

St. Stephen Parish

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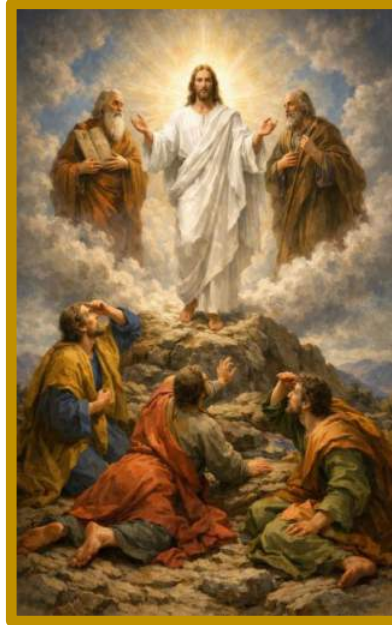
Rectory Office Hours

Mon., Tues., and Thurs.

9:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm

Friday 9:30am-12:30pm



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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 1, 2026

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 for one hour.

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 2026 Mass book is open for intentions through December 31, 2026. Mass Book is open for intentions within one year of "today".

- SUNDAY March 1, 2026
9:00am Joe & Stella Adinolfi r/b their daughter, Lorraine
10:30am Betty Grussenmeyer r/b her Sister
MONDAY March 2, 2026
9:00am Rev. Richard Timothy Kunzman
TUESDAY March 3, 2026
9:00am Birthday Remembrance of Norma Sayers r/b her Husband John Fitzpatrick, Sr. r/b John & Maria Fitzpatrick
WEDNESDAY March 4, 2026
9:00am Joseph Korwacki r/b Diane Brett
THURSDAY March 5, 2026
9:00am Rev. Thomas S. Donio
FRIDAY March 6, 2026
9:00am Pauline Fitzpatrick r/b John & Maria Fitzpatrick Followed by EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
SATURDAY March 7, 2026
4:00pm Norman Brubaker r/b his Wife
SUNDAY March 8, 2026
9:00am Roberto Bruno r/b Edith Bruno
10:30am Betty Grussenmeyer r/b her Sister

The Sanctuary Candle this Week In Memory of

John, Sr. & Pauline Fitzpatrick



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. Mass intentions are \$15.

Sanctuary Candle available - March -15, 29 /April - 5,12,19,26

Mass Intentions Available: Weekdays in March - 9,10,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,19,20,23,24 Weekends - March - Sat 4:00 - 14,21,28/ April 4, 11, 18,25 March -- Sun 9:00 - 22,29/ April 5,19,26, March - Sun 10:30 - 8,15,22,29

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:

- Ted Anderson, Sandra Bacon, Paul Bonewicz, Albert Brearey, Kathy Brown, Gloria Camorate, John Christy, Melissa Connelly, Peg Crimlis, Michael Davis, Henry Dickerson, Roseann DiGiovanni Stacy & Francine Eisenmann, Rob Gerold, Jeanne Gerst, Gerard Gruber, Pat Gruber, Priscilla Handy, Ronald Heck, Wayne Hocking, Reilly Joseph, Donna Kane, Gary Korus, Janet Lang, Jeanne Carroll Lawer, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sondra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, Cassidy Lovett, Terry Marlin, John Messina, Anthony Midili, Frank Miller, John Moffett, Joy & Ed Morrisson, Yvonne Mulhern, Sarah Murawski, Eddie Oliveras, Sr., Trudy Painter, The Perez Family, Bobby & Dee Phillips, Anita Rachubinski, Pat Riccardi, Rey Rivera, Vincent Rossi, Dean & Mary Russell, Jean Henning Rutter, Frank & Betty Schlegel, Louise Siciliano, Nancy Sonnie, Bill Spicher, Cass Soper, Bob Soper, Francis Soper, Peggy Tepper, Michael Trost, Heather Upshaw, Rita Vogt, Cathy Volpe, Maria Nhan T Vu, Barbara Weingard, Charles Weingard, Ed Weingard, Lillian Weingard, Tom Weingard, Jasper Whitney

ANYONE TURNED 73?

"Since turning 73, I found out that I needed to participate in the RMD (Required Minimal Distribution), of our retirement funds, and I had to pay tax on these distributions, but I could offset some taxes by designating some RMD to charities. So I recommend anyone who can, to designate some RMD to St. Stephen Church"

A Parishioner - donated \$350.

