

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

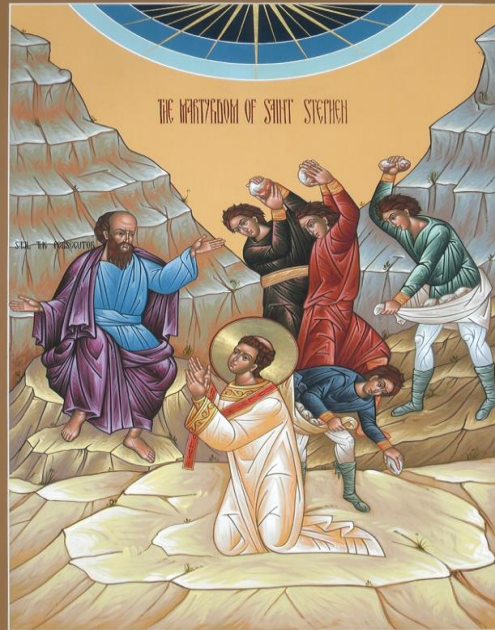
## Pastoral Staff

**Reverend Daniel M. Rocco**  
Pastor

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

**Parish Trustees**  
Keith Knight  
Earl Nolte

**Rectory Office Hours**  
Monday–Friday 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

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

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

**Parish Website:**  
[www.StStephensPennsauken.com](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 30, 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".**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>September 30, 2018</b> Michail Schaedle r/b Louise D'Alessandro
10:30am	Richard Colaianni r/b People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>October 1, 2018</b> Thomas A. Love, Sr. r/b M/M/ Charles Gugliotta
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>October 2, 2018</b> People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>October 3, 2018</b> For the Good Intentions of Michael Vanderborght
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am/Novena	<b>October 4, 2018</b> Msgr. Patrick McCabe r/b People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>October 5, 2018 (First Friday Adoration)</b> Louis & Josephine Buondonno (Anniversary Remembrance) r/b Daughter
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>October 6, 2018</b> Henry Pistilli r/b Larry Gatti
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>October 7, 2018</b> Paul & Rita Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Edie Ryan r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood

	<b>The Sanctuary Candle this week is <i>In Thanksgiving</i></b>
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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 22/23, 2018 Offertory Collection: \$4,026**  
**2018-2019 Weekly Offertory Target: \$4,600**  
**Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: \$4,086**

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 October 6/7

### Saturday, 4:30pm

**EM's:** A. Knight, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora  
**Lectors:** J. Melfi, R. Taylor

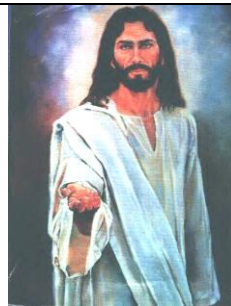
### Sunday, 9:00am

**EM's:** R. Davis, L. D'Alessandro, J. Rosario, L. Rosario, M. Conway  
**Lectors:** P. Nolte, Joan R.

### Sunday, 10:30am

**EM's:** J. Messina, J. Fagan, G. Tutwiler, T. Angstman  
**Lectors:** W. McHugh, R. Aleszczyk

## A SPECIAL INVITATION



### First Friday Adoration October 5, 2018

"A Genius conceives a masterpiece...  
He is delighted with it; he will realize  
it by every possible means and at the  
cost of any sacrifice.

He is dominated by his masterpiece;  
he sees it continually.

Well, (in like manner)

fix your mind on our Lord  
in the Most Blessed Sacrament  
and ponder on his love."

*Saint Peter Julian Eymard*

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

"O Sacrament most  
holy, O Sacrament  
divine, all praise and  
all thanksgiving be  
every moment  
thine."

## LIFE CHAIN October 7<sup>th</sup>

Annual Life Chain will be held on Respect Life Sunday October 7 in Cherry Hill at 1014 Haddonfield Road and Sherwood Avenue from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. We peacefully pray and hold signs for life. Come and go as time allows. Families are welcome.

