

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Pastoral Staff

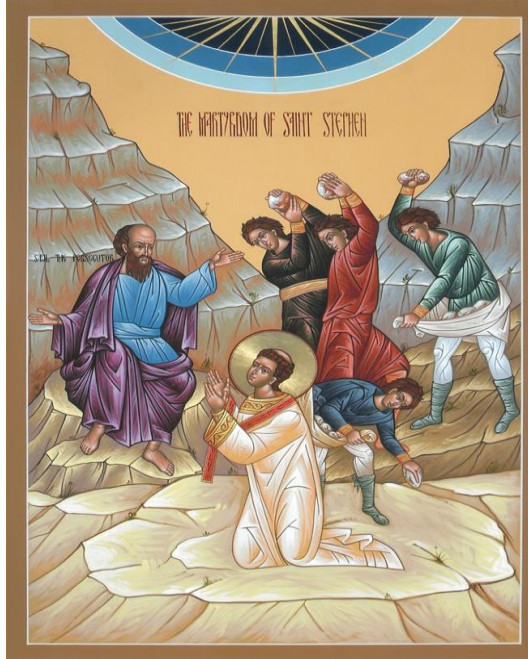
Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

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
(856) 662-9339

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(856) 662-4679

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(856) 261-9336
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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 3, 2017 – The 22nd 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 3, 2017
9:00am	Victor Gerst, Sr. r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	Betsy Gartland r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood
MONDAY	September 4, 2017 (Labor Day–Rectory Closed)
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	September 5, 2017
9:00am	Anthony Colofranson r/b Frank Pigliacelli
WEDNESDAY	September 6, 2017
9:00am	William Daly r/b Mary Beth McCarthy
THURSDAY	September 7, 2017
9:00am/Novena	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
FRIDAY	September 8, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY	September 9, 2017
4:30pm	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SUNDAY	September 10, 2017
9:00am	Marie C. Miller r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
10:30am	John McGrath, Sr. r/b People of the Parish



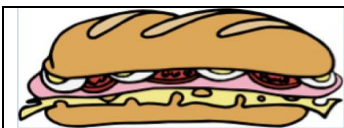
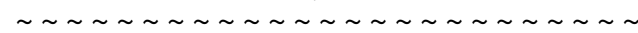
**The Sanctuary Candle this week is
In Memory of
The Unborn Children**

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.

August 26/27, 2017 Offertory Collection: \$3,486
2017-2018 Weekly Offertory Collection Target: \$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,034

Special Collections:

- September 3rd: "Holy Father Peter's Pence" (Diocese)
 - September 3rd: "Mission Co-op" (Diocese)
 - September 17th: "Catholic University" (Diocese)
- (Posted as a courtesy to our 20+ E-Givers)*



**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 **September 9/10**. For info call 856-227-4980.



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 Ciccarone, Yolanda Colafrancesco, Jenny Cowan, John Coyle, Carol Crammer, 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 Vивиello, Frances Vocale, Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for September 9/10

- Saturday, 4:30pm**
Altar Server: J. Bui
EM's: A. Rende, A. Knight, V. Thibault, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo
Lector: D. Steinmetz
- Sunday, 9:00am**
Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, M. Conway, Mi. Conway
EM's: E. Nolte, T. Modzier, L. D'Alessandro, M. Miller, M. Conway
Lectors: J. Gerst, D. Heck
- Sunday, 10:30am**
Altar Servers: C. Nicdao, M. Daniels, Ma. Daniels
EM's: G. Tutwiler, M. Meloni, T. Scavuzzo, W. Delfin, T. Angstman
Lectors: J. Messina, R. Aleszczyk

**Stewardship Reflection
"Stewardship Values"**

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, *"Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else."* We often forget this **Stewardship** wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.



**On Monday, September 4th we will observe
Labor Day, a national holiday.**

The Rectory and all Diocesan offices will be closed.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 9/4-Monday-9am Mass, Rectory Closed Labor Day
- 9/5-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
- 9/6-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm CCD Opening Mass
- 9/7-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
- 9/8-Friday-9am Mass
- 9/9-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 9/10-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

Registration for 2017-2018

Registration forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The fee is \$135 per family (\$10 late fee after Labor Day). **Opening CCD Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday, September 6th at 6:15pm.**

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Resumes September 14th @ 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

Will tentatively resume on September 17th.

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.

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.

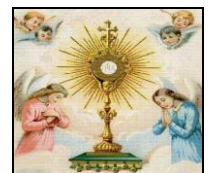
For Prayer Requests in the month of September contact **Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.**

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be

Friday, October 6, 2017

9:45am-7:00pm.



September CAP Sessions

Diocese of Camden Office of Child and Youth Protection

We can be sure that we love God's children when we love God and do what He has commanded. 1 John 5:2

The Office of Child and Youth Protection is announcing CAP (Child Assault Prevention) sessions. CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the Diocese of Camden is that adults will attend CAP once every five years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to **recognize child abuse and neglect** and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for new volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is called **CAP's Bullying Prevention Program** and is a workshop addressing bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyber-bullying is also presented.

CAP 3 is called **Cyber-Empowerment** and is a workshop which promotes adults understanding of cyber activity of youth while teaching them realistic ways to help children keep their own rights and guard the rights of others in the cyber-sphere.

Each presentation is 90 minutes.

Adults who are new employees or volunteers should attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2 or CAP 3. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1, 2 or 3 when they renew their CAP.

The following sessions will be offered in **September 2017**:

CAP Phase 1

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, Sept. 20th	7pm	Our Lady of Peace, Marian Hall (church basement) 32 Carroll Ave. Williamstown
Thursday, Sept. 21st	7pm	St. Damien (Culliney Hall) 2nd & Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City
Monday, Sept. 25th	6pm	Incarnation 240 Main Street, Mantua
Thursday, Sept. 28th	7pm	St. Katharine Drexel 6075 West Jersey Ave., Egg Harbor Twp
Thursday, Sept. 28th	7pm	Christ the Redeemer, (Faith Form. Bldg) 318 Carl Hasselhan Drive, Atco

CAP Phase 2

Date	Time	Location
Monday, Sept. 18th	7pm	Christ Our Light(St. Mary Rm, Parish Center) 402 Kings Hwy N, Cherry Hill

CAP Phase 3

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, Sept. 12th	7pm	Christ the King School 164 Hopkins Avenue, Haddonfield

To attend one of these classes, please call the **CAP REGISTRATION LINE** at the Office of Child and Youth Protection: **(856)583-6165**, or contact Maryellen Schell at maryellen.schell@camdendiocese.org. **Please leave your name and the session date** you plan to attend. You **will not** receive a call back. We ask that you register at least five days before the session you would like to attend. The CAP schedule, location, phone numbers and directions may be found on the Diocesan website www.camdendiocese.org/cvp.

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER
PLEASE CALL THE LOCATION DIRECTLY**

Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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## CCHS Class of '67 Reunion

Camden Catholic High School Class of 1967 50th reunion will be held on **September 16, 2017** at the DoubleTree in Mount Laurel. For more information and contacts, log onto [camdencatholic.org](http://camdencatholic.org), [Classmates.com](http://Classmates.com) or Facebook Event CCHS Class of 1967 50th Reunion.

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Laptop Donation Wanted

A Parishioner is looking for a used (working preferred, but **non-working OK**) but usable laptop computer for a worthy cause. Operating System may be Vista, Windows 7, or Windows 8. Please call 856-488-1375 if you are able to accommodate this request. All original data will be erased.

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.