CCD students and staff are spearheading a Thanksgiving through Winter food collection to help all those affected by the changes in the Snap Program. There will be baskets in the Church and Rectory available for collection. We are requesting canned and non-perishables foods which will be transported to the Pennsauken food pantry.

REMINDER!

Dear Parishioners,
Thank you for supporting the Star Herald.
When you make donations, please make check
payable to ST. STEPHEN CHURCH
Memo: Star Herald.

Thank You!

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION
February 14/15, 2026

Cash/envelope	\$4020.
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$ 460 .</u>
Total	\$4,480.

WEEKLY COLLECTION
February 22/23, 2026

Cash/envelope	\$2,900.
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 252 .
Central & Eastern Europe Church	\$ 587.
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$ 850.</u>
Total	\$4,589.

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DINE-IN & DONATE
Fundraiser

Join the Knights of Columbus for a fundraiser at the **Blue Monkey Tavern** at 2 S. Centre Street Merchantville, NJ.

This event will support **Autism Awareness**.
 All proceeds will go to **Puzzle Pieces Squared**.

The event will take place on **Wednesday, April 15th, from 11 AM to 10 PM.**
 Let your server know you're attending the event, and Blue Monkey will generously donate 15% of your check—including alcohol—toward **Puzzle Pieces Squared!**
 *Your server will give you a receipt to place in the clear container at the Hostess Station near the entrance.

Valid For Dine-In Only / No Takeout.
 For more information, please contact **Bob MacQueen at 856.952.0172**

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 please contact
March – Linda – 856-383-3091



St. Stephen Parish
Music Ministry Notes
Winter 2026

As we enter into a new calendar year, 2026, 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 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 G. Werner Music Director

SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL - 2026

Dearly Beloved Parish Family,

With heartfelt appreciation, I extend my sincere gratitude to you for participating in the 2025 SJCMA appeal. Because of your overwhelming support, we reached the goal and received back **\$4,890**, which is 10% of the goal. This achievement is a true sign of your faith, generosity and commitment to the ministries that serve so many throughout our diocese.

The theme of this year's appeal is ***"Ministries of Mercy"*** as Bishop Williams mentioned in his letter. Through this appeal, our gifts become hope of the poor and homeless, assistance for struggling families, formation for seminarians, retired religious, support for our Catholic schools, and countless ministries that reach the most vulnerable among us. Your faithful giving ensures that the mission of Christ continues to flourish in South Jersey.

As we begin the 2026 Appeal, I ask every household in our parish to prayerfully consider making a gift within your capacity. **This year's parish goal is \$38,000.** I will be deeply proud of our parish community and of every individual who will choose to share their blessings to reach the goal. No gift is too small when it is offered with love. Together, we can share our blessings and make a real difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

May the Lord bless your kindness and multiply the blessings you so freely share.

**If you have any questions, feel free to contact our parish office or
Mr. Tom McHugh, parish coordinator of SJCMA.
Email: Thomas.j.mchugh@outlook.com Phone: 856-296-2331**

Fr. Jose

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS

- Fri, March 6 : Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm
- Fri, 13 : Mary Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm
- Thu, 19 : **FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, Mass at 9:00 am**
- Friday 20 : Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm
- Wed, 25 : ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Mass at 9:00 am
- Wed, 25 : **Lenten Confession at 6:00 pm**
- Fri, 27 : Recovery Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm

HOLY WEEK

Sun, March 29 : **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD.**

Thu, 02 : **HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

: Mass at 6:00 pm, Washing of Feet and transfer of Holy Eucharist

: Eucharistic worship till 10:00 pm

Fri, 3 : **FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

: **Psalm Recitation from 12:00 – 2:30 pm**

: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 pm

Sat, 4 : EASTER VIGIL AT 8:00 PM

Sun, 5 : **EASTER SUNDAY – MASS AT 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM.**

**TRANSPORTATION
SERVICE MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know is in need of a ride to church, please contact Sal Marano at 609-792-2291. If you can provide a ride to others, we would appreciate you contacting Sal as well.

Thank You!

HAVE YOU REQUESTED A MASS INTENTION?

A friendly reminder that, if you attend a mass where you have requested a mass intention, we would like you to participate in the Presentation of the Gifts. Before mass begins, please contact Sal in the vestibule to make those arrangements for the procession.

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