

# St. Stephen Parish

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## Pastoral Staff

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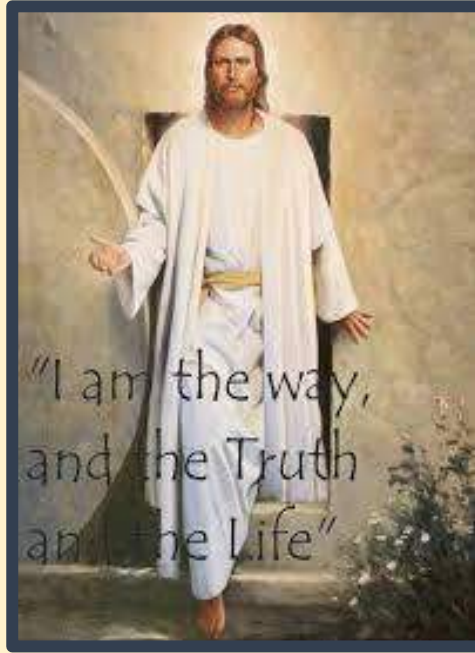
### Rectory Office Hours

Mon., Tues., and Thurs.

9:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm

Friday 9:30am-12:30pm



## *Contact Info*

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

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*(Accidents, Death or Dying)*

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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.*

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 3, 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 May 3, 2026**

9:00am Angela Crawford r/b Angel

10:30am Nazle Andrade r/b The Conway Family

**MONDAY May 4, 2026**

9:00am People of the Parish

**TUESDAY May 5, 2026**

9:00am Louise Cirullo r/b her Daughter

**WEDNESDAY May 6, 2026**

9:00am Deceased members of the Marano Family r/b Sal

**THURSDAY May 7, 2026**

9:00am David Kane r/b Diane Hoover Kane

**FRIDAY May 8, 2026**

9:00am Josephine & Dominic Greco r/b Valerie Greco

**SATURDAY May 9, 2026**

4:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Anthony Travia r/b his wife  
John P. Iacovelli r/b Donald Mignone

**SUNDAY May 10, 2026**

9:00am In Memory of Mary Birchall r/b Judy Birchall Lare  
Rosina Midili & Susie Furlano r/b Susan & Anthony Midili

10:30am Norma Sayers r/b her Husband  
Nazle Andrade r/b The Conway Family

**The Sanctuary Candle this Week  
In Memory of**

**Mary Traynor**



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 – June 28/July 5, 19, 26/Aug 9  
Mass Intentions Available:**

**Weekdays in May - 11, 12,13,14,15,18,19,20,21,22,26,28,29**

**Weekends – May – Sat 4:00 - 23, 30/June 20, 27/July 4,18**

**July – Sun 9:00 - 19/August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

**May - Sun 10:30 - 10, 17, 24, 31/ June 7,14,21,28/July 5,12**

**To schedule mass or candle 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, Jodie Applegate, Sandra Bacon, Kelly Boniwicz, Paul Boniwicz, Albert Brearey, Kathy Brown, Gloria Camarote, John Christy, Melissa Connelly, Peg Crimlis, Michael Davis, Roseann DiGiovanni Stacy & Francine Eisenmann, Rob Gerold, Jeanne Gerst, Gerard Gruber, Pat Gruber, Priscilla Handy, Ronald Heck, Wayne Hocking, Reilly Joseph, Donna Kane, Judy King, Gary Korus Janet Lang, Jeanne Carroll Lawer, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sondra Lippi, Katelyn Lum, Cassidy Lovett, 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, Kathy Phillips, Anita Rachubinski, 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.**

**REMINDER!**

**Dear Parishioners,  
Thank you for supporting the Star Herald.  
When you make donations, please make check payable to ST. STEPHEN CHURCH  
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**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**  
**April 25/April 26, 2026**

|                        |                 |
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| Cash/envelope          | \$3,277.        |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$ 117.         |
| <u>Online Giving</u>   | <u>\$ 830.</u>  |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$4,224.</b> |

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**  
**WALKING WITH MIGRANTS**

