

# St. Stephen Parish

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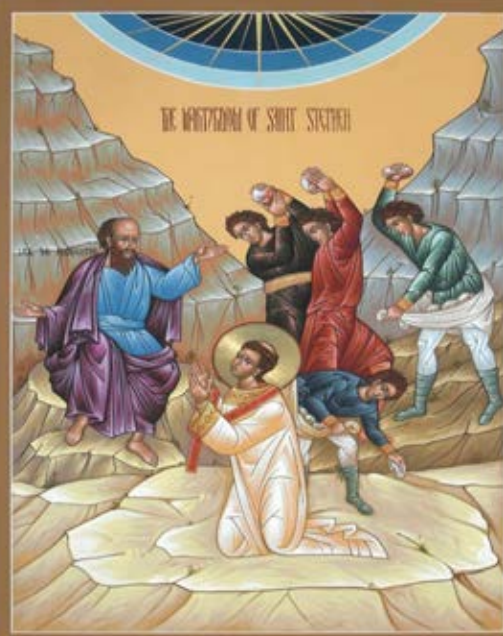
## ***Pastoral Staff***

**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

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(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 Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2020***

**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 9:30am on Sunday, which now has a maximum of four (4) intentions.

The 2021 Mass Book is open for intentions within one (1) year of "today".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 22, 2020</b>
9:00am	Rick Taylor r/b Immaculate Conception Council 3512
10:30am	Regina (Jean) Parker r/b Terri Dippolito
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 23, 2020</b>
9:00am	Jaime Rivera r/b His Wife, Santiago
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 24, 2020</b>
9:00am	Msgr. Timothy Ryan r/b People of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 25, 2020</b>
9:00am	Alyce Klaus r/b Bill & Suzanne Underwood
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 26, 2020</b>
9:00am/Novena	John McLaughlin, Sr. r/b Anthony & Rosemarie Leone
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 27, 2020</b>
9:00am	Msgr. Cornelius O'Leary r/b People of the Parish
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 28, 2020</b>
4:30pm	Rita Rotolo r/b Joseph & Jeanne Gerst
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 29, 2020</b>
9:00am	Rosina Midili r/b The Midili Family
10:30am	Rick Taylor r/b Greg & Valerie Mayer Mary Adamo r/b Louise & Leni Zinicola



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.

**During this time of uncertainty, you may mail in your weekly contributions to Saint Stephen Church.**

March 14/15, 2020 Offertory Collection:	\$2,986
2019-2020 Weekly Offertory Target:	\$4,500
Year-To-Date Weekly Average w/ E-Giving:	\$3,913

**Special Collections / Envelopes:**

- March 22: Catholic Relief & Easter Flowers
- April 5: Lenten Collection
- April 10: Good Friday / Holy Land
- April 12: Easter Offertory Collection



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, Melissa Connelly, Athan Criaris, Fanny DiBenedetto, Kim DiTheodore, Robert Foltz, Joseph Gerst, Pat Gruber, Priscilla 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, John Moffett, Ken Morris, Joy and Ed Morrisson, Yvonne Mulhern, Rich Passaro, Dean & Mary Russell, Louise Siciliano, Nancy Sonnie, Holly Spatz, Bill Spicher, Peggy Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Rita Vogt, Barbara Weingard, Tom Weingard, Emily Wilson.

## Tentative Ministry Schedule – March 28/29

**Saturday, 4:30pm**

EM's: A. Knight, A. Cirullo, Sr. Eleanora, R. Davis

Lectors: M. McHugh, J. Melfi

**Sunday, 9:00am**

EM's: J. Rosario, L. Rosario, M. Miller, L.D'Alessandro

Lectors: P. Nolte, D. Steinmetz

**Sunday, 10:30am**

EM's: T. Scavuzzo, T. Angstman

Lectors: J. Messina, R. Aleszczyk

## EFFECTIVE MARCH 18, 2020

**Bishop Dennis Sullivan has suspended all Mass Attendance, weekdays and weekends, in the Diocese of Camden until further notice. Father Rocco and all priests, however, will celebrate all Masses privately and the Mass Intentions for your Loved Ones will be honored.**

**All events posted in this online bulletin are obviously subject to cancelation or rescheduling due to the Corona Virus.**

# This Week @ St. Stephen Parish

- 3/23-Monday-
- 3/24-Tuesday-
- 3/25-Wednesday-
- 3/26-Thursday-
- 3/27-Friday-
- 3/28-Saturday-
- 3/29-Sunday-

