

St. Stephen Parish

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9:00am-4:00pm

Wednesday 9:45am-1:30pm

Friday 9:45am-2:00pm



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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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 13, 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.

1st 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** **April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday**
9:00am Roberto Bruno r/b Edith Bruno
10:30am Arthur & Jennie Cation, In Loving Memory r/b Sons Henry & Carl
- MONDAY** **April 14, 2025**
9:00am Bill Underwood r/b wife
- TUESDAY** **April 15, 2025**
9:00am Louis & Josephine Buondonno r/b daughter
- WEDNESDAY** **April 16, 2025**
9:00am Edward Lukasiewicz r/b a friend
- THURSDAY** **April 17, 2025 HOLY THURSDAY**
7:00pm SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
- FRIDAY** **April 18, 2025 GOOD FRIDAY**
12pm-2:30pm READING OF THE PSALMS
3:00pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
- SATURDAY** **April 19, 2025**
8:00pm MASS OF VIGIL
- SUNDAY** **April 20, 2025**
MASS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
9:00am Joseph Gerst r/b niece Jenne
10:30am Sigmund Catino, In Loving Memory, r/b brothers Henry & Carl
 In memory of 10th anniversary of passing of Glen Nazarok r/b Suzanne Underwood

The Sanctuary Candle this week
In Loving Memory of

Edward Lukasiewicz



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, 2025 – 25
Weekdays in April, 2025 – 29,30*

*Weekdays in May-1,2,5,6,7,13,14,15,19,20
21,22,23,26,27,28,29,30*

*Weekends in May – 10:30 – 11,18, 25
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, Albert Brearey, Kathy Brown, Lucille Buffington, Gloria Camarote, Terrence Carr, John Christy, Melissa Connelly, Peg Crimlis, Michael Davis, Roseann & Bob DiGiovanni, Stacy & Francine Eisenmann, Rob Gerold, Jeanne Gerst, Judy Gotthold, Gerard Gruber, Pat Gruber, Priscilla Handy, Ronald Heck, Wayne Hocking, Reilly Joseph, Donna Kane, Judy Kinsler, Jeanne Carroll Lawer, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sondra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, Cassidy Lovett, Anthony Midili, John Moffett, Ken Morris, Joy & Ed Morrisson, Yvonne Mulhern, Sarah Murawski, Eddie Oliveras, Sr., The Perez Family, Bobby & Dee Phillips, Anita Rachubinski, Pat Riccardi, Rey Rivera, Vincent Rossi, Dean & Mary Russell, Jean Henning Rutter, Mary Jane Salmonsens, Louise Siciliano, Nancy Sonnie, Bill Spicher, Cass Soper, Bob Soper, Francis Soper, Peggy Tepper, Anthony Travia, Michael Trost, Heather 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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Banns of Ordination to the Diaconate

The Most Reverend Joseph A. Williams, D.D. announces that he intends to ordain - Mr. Nickolas Bruno Nattichione to the Sacred Order of Deacon on Saturday, the 10th Day of May, 2025 at Holy Trinity Parish, Saint James Church, 6415 Atlantic Ave., Ventnor, New Jersey.

The faithful of the Diocese of Camden are asked to pray for this young man of their parish who is 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 this man and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood here in South Jersey.

HOLY WEEK LITRUGY
April 12 – 20

PALM SUNDAY : MASS OF VIGIL ON SATURDAY
AT 4:00 PM & SUNDAY MASS AT 9:00AM & 10:30AM

Monday 14 : LENTEN CONFESSION AT 6:00 PM

HOLY SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:00 - PM –
SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

8:00 PM - Transfer of the Most Blessed
Sacrament

10:00 PM - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY : THE CELEBRATION OF THE
LORD’S PASSION

12PM - 2:30PM - Reading of the Psalms

3:00 PM - The Liturgy of Word, the Adoration of
the Holy Cross and Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY : 8:00 PM – MASS OF VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY : 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM
MASS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
April 5 - 6

Cash/Envelope	\$3,901.
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$ 1,016.</u>
Total	\$4,917.



Raffle tickets are available for \$5. each and can be purchased after all weekend Masses or call the parish office during office hours.

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***

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|  | <p>We are here to pray for you.<br/>For Prayer Requests please contact -<br/>April – Diane – 856-308-8224</p> |
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**St. Stephen Parish**  
**Music Ministry Notes**  
**Spring 2025**



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 life 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 of 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!

Nancy Werner-Kaiser  
Music Director

# HOLY WEEK

## PALM SUNDAY



With the celebration of Palm Sunday we enter the Holy week the most important time in the year of worship. As Jesus made his way to Jerusalem, the crowd lined up along the street and welcomed Him with palm branches in their hands, voices united in a choro of Hosanna. Moments later, the same crowd turned against Him, calling for His Crucifixion. This event prompts us to examine our own perspective on Jesus. Is he the one who is going to fulfil our dreams and wishes and align with our own “personal agendas” or His true mission is to bring salvation by restoring our relationship with God?



## HOLY THURSDAY

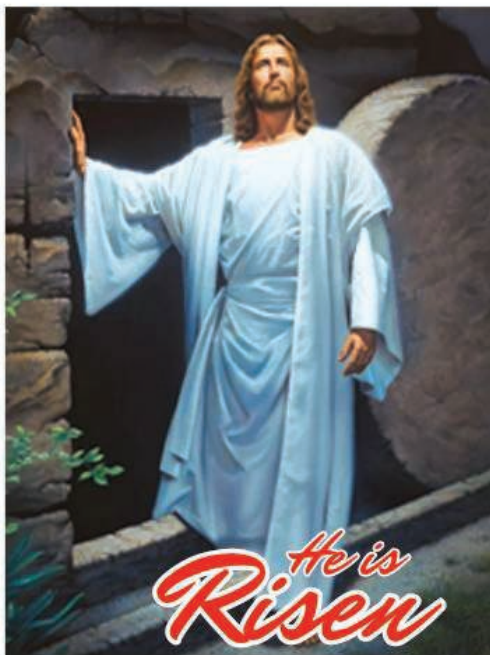
Holy Thursday marks the beginning of Easter Triduum, a time to remember Jesus’ Last Supper and institution of the Holy Eucharist as a source of our spiritual nourishment. During Last Supper He also showed His selfless act of service by washing the feet of His own disciples. This act prompts us to deepen our faith, mirroring His love and example. Further He said wash one’ another’s feet just as I washed your feet as a sign of humility and service.



**The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, 3:30PM  
at St. Agnes Church, Our Lady of Hope Parish, Blackwood, NJ.  
You are cordially invited to attend the Mass of Chrism presided  
by Most Rev. Joseph A. Williams, D.D., Bishop of Camden**

## GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is a day of remembrance and offers us an opportunity to contemplate His sacrifice for our sins and God's love for the world. Let's not forget that Good Friday is about Jesus embracing all of us in our pain individually and as a community. As we join for the afternoon service, let us embrace one another's sorrows and pain as we unite them with Jesus on the Cross.



## HOLY EASTER

The Holy Week celebration culminates with the celebration of Easter, commemorating Jesus' resurrection, offering hope and eternal life. Easter reminds us that even in the face of death, life and God's love triumph. Jesus' resurrection is a pivotal event in Christian faith, signifying victory over evil and promise of a life that is everlasting in heaven.

**I take this opportunity to wish you all a very  
BLESSED EASTER FILLED WITH PEACE  
AND JOY OF THE RISEN LORD!**

**Fr. Jose**

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