

St. Stephen Parish

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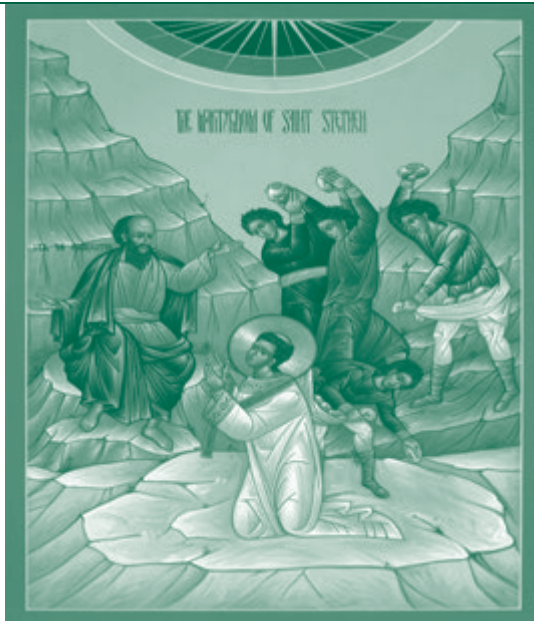
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Reverend Daniel M. Rocco
Pastor

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Rectory Summer Hours
Monday–Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm
Friday: 9:30am-2:00pm



Contact Info

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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.*

June 25, 2017 – The 12th 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	June 25, 2017
9:00am	Paul Tryson (4 th Anniversary) r/b The Tryson Family
10:30am	Raymond Steele r/b People of the Parish
MONDAY	June 26, 2017
9:00am	People of the Parish – Living & Deceased
TUESDAY	June 27, 2017
9:00am	Sheryllanne Bevilacqua r/b Rose Marie Gentile
WEDNESDAY	June 28, 2017
9:00am	Rev. Jerome C. Romanowski r/b People of the Parish
THURSDAY	June 29, 2017
9:00am/Novena	Elizabeth McGinley (1 st Anniversary) r/b The McHugh Family
FRIDAY	June 30, 2017
9:00am	Betty Picciano (3 rd Anniversary) r/b Her Husband Nick
SATURDAY	July 1, 2017
4:30pm	Bernadette Bierbach r/b Carol Beaver
SUNDAY	July 2, 2017
9:00am	John & Marie Pennestri r/b Jim Pennestri
10:30am	Catherine Schneider r/b George, Gail & Valerie Tutwiler



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.

June 17/18, 2017 Offertory Collection:	\$4,191
2016-2017 Weekly Offertory Collection Target:	\$4,600
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$4,644

Next Special Collection:

July 9th: "Solidarity Fund-Church in Africa" (Diocese)

House of Charity-Bishop's Annual Appeal

2017 House of Charity y-t-d	\$18,220 (38%)
2017 House of Charity Goal	\$48,018

Thank you to the 88 families that have given generously thus far. If you have not pledged as yet, extra pledge cards are available in the rectory office and church vestibule.



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:

- 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, 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,
Helen Setzer, Nancy Sonnie, Steven Stepanavage, Keri Ann Taxis,
Rick Taylor, Mary Terzini, Shannon Teuber Myles, Daniel Topper,
Adelaide Travia, Margaret Trifaro, Mary Viviello, Frances Vocale,
Doreen Warble, Lily Warble, Arlene Webb, Barbara Weingard.

Ministry Schedule for July 1 / 2

Saturday, 4:30pm

Altar Server: J. Bui

EM's: A. Knight, L. D'Alessandro, C. Pandola, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora

Lectors: B. Mattia, D. Steinmetz

Sunday, 9:00am

Altar Servers: Q. Nguyen, K. Conway

EM's: L. Monaco, M. Monaco, R. Davis, R. Leone, M. Conway

Lectors: D. Heck, W. McHugh

Sunday, 10:30am

Altar Servers: C. Nicdao, M. Conway, Mi. Conway

EM's: T. Angstman, T. Scavuzzo, M. Conway, W. Delfin, G. Tutwiler

Lectors: M. Miller, J. Messina

Stewardship Reflection
"Stewards Pray Publicly"

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."
MATTHEW 10:32

Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises? Do you pray in public before meals? **Stewards** pray for the strength and courage to be joyful witnesses of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.