## 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.”

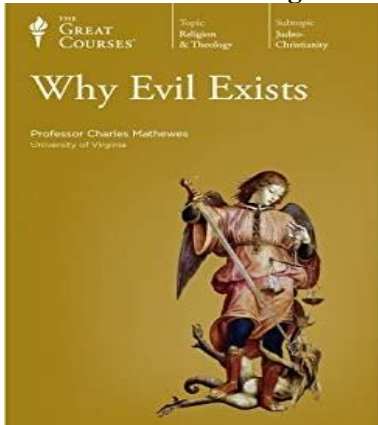
-St. Padre Pio

## Wednesday Night CCD Classes

Suspended until Further Notice

## Thursday Night Discussion Club

We're Discussing



## First Friday Adoration

The next Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be To Be Determined



## 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 TBD. 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 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. 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 March contact **Bernadette @ 609-220-6359.**



### 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, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

# Gloucester Catholic News

Become a "Ram for the Day". Schedule a shadow day by 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).

Gloucester Catholic Jr Sr High School 16th Annual Basket Auction. Thursday, **April 30th** at Adelpia Grand Ballroom. 5:30 auction Viewing and cocktails. 7pm Dinner Buffet. The fundraiser solely benefits GCHS students. For tickets please contact Heather Mondel at [heathermondel@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermondel@yahoo.com).

On Saturday **May 30th** Gloucester Catholic High School is hosting its second annual "Ram's Pub & Grub" event. This event will take place from 4pm-10pm at the G.C. Patrick Peyton Athletic Complex (81 Blackwood-Barnesboro Rd Sewell, NJ 08080). For more information please contact Kathy Townsend Suckiel GCHS '89 [sksuckiel18@comcast.net](mailto:sksuckiel18@comcast.net) or cell (856) 236-2207.

The Fr. Sullivan Golf Tournament will be held at the Pitman Golf Club on Monday, **June 15th**. Registration will begin at 12 noon. A putting contest will precede the 1:30 shotgun start. As usual, our format will be best ball of foursome. This golf tournament is named for Rev. John Sullivan who spent over twenty years of his life serving the Gloucester Catholic community. "Sully" was a friend to all who came in contact with him. We name the tournament in his honor to carry on the spirit of commitment that he gave to Gloucester Catholic. Profit from this tournament help fund Alumni Scholarships and the Athletic Department. For more information please contact Pat Moughan 609-970-1822 or via e-mail at [patrickmoughan@gmail.com](mailto:patrickmoughan@gmail.com)

**5th Annual Johnny Gaudreau Scholarship Golf Tournament** is set for Friday, **July 24**. The Johnny Gaudreau Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, July 24, 2019 at the Blue Heron Country Club in Egg Harbor, NJ. All proceeds directly fund scholarships and tuition assistance. For more info contact Pat Murphy at [pmurphy@gchsrams.org](mailto:pmurphy@gchsrams.org).

# MISSALS & HYMNALS

As you have probably noticed, there are no Missals and Hymnals in the pews due to the current situation. This will require that you listen attentively to the Readings and the prayers and the music that will be chosen in the future will be hymns that are mostly familiar to you.

## CHRISM MASS 2020

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and the priests of the diocese for the Chrism Mass at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, **April 7, 2020** at Our Lady of Hope Parish (Saint Agnes Church) in Blackwood. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion during which the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church are blessed and the Holy Chrism is consecrated. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Bells are ringing for married couples! Not church bells, not school bells, not wedding bells, but faith, knowledge and married love WILL grow if you hear the wake-up bell reminding you to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next weekend is **May 1-3, 2020**. Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Visit our website [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org)

## Catholic Charities' Prison Ministry

is Seeking Volunteers. Is God calling you to bring the Good News of Jesus to some of the most forgotten and vulnerable of God's people – the Incarcerated? The three State Prisons, one transitional Prison, and one County Jail located in Cumberland Co. are in need of Catholic Volunteers to bring hope, healing, and new life to the residents of these correctional facilities. For information on becoming a prison ministry volunteer, please contact: Sister Mary Cronin, DM, Prison Ministry Coordinator Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden Tel. 856-342-4106 [Mary.cronin@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Mary.cronin@camdendiocese.org)

## Lenten Schedule



**FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
To Be Determined

**TENTATIVE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**  
Tuesday, April 7 @ 7:30pm  
following the 7pm Rosary



**April 5: Palm Sunday Masses-9am & 10:30am**

**April 9: Holy Thursday**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm**  
Blessed Sacrament Reposed until 10:00pm

**April 10: Good Friday**  
Reading of the Psalms from Noon to 2:45pm  
Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross  
and Holy Communion 3:00pm

**April 11: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – 8pm**  
Rehearsal for Easter Vigil 9:00am,

**April 12: Easter Sunday Masses**  
**9am & 10:30am**

### Lenten Guidelines

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

## Reflection on Today's Gospel Reading

*John 9:1-41*

**Jesus heals the man born blind  
and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.**

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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**#WHATSMYNAME**

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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