

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road – Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## *Pastoral Staff*

### Pastor

Reverend Jose Manjakunnel

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#### of Religious Education

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Rel. Ed Classes – Wednesdays

6:15m – 7:30 pm

### Parish Trustees

**Rose Marie Davis**

**Earl Nolte**

### Rectory Office Hours

Mon., Tues., and Thurs.

9:00am-4:00pm

Wednesday 9:45am-1:30pm

Friday 9:45am-2:00pm



## **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

## *Contact Info*

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[www.ststephenpensauken.com](http://www.ststephenpensauken.com)

### Rectory Phone

(856) 662-9338

(856) 662-9339

### Emergencies

(856) 332-1476

(Accidents, Death or Dying)

### Parish Email

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### Parish Secretary

**Cherryl L. Summers**

### Parish Bookkeeper

**Susan Maugeri**

### Choir Director

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## **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.*

## **Second Sunday of Lent – March 16, 2025**

**Daily Mass:** Monday thru Friday - 9:00am

### **Weekend Obligation:**

Saturday – 4:00pm (*Reconciliation 3:15pm-3:45pm*)

Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am

**Holy Days:** 9:00am & 7:00pm

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Thursday after 9AM Mass.

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration: following the 9AM Mass until noon.**

**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 4:00pm 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 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 2025 Mass book is open for intentions through December 31, 2025. Mass Book is open for intentions within one year of "today".

- SUNDAY**            **March 16, 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
     **9:30am**            Healing of Anthony Midili r/b Susan  
     **10:30am**            Fracis Dang r/b Loc Dang
- MONDAY**           **March 17, 2025 St. Patrick's Day**  
     **9:00am**            Rev. Edward C. Wade r/b People of the Parish
- TUESDAY**         **March 18, 2025**  
     **9:00am**            **People of the Parish**
- WEDNESDAY**     **March 19 , 2025**  
     **9:00am**            Rev. Paul D. Harte r/b People of the Parish
- THURSDAY**       **March 20, 2025**  
     **9:00am**            Louis & Josephine Buondonno r/b daughter
- FRIDAY**            **March 21, 2025**  
     **9:00am**            Rev. John J. Tumose r/b People of the Parish
- SATURDAY**        **March 22, 2025**  
     **4:00pm**            Connie Curley r/b Pat & Debbie Moran  
                               Jack Painter r/b Tiffany Painter
- SUNDAY**            **March 23 , 2025**  
     **9:00am**            Roberto Bruno r/b Edith Bruno  
     **10:30am**            People of the Parish

**The Sanctuary Candle this week  
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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 –March, 2025 – 16, 23**

**Weekdays in March, 2025 - 20,24,27,31**

**Weekends in – March, 2025**

**9:00 - 30**

**10:30 – 23,30**

**Weekends in April - 9:00AM - 6**

**10:30 - 6,13,27**

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



**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:**

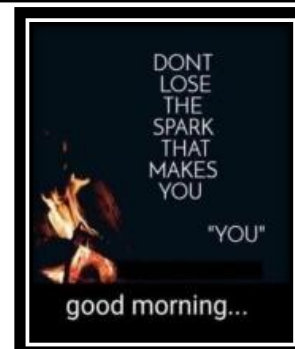
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Welcome to Small Christian Communities

**Parishioners who registered, are reminded to attend their Lenten Small Christian Community on Monday at 6:00PM and Tuesday at 2:00PM both in the Church Meeting Room.**



# REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call

**1-800-964-6588**



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays at 7:00 PM during Lent**

Let's walk with the Lord,  
carrying our own daily crosses.

### SAINT STEPHEN RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS

**Elijah Medina, Penelope Ruiz-Vazquez and Aiden Krykewycz**

Will receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and their **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** on Sunday, April 27 at the 10:30 AM Mass

**Ben Filachek, Parker Davis-Schlegel, Elijah Rivers Miles Roman and Shayla Umansky**

will receive **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30AM Mass

As a community of faith, we offer these young people and their families our **prayers**, our **encouragement** in growing in the faith of Jesus, and our **support** by going to **Confession** during **Lent**; giving thanks and appreciation for the great **gift** of the **Eucharist**; and believing that the **Gift of the Holy Spirit** will lead us in **prayer**, **love** and **service** to our community.

**BEGINNING OF MARCH  
SPRING  
50-50 RAFFLE**

## 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](http://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 February  
contact - March -  
Bernice - 856-662-4641

### St. Stephen Parish Music Ministry Notes Winter 2025



As we enter into a new calendar year, 2025, we focus on the new liturgical year that began in the Season of Advent. The St. Stephen Music Ministry enjoys preparing the music for every liturgy. We have been blessed with some new choir members and we are very grateful that they are sharing their musical gifts with St. Stephen Parish. As we look ahead To this new year, we get excited about sharing music with our congregation. Perhaps this is the year for you to join our music ministry. Some of you have been approached by members of our ministry who hear your beautiful voices and hope that you will join us. St. Stephen has a plethora of talented parishioners who share their gifts with various ministries. We are asking that you share your voice, or instrumental talents with us. Please consider speaking with me or with one of our ministry members. Come to a few rehearsals and get a feel for the sense of community that sharing the gift of music creates.

Thank you for supporting us with your prayers and enthusiasm.

Nancy Werner-Kaiser  
Music Director

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SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE  
MOST VULNERABLE AND WALK THE PATH OF CHRIST.**

**Please make a sacrifice to support the  
various ministries:**

- Faith formation
- Youth and adult ministries
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- Education of seminaries
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- Youth and Campus ministries
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GOAL:  
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*Jesus said: “Whatever you did for one of the least of your  
brethren, you did for me.”*

For any question, please contact  
Mr. Tom McHugh at 856-296-2331

Fr. Jose





## **LENT: SECOND SUNDAY TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON AND I AM WELL PLEASED WITH HIM”**

**On this second Sunday of Lent the Church reflects on the transfiguration of Jesus before His chosen apostles. On this occasion God the Father reveals the true nature and Identity of Jesus as His own beloved Son and manifested His glory by saying “Listen to Him”**

**As the disciples of Jesus we are urged to listen to the voice of the Lord in every circumstance of our life. God speaks to us when we break the Word of God, when we celebrate the Eucharist and God also speaks to us through our brothers and sisters. It is always easy to get distracted with other voices in today’s world. The attractions and temptations of the world may lure us away from hearing the voice of God. So let’s turn our ears to the voice of God more eagerly and pray to God to nourish us inwardly by His Word and sacraments during this Lent.**

**Fr. Jose**

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