St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road – Pennsauken, NJ 08109

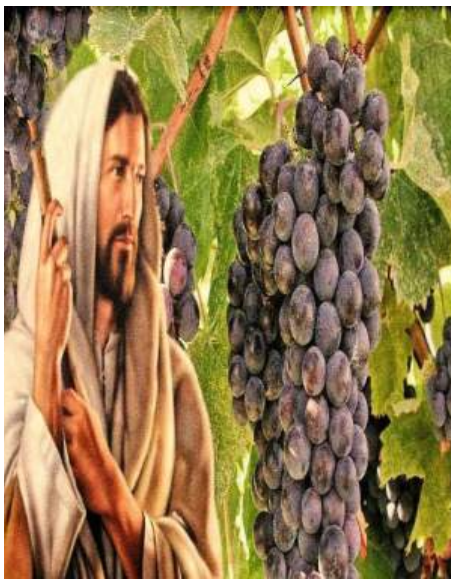
Pastoral Staff

Pastor
Reverend Jose Manjakunnel

Coordinator of Religious Education
Suzanne Underwood
Rel. Ed Classes – Wednesdays
6:15m – 7:30 pm

Parish Trustees
Rose Marie Davis
Earl Nolte

NEW Rectory Office Hours
Mon., Tues. and Thurs.
9:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday 9:45am-1:30pm
Friday 9:45am-2:00pm



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Contact Info

Website:
www.ststephenpennsauken.com

Rectory Phone
(856) 662-9338
(856) 662-9339

Emergencies
(856) 332-1476
(Accidents, Death or Dying)

Parish Email
ststephenpen@gmail.com

Parish Secretary
Cherryl L. Summers

Parish Bookkeeper
Susan Maugeri

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 28, 2024

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.

Recitation of the Rosary: every Tuesday-7pm in the Church**.** ALL ARE WELCOME.

Parish Membership: Moving INTO the parish all are asked to register as soon as possible.
Moving WITHIN or OUT – kindly notify rectory.

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.

Baptism: Call the Rectory for arrangements.

Funerals: Arrangements must be made directly with a Funeral Home after notifying the Parish.

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

Mass Intentions: limit 2 per daily Mass and Saturday Vigil Mass; one for 9:00am Sunday Mass; 10:30am Sunday Mass- a maximum of four (4) intentions.
The 2024 Mass book is open for intentions through December 31. 2024 Mass Book is open for intentions within one year of "today".

SUNDAY	**April 28, 2024**
9:00am	People of the Parish
10:30am	Arthur H. Catino, In loving Memory, r/b Father, Henry & Uncle Carl
MONDAY	**April 29, 2024**
9:00am	Alicia Bland r/b Terry Marlin
TUESDAY	**April 30, 2024**
9:00am	Rev. Msgr. Joseph DiMauro r/b People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	**May 1 , 2024**
9:00am	In Loving Memory of Rick Taylor r/b his wife
THURSDAY	**May 2, 2024**
9:00am	In loving memory of Bill Underewood r/b his wife
FRIDAY	**May 3, 2024**
9:00am	Dr. Ernest Gentclos r/b Terry Marlin
SATURDAY	**May 4 , 2024**
4:30pm	Robert Piekarski r/b Pat & Debbie
SUNDAY	**May 5, 2024**
9:00am	100th birthday of Dolores Centanzo r/b daughter
10:30am	Jacqueline Catino, In loving memory r/b husband Carl

The Sanctuary Candle this week
In Memory of

Rick Taylor

If you would like to contribute to the burning of a Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office. Offering is $10.00. Mass intentions are $15.
Sanctuary Candle available – May – 19, 26

Weekdays in May – 7,15,17,20,21,24,27,28,29,30,31

Weekends in May – 4:30pm - 25
10:30 am - 5,12,19,26

To schedule mass intentions please call or stop by the parish office

Remember Our Sick

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, Sandra Bacon, Paul Bonewicz, Kathy Brown, Lucille Buffington, Gloria Camarote, Terrence Carr, John Christy, Melissa Connelly, Melissa Courchain, Peg Crimlis, Michael Davis, Roseann & Bob DiGiovanni, Rob Gerold, Jeanne Gerst, Gerard Gruber, Pat Gruber, Priscilla Handy, Ronald Heck, Wayne Hocking, Reilly Joseph, Donna Kane, Judy King, Judy Kinsler, Jeanne Carroll Lawer, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sondra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, MaryAnn Merritt,Nancy Loperfido, Cassidy Lovett, Zach Marshall, Anthony Midili, John Moffett, Ken Morris, Joy & Ed Morrisson, Yvonne Mulhern, Sarah Murawski, Eddie Oliveras, Sr., The Perez Family, Bobby & Dee Phillips, Joe Pignatelli, Anita Rachubinski, Pat Riccardi, Rey Rivera, Vincent Rossi, Dean & Mary Russell, Jean Henning Rutter, Louise Siciliano, Nancy Sonnie, Bill Spicher, Cass Soper, Bob Soper, Francis Soper, Peggy Tepper, Anthony Travia, Michael Trost, Heather & Ronnie Upshaw, Rita Vogt, Cathy Volpe, Maria Nhan T Vu, Barbara Weingard, Charles Weingard, Ed Weingard, Lillian Weingard, Tom Weingard, Jasper Whitney

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THE PARISH HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

ststephenpen@gmail.com

GOING FORWARD ALL EMAILS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE VIA THIS NEW EMAIL ADDRESS.

