

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road – Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## ***Pastoral Staff***

### **Pastor**

Reverend Jose Manjakunnel

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### **Coordinator of Religious Education**

**Bill Mattia**

**(c) 856-685-9311**

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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**



## ***Contact Info***

**Website:**

**www.ststephenpensauken.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**

### **Choir Director**

**Nancy Werner-Kaiser**

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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.***

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 11, 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 May 11, 2025 MOTHER'S DAY**  
 9:00am In Memory of Mary Birchall Lare r/b Judy Birchall Lare  
 10:30am Rosina Midili & Susie Furlano  
 r/b Susan & Anthony Midili
- MONDAY May 12, 2025**  
 9:00am Louise Cirullo r/b daughter
- TUESDAY May 13, 2025**  
 9:00am Paul & Vincent Buondonno & Robert Golding  
 r/b Sister
- WEDNESDAY May 14, 2025**  
 9:00am Rev. Msgr. James Tracy r/b People of the Parish
- THURSDAY May 15, 2025**  
 9:00am Bill Underwood r/b wife
- FRIDAY May 16, 2025**  
 9:00am Edward Lukasiewicz r/b a friend
- SATURDAY May 17, 2025**  
 4:00pm Richard Barnes r/b Pat & Debbie Moran
- SUNDAY May 18, 2025**  
 9:00am Roberto Bruno r/b Edith Bruno  
 10:30am People of the Parish  
 Baptism of Jackson Krykewycz

**The Sanctuary Candle this week**

**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 June, 2025 – 29*

*Weekdays in May, 2025 –21,22,23,28,29,30  
Weekends in May – 10:30 - 18, 25*

*Weekdays in June - 3,4,5,6,9,10,11,12,13,  
18,19,20,23,24,25,26,30*

*Weekends in June – 10:30 – 1,15,22,29  
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, Gary Korus, Jeanne Carroll Lawer, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sondra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, Cassidy Lovett, John Messina, 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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**A Call For Catechists**

To answer Jesus' call to bring the gospel to the youth and the adults – St. Stephen's will need new catechists. Please consider this rewarding ministry.

Start by attending a required training session -

5/13/2025 – 6 pm – Catholic Community of Christ Our Light (Cherry Hill)

5/15/2025 -6 pm - Saint Katherine Drexel (Egg Harbor Township)

**Banns of Ordination to Presbyter**

The Most Reverend Joseph A. Williams, D.D. announces that he intends to ordain –

Reverend Mr. Timothy Stephen Mulranen and Reverend Mr. Thomas Kristopher Piro to the Sacred Order of Presbyter on Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 2025 at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 500 Greentree Road, Glassboro, 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 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.

***Parish Fundraiser Hoagie Sale***



**AFTER ALL MASSES  
Weekend of May 17-18**

**Italian \$7.00 Turkey - \$7.00  
American - \$6.00**

**Please support our parish fundraiser**

**Thank you for your support In March**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter May 3 - 4**

**Cash/Envelope \$3,611.  
Online Giving \$ 776.  
Total \$4,387.**



**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 contact -  
May - Betty - 856-662-6928**

**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**

## WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

I am very happy to see many new people in the Church since the beginning of 2025. It is an encouraging sign for our parish. If you are living in this area and wish to join our parish, **YOU ARE MOST WELCOME!** Our parish is a welcoming community. If you are thinking of joining our parish, please fill-out the registration form placed in the Church foyer and drop in the collection basket or make a simple call to the rectory number 856-662-9338 for your registration. I also invite our active parishioners to reach out to someone who may consider joining our parish. Your good example will inspire others to encounter the Lord. This is part of our missionary call during this Jubilee Year. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office and we will be more than happy to support you in this endeavor.

### Four stages of spiritual friendship:

1. **Identify** someone who is likely to be open to faith
2. **Intercede** for the person for God to touch their hearts
3. **Connect** with them by way of an occasional get together and chat with them over a cup of coffee or lunch.
4. **Invite** them finally when the time is right. This may motivate them to join for our weekend mass and Sacraments.

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## RCIA PROGRAM AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Our parish is glad to offer an RCIA program starting this fall to Easter Vigil 2026. This program will benefit anyone who is raised a Catholic but not in full communion with the Church and the Sacraments. Also if anyone who is a non-Catholic and considering becoming a Catholic will have the opportunity to enter the Catholic faith through the RCIA program.

For more information please contact the parish office number 856-662-9338 or

Mr. Bill Mattia, Director of Religious Education at

[bdmattia@verizon.net](mailto:bdmattia@verizon.net)

[Cell: 856-685-9311](tel:856-685-9311)

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### OUR JOURNEY UNITED IN HOPE 2025 SJCMA

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Our Goal is \$38,900 - **Collected: \$35,928** - **short of \$3,928**

May I encourage everyone who has not yet made your sacrifice to make a gift to reach our goal. When we reach our goal, the parish will get back 10% of the goal and 100% of any amount collected over the goal. Therefore, once again, may I make a gentle reminder to everyone to make a small sacrifice for the benefit of the people of South Jersey.

For any questions, please contact: Tom McHugh at 856-296-2331

Fr. Jose



# DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Office of the Diaconate



## INFORMATION MEETINGS

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm  
St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish  
1417 New Road - Northfield

Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 pm  
Christ the Good Shepherd Parish  
1655 Magnolia Road - Vineland

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm  
Incarnation Parish  
240 Main Street - Mantua

Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm  
Our Lady of the Angels  
35 E. Mechanic Street - Cape May Court House

Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm  
Our Lady of Peace Parish  
32 Carroll Ave - Williamstown

Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm  
St. Stephen Parish  
6306 Browning Rd - Pennsauken



### Do You Have the Gifts To Serve Christ as a Deacon?

- † Do you see in yourself the gifts needed for helping others?
- † Are you drawn to pray and listen to the Word of God?
- † Do you participate actively in Church ministry?

If you can answer these questions with a confident

**YES!**

perhaps you should learn more about the deacon's ministry in the Catholic Church.



You are cordially invited to attend an information meeting. Wives are invited & encouraged to attend.

*"The vocation of the permanent deacon is a great gift of God to the Church"*  
Pope Saint John Paul II

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:**  
Contact: Linda Decosta - 856.583.2858 - [linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org](mailto:linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org)  
**OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE**  
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631 Market Street  
Camden, NJ 08102  
*We are grateful for the support of the House of Charity Bishop's Annual Appeal*

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Happy Mother's Day

Today is Mother's Day a day in which we express our love and gratitude for their love and sacrifices. It is a time to appreciate and reflect on the enduring impact mothers have on their children and families. It gives us an opportunity to honor their love, sacrifices and wisdom and also to celebrate the special bond we have with our mothers.

As we all know, a mother plays a crucial role in shaping the future of her children. As a matter of fact, she passes on her strengths, wisdom and graces to her children. As children, we can say without any hesitation that motherhood involves immense love and sacrifice without expecting anything in return. They always help the children to navigate the complexities and challenges of raising children. Of course, we honor our mothers on a special occasion like **MOTHER'S DAY**. As a matter of fact, motherhood should be celebrated every single day. As we all know, motherhood is not without challenges, and therefore, it is important that we acknowledge the struggles and triumphs that come along with it. Today we honor mothers regardless of their circumstances and show our love and gratitude to them by our good life. God blesses all our mothers both living and in eternity.

Fr. Jose

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