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

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

**DIOCESAN MARIAN PILGRIMAGE**  
**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

The cost is \$25.00 per person. The bus leaves Mary Queen of All Saints parking lot at 7:00am and arrives in Washington, D.C. about 10:00am. Lunch and confessions will take place from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Mass is at 3:00pm. We will leave Washington, D.C., 4:00pm to return back to the Parish. **Please call Mary Queen of All Saints rectory at 856-662-2721 for tickets.**

***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 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](mailto: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  
**October contact Maryann:**  
**856-333-6525.**

## 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](http://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](http://www.camdenatholic.org) or email [noemi.merenyi@camdenatholic.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.camdenatholic.org/admissionsevents)  
or contact Janet Indelicato to schedule:  
[janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org](mailto:janet.indelicato@camdenatholic.org)  
or 856-663-2247 ext. 136.

### Camden Catholic High School's Class of '73

Will be holding their 45<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gloria.maccaroni@verizon.net) by 10/6

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### Good Counsel's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet

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

**THE MERION, 1901 US RT 130 CINNAMINSON, NJ**

YOU are invited to attend Good Counsel 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:banquet@goodcounselhomes.org) or call 201.795.0637 or register online at [www.goodcounselhomes.org/sj](http://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.

# CATHOLIC STRONG

## **Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:**

After my arrival in the diocese, I set forth three principal pastoral objectives that needed to be addressed: increasing vocations to the priesthood; the availability and accessibility of Catholic schools; and the financial stability of the diocese and each parish. Significant strides have been made in the areas of vocations and Catholic schools. Our next hurdle is the maximizing of the resources in each of our parishes and in the diocese to meet the growing challenges of announcing the joy of the Gospel to all men and women in South Jersey.

In Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *EVANGELII GAUDIUM*, (The Joy of the Gospel) he encourages us to become a missionary Church that ministers even to the peripheries of society. "Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says, 'we have always done it this way.' I invite everyone to be bold and creative in the task of rethinking the goals, style, structures and methods of evangelization in their respective communities. The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters." (EG #33)

To accomplish the Holy Father's mandate, we must invest our time, talent and, yes, our treasure in our parish communities. Therefore, it is time for us to come together in a diocesan-wide campaign to raise funds, something that has not happened in our diocese for more than two decades. This historic effort is not so much about bricks and mortar, but rather about the flesh and blood of our parishes, Catholic Schools and the ministries of our missionary Church.

## **Our theme, CATHOLIC STRONG, is not just a slogan. It is a goal that we can reach together.**

To accomplish this, we must: invest in evangelization programs, particularly crafted for youth and young adults; strengthen faith formation programs for families, adults and children; encourage professional development of parish ministers and staff; and continue to expand our social service efforts. In this way we bring the truths of our Catholic faith to more people; serve our neighbors spiritually and practically; and lay the groundwork for the future of the Church in South Jersey. Ours is a joyful faith that follows the mission of Jesus Christ. CATHOLIC STRONG is a call to make His mission more present in South Jersey by building up the ministries of our parishes through programs of evangelization.

The Sunday Mass is central to our faith lives, and every Mass concludes with the dismissal "Go," which calls us to bring our faith to serve the needs of children; families; the poor; the immigrant; the refugee; the addicted; the struggling and burdened; and all women and men who look to the Church for spiritual assistance and support.

I ask each of you to prayerfully consider how best to contribute to your parish and the entire Catholic community of South Jersey so that we may become stronger missionary disciples. I hope you will ask questions, offer solutions and act as good stewards of our Faith. May we be CATHOLIC STRONG to ensure, now and far into the future, an active, engaged Church in South Jersey.

With gratitude for the privilege to serve you as your bishop  
and with firm hope for the future of our Church in South Jersey, I am,

**Sincerely in Christ,**

**Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan D.D.  
Bishop Of Camden**