This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

6/26-Monday-9am Mass
6/27-Tuesday-9am Mass, 7pm Rosary
6/28-Wednesday-9am Mass
6/29-Thursday-9am Mass/Novena
6/30-Friday-9am Mass
7/1-Saturday-3:45pm Confession, 4:30pm Mass
7/2-Sunday-9am Mass, 10:30am Mass

Rectory Office Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday:

9:00am – 4:30pm

Friday:

9:30am – 2:00pm

Monday Ladies Bible Study

Will resume in September.

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

Will Resume in September.

Thursday Night Discussion Club

Will Resume in September.

First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be
Friday, July 7, 2017
9:45am-7:00pm.



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 resume in September)

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 summer 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
for the month of June contact
Betty @ 856-662-6928.
In July contact
Maryann @ 856-333-6525

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, Classmates.com or Facebook Event CCHS Class of 1967 50th Reunion.

Mary Undoer of Knots Young Adult Ministry

In Affiliation with
Christ the King, Haddonfield, NJ

Our ministry has a special devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots. For those of you unfamiliar with Mary Undoer of Knots She helps undo "the knots" in our lives. For instance, if you're struggling with a difficult decision, you can pray to the Blessed Mother for guidance. Mary Undoer of Knots is also one of Pope Francis' favorites.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

6-29-2017 (Thursday) Trivia Night

Come join us for a fun night of fellowship, appetizer's, drink specials, and trivia. We will be meeting at 7:30 PM at the Whistler's Inn, 901 US Route 130, in Cinnaminson, NJ. If you plan to come, please let me know so you can be included in the head count. We will meet by the bar entrance.

7-8-2017 (Saturday) Phillies Game

Come join us at Citizens Bank Park to watch the Phillies play the San Diego Padres. Citizens Bank Park is located on One Citizens Park Way in Philadelphia, PA. We will meet at 1:30 PM by the Steve Carlton Statue, which is located by the Left Field Gate to purchase tickets. Tickets will cost approximately \$30 per person. Gates open shortly after we arrive for access to the concession stands. Hope you can enjoy an afternoon of baseball with us! (RAIN DATE 9-16-2017)

7-16-2017 (Sunday) Mass and Breakfast

Your invited to join us at Christ The King Church, 200 Windsor Ave, in Haddonfield, NJ for Mass. We will meet in the "gathering space," in the rear of the church. The time is TBD since we await the Summer Mass schedule. Immediately after Mass, we will have breakfast at the Westmont Diner, 317 N Haddon Avenue, in Westmont, NJ.

7-31-2017 (Monday) Monthly Bowling Night

Our monthly bowling night will take place at Pinsetter's, 7111 Maple Avenue, in Merchantville, NJ 08109 at 7:30 PM. The games are \$2.25 each and shoe rental is \$2.25. We will meet on the benches across from the bowling alley counter. Food and drink specials are available!

PLEASE RSVP if you plan to attend any event(s)

If you know any Catholic young adults 21 to 40 years old looking to learn more about their faith, volunteer some of their time, or looking to meet new friends, please invite them to join us. For information, please e-mail Rosanne - persistent21@verizon.net.

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2 Corinthians 3:17

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St. Stephen School Alumni in the Spotlight

Congratulations Valerie & Tyler!

Dr. Valerie Tutwiler Graduated on June 12th from Drexel University with a PhD in Bio Medical Engineering. Valerie was a 2004 graduate of St. Stephen School.

Tyler Miller Graduated on June 12th from Drexel University with a BS/MS in Bio Medical Engineering. Tyler was a 2008 graduate of St. Stephen School.



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### **Background on Today's Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 10:26-33: Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.**


We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth. This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children. We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.



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