*Join us for an afternoon of prayerful public witness to advocate for justice.*

WHERE: St. Joan of Arc Church  
100 Willow Bend Rd,  
Marlton, NJ (Pedata Hall)

WHEN: Saturday, May 9, 2026 2:00 pm

REGISTER by email to LIA@STJOANS.ORG

**\* 50/50 RAFFLE\***

**Drawing – Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30AM**

**Tickets - \$5 each**

**Buy 5 tickets Get 1 free**

**Buy 8 tickets Get 2 free**

**Remember to take some tickets home to your friends and family!**

**THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH!**

**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 please contact**  
**May – Diane – 856-308-8224**



**St. Stephen Parish**  
**Music Ministry Notes**  
**Spring 2026**

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 treasures. As members of the congregation, we appreciate your support of our ministry. This year we are especially grateful to Mr. Rich Sayers, who serves our parish as an Usher, and who generously gifted the St. Stephen Choir with beautiful robes and stoles. Rich donated the robes in loving memory of his wife, Norma, who loved to sing, especially at the celebration of the Mass. Every time we wear our robes, we'll remember that our ministry is blessed to sing for our God. 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 G. Werner Music Director

## **50/50 RAFFLE TICKET FUNDRAISER**

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Our parish community has always been blessed with generous and caring people who love their church and support its mission. Today, I would like to invite each of you to participate in an important parish fundraiser — our **50/50 Raffle Ticket Campaign**.

Each raffle ticket costs **\$5:00**, and there are wonderful incentives for those who help sell tickets:

- **Sell 8 tickets and receive 2 tickets FREE.**
- **Sell 5 tickets and receive 1 ticket FREE.**

I warmly encourage every parishioner to **purchase a book of tickets and try to sell as many as possible** among your family, friends, and coworkers. Your participation can make a real difference for our parish.

The raffle prizes are very attractive:

- **First Prize - \$25% of the total proceeds**
- **Second Prize - \$15% of the proceeds**
- **Third Prize - \$10% of the proceeds**

One of the main reasons for this fundraising effort is that **our parish is currently operating with a financial deficit**. At times, when we fall short of funds, we have had to borrow from our **revolving fund with the Diocese**. This means we are using **not only the interest but also portions of the principal**. If this situation continues, it will affect the financial stability and future of our parish.

For this reason, I strongly encourage all parishioners to support both **the 50/50 raffle fundraiser** and **our parish hoagie sale fundraiser** so that together we can meet our financial obligations and strengthen the future of our parish community.

I have full faith in your **generosity and love for our parish**, and I am confident that, with everyone's participation, we can successfully meet this challenge.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our parish.

**Drawing - Sunday, June 21 at 11:30 AM**

**Fr. Jose**

## **ARE YOU IN FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH & SACRAMENTS?**

Our Christian initiation is not complete until we have received the three foundational sacraments: **Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation**. These are not optional rites but essential gifts offered by Christ to strengthen us in faith and unite us fully to His Church. If you, or someone among your family or friends, have not yet received any of these sacraments, please take a moment to reflect on their importance and contact the parish office. We are here to help you take the next step. The reception of these sacraments is essential to receive other sacraments.

### **BAPTISM**

Baptism is the foundation of our Christian life and the gateway to all the other sacraments. Through it, a child or adult is welcomed into the universal Church, freed from sin, and reborn as a beloved son or daughter of God. It is the beginning of our journey of faith.

### **FIRST COMMUNION**

The Eucharist, instituted by Christ on Holy Thursday, is the sacrament in which Jesus gives us His Very Body and Blood as spiritual nourishment. It strengthens our soul, deepens our union with Christ, and builds up the unity of the Church.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation is the sacrament of Christian maturity. Through the anointing with sacred chrism, the Holy Spirit strengthens the grace first received at Baptism and equips the young adult with the gifts needed to live and witness the faith with courage.

Receiving these three sacraments is essential for living as a fully initiated Catholic in faith and practice. If you or someone you know have not received one or more of these sacrament, please contact the parish office. We are ready and happy to assist you.

Fr. Jose



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