who have worked tirelessly to support the people of South Jersey. All proceeds from the dinner will directly benefit the vulnerable populations served by Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese of Camden.

To learn more information about the dinner, visit: [www.CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/JFA2019](http://www.CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/JFA2019)

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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

# House of Charity Employee Giving Campaign

**DID YOU KNOW** - 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.

Please send along your completed form to House of Charity – Diocese of Camden 631 Market Street Camden, NJ 08102.

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:  
Katie Comerford, Associate Director of Development  
House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal  
(856) 583-6195**

**BishopsAppeal@camdendiocese.org**