

St. Stephen Parish

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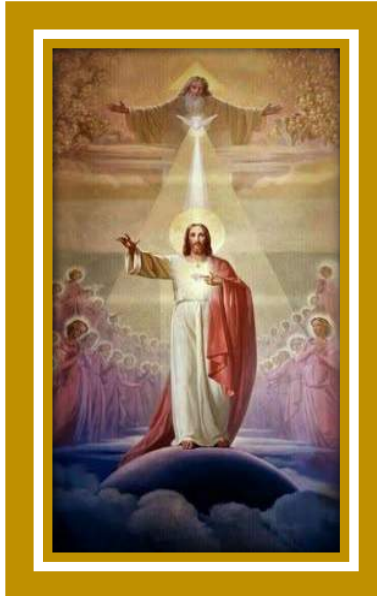
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Mon., Tues., and Thurs.
9:00am-2:00pm
Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm
Friday 9:30am-12:30pm



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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.

Most Holy Trinity – May 31, 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 May 31, 2026 +Most Holy Trinity+

9:00am Heidi Read r/b Angel
10:30am Lenora Mignona Ladik r/b Maureen Kennard

MONDAY June 1, 2026

9:00am Rev. Lewis A. Battisti

TUESDAY June 2, 2026

9:00am Louis & Josephine Buondonno r/b Their Daughter

WEDNESDAY June 3, 2026

9:00am People of the Parish

THURSDAY June 4, 2026

9:00am Deceased Members of the Yeager Family
r/b Brian & Linda Yeager

FRIDAY June 5, 2026

9:00am Rev. Edward F. Heintzelman
Followed by EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SATURDAY June 6, 2026

4:00pm Norma Sayers r/b Her Husband
Margaret Trifarro r/b Lauretta Ann Paula

SUNDAY June 7, 2026 +Corpus Christi+

9:00am Frances Helen & J. Frank Crawford r/b Angel
Rosina Midili r/b Susan & Anthony Midili
10:30am Patrice Kenna r/b The Betz Family
In Celebration of the Baptism of James Callum Hutton
r/b St. Stephen Parish

The Sanctuary Candle this Week
In Memory of

Larry Miller



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 – July 26/Aug 9,16,23,30
Mass Intentions Available:

Weekdays in June 8,9,10,11,15,18,19,22,23,24,25,26,29,30
Weekends – Sat 4:00 – June 27/July 4,18,25/Aug 1,8,15,22
Sun - 9:00 – August 9, 16, 23, 30/ Sept 13,20,27, Oct 4,11
Sun – 10:30 – May 31/ June 14,28/July 5,12,19,26/Aug 2,9

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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**St. Stephen Parish Family Wishes
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
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Lily Mae Michels

**May the Holy Spirit bless you with
long-lasting faith, hope, and love.**

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.StStephensPennaauken.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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION
May 23/May 24, 2026**

Cash/envelope	\$2,809.
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$ 580.</u>
Total	\$3,389.



**We are here to pray for you.
For Prayer Requests please contact
June – Linda – 856-383-3091**

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



**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***

Drawing – Sunday, June 21st 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!**

JESUS CALLS ALL AGES TO FOLLOW HIM AND BECOME DISCIPLES

Through St Stephen Religious Formation Community

After Pentecost, the Holy Spirit sent the Apostles and now ourselves to Spread the Good News of the Risen Jesus and His Kingdom. Our St.Stephen Community wants any interested person, young or old, to be part of this Invitation of Jesus to become a deeper follower.

Young People – Grades 1 through 8th: Jesus said “Let the children come to me” Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, etc., please invite any children in your family or neighborhood to come and know Jesus and His care for us. Jesus is still present with us, in His Word, His Sacraments, and His Church, to show us the Love of God and to be Our Way, Our Truth, and Our Life in this World. The greatest gift we can give to our children is to lead them to know, to love, and to follow Jesus.

High School Youth: You do not have to go it alone or feel alone. Jesus is with you through the Church community. In these special years of your personal growth, discovering your gifts, making important decisions for your life, St. Stephen Community wants to support you and invite you to periodic gatherings with youth your own age to be strengthened by your faith.

Adults: Our journey through life has its ups and downs. The busyness of life, the troubles of the world, or the scandals of our Church may have been barriers to our Faith life. Yet, Jesus and the Spirit are with us each step. God continues to call us to not be afraid and to rediscover His Presence in our Journey. So

- Any adult who may consider becoming a Catholic
 - Any adult who may have been away from their faith
 - Any adult who is an active Catholic, but called to deeper Faith
- Please consider being part of our Religious Formation Program

Contact Bill Mattia at 856-685-9311 or email bdmattia@verizon.net



*Sisters of Saint Joseph
Invite you to Join Us*

**ONE WITH OUR DEAR NEIGHBORS
IMMIGRANTS, REFUGEES, AND ASYLUM
SEEKERS**

Prayer Witness for SSJ Corporate Stand

***Monday, June 1, 2026
Sacred Heart Church
1739 Ferry Avenue, Camden, NJ 08104
1:00 PM**

For more info please email:sara@ssjnc.org

*“We stand with you in your suffering, since
when one member suffers, all suffer.”
(1Cor.12:26)*

Stewards Love

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His
only Son...”JOHN 3:16*

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray in **stewardship** for a grateful and generous heart.



THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY TRINITY 2026

Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we proclaim one of the greatest mysteries of our faith: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The Holy Trinity teaches us that there is one God in three Divine Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are not three gods, but one God united in perfect love. The mystery of the Trinity is difficult for the human mind to fully understand because God is far greater than our limited understanding. Yet Jesus revealed this truth to us. The Father created us, the Son redeemed us through His death and resurrection, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies and guides us each day. Though distinct in Person, they work together in perfect unity.

A practical example often used to explain the Trinity is the sun. The sun itself can represent God the Father, the source of all life. From the sun comes light, which can remind us of Jesus the Son, the Light of the World. The sun also gives heat, which we can compare to the Holy Spirit, warming our hearts with God’s love. The sun, its light, and its heat are distinct, yet they are inseparable and belong to one reality.

Another simple example is water. Water can exist as liquid, ice, and steam. Each form looks different, yet all are still water. In a similar way, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons, yet one God. While no example can perfectly explain the Trinity, these comparisons help us reflect on this beautiful mystery.

The Holy Trinity is also a model for our Christian life. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in complete unity, love, and self-giving. We are called to reflect that same love in our families, parish community, and relationships with others. When we live in peace, forgive one another, and work together in charity, we mirror the life of the Trinity. As we celebrate and reflect on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, let us thank God for His presence in our lives. May the Father protect us, the Son walk with us, and the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us always.

Fr. Jose



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