

St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road - Pennsauken, NJ 08109

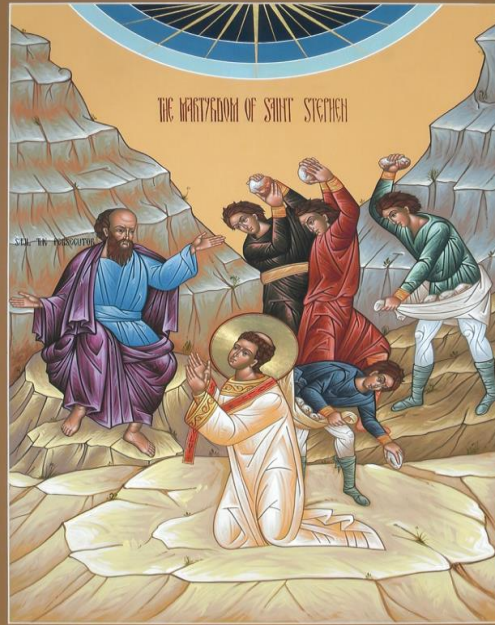
Pastoral Staff

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

Parish Website
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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 8, 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".

SUNDAY	September 8, 2019
9:00am	Edward F. Lukasiewicz r/b Frank & Rita Miller
10:30am	Pascuala Cotto r/b Her Daughter, Esther Nunez Salvatore Messina r/b Mike & Renee
MONDAY	September 9, 2019
9:00am	For All Victims of Natural Disasters
TUESDAY	September 10, 2019
9:00am	Dave Croge r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	September 11, 2019
9:00am	Thomas A. Love, Sr. (1 st Anniversary) r/b Liz McHugh
6:15pm CCD	Salvatore Messina r/b Saint Stephen's Religious Education Staff and Teachers
THURSDAY	September 12, 2019
9:00am/Novena	For All Victims of Violence and Abuse
FRIDAY	September 13, 2019
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
SATURDAY	September 14, 2019
4:30pm	Sally Casanave r/b Vickie Thibault
SUNDAY	September 15, 2019
9:00am	Sue Ott r/b The McHugh Family
10:30am	Charles (Bud) Pusatere r/b Maryann Bufanio Rosina Midili r/b The Midili Family



The Sanctuary Candle
this week is in memory of
The Victims of 9-11

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 31/Sept. 1 Offertory Collection: **\$3,766**
 2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target: **\$4,500**
 Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving: **\$3,821**

Next Special Collection: September 29 – "Pro Life"

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:

Dee Afilani, Ted Anderson, Ralph Baylor, Mary Bumbalow, Anna Buono, Patrick Carr, John Christy, Edmund Ciccarone, Athan Criaris, Dave Croge, Fanny DiBenedetto, Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Pricilla Handy, Ronald Heck, Wayne Hocking, Donna Kane, James Kelly, Sr. Bernadette Leahy, SSJ, 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, Peter P. Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Frances Vocale, Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

Ministry Schedule - September 14/15

Saturday, 4:30pm

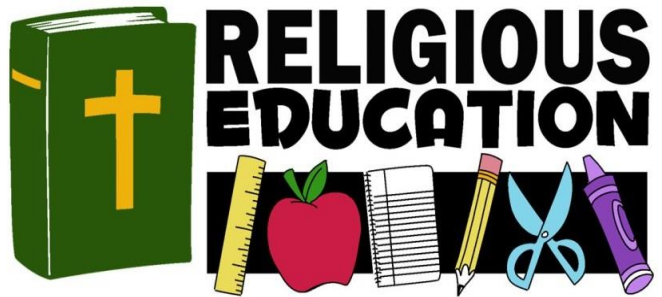
EM's: Sr. Eleanora, R. Davis, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo
 Lectors: D. Steinmetz, B. Mattia

Sunday, 9:00am

EM's: L. D'Alessandro, E. Nolte, L. McHugh, M. Conway
 Lectors: Jared Rivera, Joan Rivera

Sunday, 10:30am

EM's: D. Urgo, T. Urgo, M. Meloni, G. Tutwiler
 Lector: R. Aleszczyk



Opening Mass will be celebrated this
Wednesday, September 11th at 6:15pm.