Mother'sDay
50-50 Raffle
$5 each

Raffle drawing on Mother's day – May 12th
Please support our parish fundraiser
Any questions contact
George Tutwiler or Rose Marie Davis
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THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM

South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal 2024

Dear parishioners,
I am pleased to inform you that to date, our parish has raised $39,800 toward our goal of $45,400.

I am extremely grateful to you for supporting the diocese and our parish. I am confident that by your participation and generosity we will meet our goal again in 2024.

Once again thank you for your sacrifice and generosity.

Fr. Jose

On May 1st, following the 6:15pm Faith Formation Mass, we will have crowning of the Blessed Mother

WEEKLY COLLECTION
April 27-28

Cash/Envelope	$3,112.
Online Giving	$ 598.
Total	$3,710.

Automatic E-Giving

St. Stephen Parish continues to provide electronic giving, or E-Giving, 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. If you are away or unable to attend weekend Mass, please continue to support our parish through E-Giving. Your sacrifice is greatly appreciated.

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St. Stephen's Prayer Line Belongs to You

We are here to pray for you.
For Prayer Requests in April contact – Linda – 856-383-3091
requests in May – Lois 856-665-1221

St. Stephen Parish
Music Ministry Notes
Spring 2024

Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth. More importantly, that is what Easter is all about. Jesus Christ dies and rises for us so that we can be renewed and reborn. Our Music Ministry Family knows that we are blessed by our Risen Lord to be a part of the ministry at St Stephen Parish. It is our privilege to provide the music for our many liturgical celebrations. We especially enjoy the music of Lent and Easter. To have the opportunity to lift our voices to thank God for His unfailing love for us is a gift that each of us treasurers. As members of the congregation, we appreciate your support for our ministry, and we welcome any suggestions that you might have. Please feel free to speak with any of our music ministers as well as with me. We want to serve our parishioners in whatever way we can. As always, we welcome you to join us. Ours is a special ministry family and we would be pleased to have you with us. He is Risen, Alleluia!

Mrs. Nancy Werner Kaiser
Music Director
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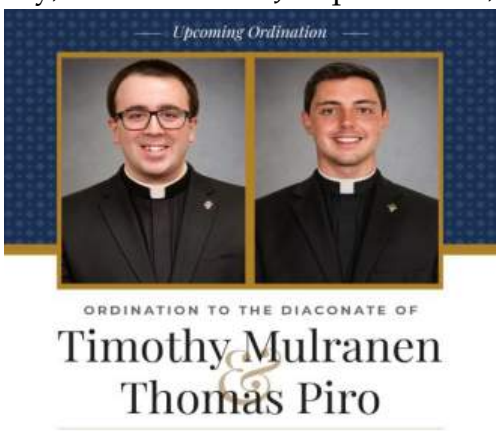
Banns of Ordination to the Diaconate

The Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D. announces that he intends to ordain Mr. Timothy Stephen Mulranen and Mr. Thomas Kristopher Piro to the Sacred Order of Deacon on Saturday, the 11th day of May, 2024 at Saint Joseph Church, 126 44th Street, Sea Isle, New Jersey.

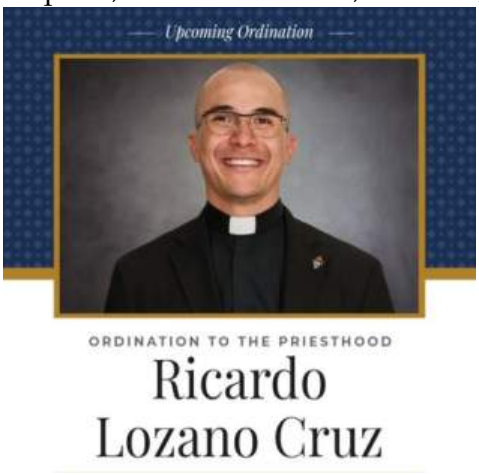


The faithful of the Diocese of Camden are asked to pray for these men and for the young men of their parish who are being called by God to service in the Church. At the same time the faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, by contacting their pastor before the ordination in accord with the norms of cc. 1043 and 1051.2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Mary Immaculate, patroness of the Diocese of Camden, intercede for these men and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood here in South Jersey.

Banns of Ordination to the Priesthood

The Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D. announces that he intends to ordain Reverend Mister Ricardo Lozano Cruz to the Sacred Order of Presbyter on Saturday, the 18nd day of May, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 642 Market Street, Camden, New Jersey.



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'THE GARDEN OF THE LORD'

Dear Parishioners,

I am very excited to inform you that we uprooted the overgrown bushes in front of the church and the Grotto of Mary to replace them with beautiful gardens with new plants and flowerbeds. Many suggested that we dedicate the garden in front of the Church in loving memory of your beloved deceased members of your families. It is indeed a fitting tribute to those who are already in the *'Garden of the Lord.'* If you wish to dedicate a particular plant in memory of your loved ones, please contact our parish office immediately. When the project is completed, we will place a plaque with the name on the flower bed and dedicate it to a loved one. We will appreciate if you can donate $250 or more to offset the total cost of $7,500.00. Please make your check payable to St. Stephen Church with a memo for the 'Garden of the Lord.' If you don't want to make a dedication, a donation will be appreciated for the project. Thank you. I am looking forward to your participation in this beautiful project in loving memory of your loved ones.

I take this opportunity to wish you a grace-filled season of Easter & Divine Mercy of God to everyone!

Thank you,
Fr. Jose

Please fill out the information below and return to the Rectory ASAP.
Your name _____

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