Registration forms may be found in the rectory, church vestibule, and on our website. The fee is now \$145 per family (after Labor Day).

ANYONE NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

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

- 9/9-Monday-9am Mass
- 9/10-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary, 7pm Liturgy Board
- 9/11-Wednesday-9am Mass, 6:15pm Opening CCD Mass
- 9/12-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena, 7pm Discussion Club
- 9/13-Friday-9am Mass
- 9/14-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
- 9/15--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

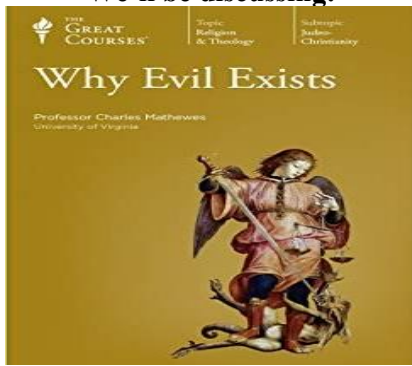
Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Opening Mass September 11th at 6:15pm

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Continues September 12th at 7pm in the Rectory

We'll be discussing:

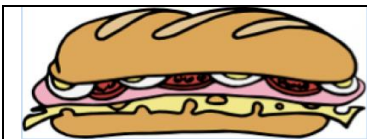


First Friday Adoration

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 weekends of **Sept. 7/8 & Oct. 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 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.

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.**



GOOD COUNSEL'S 13TH ANNUAL BANQUET

Thursday, September 26, 6:00-9:00pm
LUCIEN'S MANOR, 81 W White Horse Pk, Berlin, NJ

YOU are invited to attend our Annual Fund Raising Banquet to benefit the homeless, pregnant mothers and babies of our South Jersey Home. Our keynote speakers are **Joe & Ashley Garecht**, "*Standing up for Life, one Baby, one Mother, one Clinic at a Time*". 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 Michael Phelps at michael_phelps@goodcounselhomes.org or call 609.221.5603 or visit www.goodcounselhomes.org/sj. Ask friends to join you and we will reserve a table of 10-12 just for you! The event is free, but opportunities to give will be presented during the evening. Program sponsorships are also available. Come celebrate the miracles of our Riverside home with us!

Gloucester Catholic High School News

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

Become a "Ram for the Day". Schedule a shadow day be visiting 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.

Christine McKenna Memorial Golf Outing- Sunday **October 5** at Ed Oliver Golf Course. Single Golfers \$130.00 and Hole Sponsorships for \$100.00 for more info please contact Sean Swayngim swayngim147@msn.com.

K of C Yard Sale Sept. 28th

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.**

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**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.



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**09**  
NOVEMBER  
2019

Paul VI High School  
Conference Center



## RADICAL HOSPITALITY: A WAY OF LIFE FOR THESE TIMES

With Stephen Michael Tumolo

Border walls. Denying climate change. Judging others. Staying busy. Avoiding painful feelings. These are all examples of protective structures—ways that we, personally and societally, try to stay safe and in control. Yet these very ways can leave us less safe and less connected to our true life and the world around us.

There's a way of living that Heart to Heart brings to jails and prisons throughout the Delaware Valley. It is a way of being radically rooted in oneself and one's own experience and deeply committed to welcoming the Other. It can benefit all of us, especially in these times. Learn more about and experience this way of life by joining us for this workshop.



**Saturday, September 14, 2019**  
**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Apartments at Saint Thomas  
621 Mercer Street, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

**Three ways to register:**  
[bit.ly/H2HSeptemberWorkshop2019](http://bit.ly/H2HSeptemberWorkshop2019)  
[susanweiss@heart2heartinc.org](mailto:susanweiss@heart2heartinc.org)  
 (856) 406-6153

### About the Facilitator

Stephen Michael Tumolo, M.A., is Secretary of the Board of Directors of Heart to Heart, an adjunct faculty member at Eastern Nazarene College, and the principal at the Center for Receptive Communication. His teachings are based on Robert Gonzales's Living Compassion and Marshall Rosenberg's Nonviolent Communication.

This workshop is open to everyone regardless of prior experience. A contribution of \$40 helps Heart to Heart deliver this transformative education. However, any amount will support this important work.