

# St. Stephen Parish

6306 Browning Road – Pennsauken, NJ 08109

## Pastoral Staff

### Pastor

Reverend Jose Manjakunnel

### Coordinator

#### of Religious Education

Mrs. Suzanne Underwood

Rel. Ed Classes – Wednesdays

6:15m – 7:30 pm

### Parish Trustees

Rose Marie Davis

Earl Nolte

### NEW Rectory Office Hours

Mon., Tues. and Thurs.

9:00am-4:00pm

Wednesday 9:30am-1:30pm

Friday 9:45am-2:00pm



**THE CALL TO HOLINESS**

## Contact Info

Website:

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

### Rectory Phone

(856) 662-9338

### Emergencies

(856) 332-1476

*(Accidents, Death or Dying)*

### Parish Email

[ecclesia@comcast.net](mailto:ecclesia@comcast.net)

### Parish Secretary

Cherryl L. Summers

### Parish Bookkeeper

Susan Maugeri

## **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 in Ordinary Time – January 15, 2023**

**Daily Mass:** Monday thru Friday - 9:00am

**Weekend Obligation:**

Saturday – 4:30pm (*Reconciliation 3:45pm-4:15pm*)

Sunday – 9:00am & 10:30am

**Holy Days:** 9:00am & 7:00pm

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Thursday after 9am Mass.

**Eucharistic Exposition:** Weekdays before the 9AM Mass  
from 8:00AM – 9:00 AM

**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 4:30pm 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 First Communion.



One (1) Mass Intention limit per Mass except for 10:30am on Sunday which now has a maximum of four (4) intentions.

The 2022 Mass Book is open for intentions through December 31.

2023 Mass Book is open for intentions within one year of "today".

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 15, 2023</b>
9:00am	Paul Buondonno r/b Sister
10:30am	Louis & Josephine Buondonno r/b daughter
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>January 16, 2023</b>
9:00am	Communion Service
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>January 17, 2023</b>
9:00am	Communion Service
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>January 18, 2023</b>
9:00am	Communion Service.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 19, 2023</b>
9:00am	Communion Service
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 20, 2023</b>
9:00am	Communion Service
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 21, 2023</b>
4:30pm	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hurley, Sr. r/b Edward Hurley, Jr.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 22, 2023</b>
9:00am	Rosina Midili r/b Susan & Anthony Midili
10:30am	Anita T. Petrilli r/b Bonnie Capone

**The Sanctuary Candle this week  
For Healing 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 \$10.00. Mass intentions are \$15.

**Sanctuary Candle available – June 11**

**Masses available**

**Weekends in January –  
Sunday - 10:30 AM - 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:**

- Marie Allen, Ted Anderson, Paul Bonewicz,  
Lucille Buffington, Gloria Camarote,  
John Christy, Melissa Connelly,  
Athan Criaris, Dorothea Dodds, Rob Gerold,  
Joseph & Jeanne Gerst, Pat Gruber, Priscilla Handy,  
Ronald Heck, Wayne Hocking,  
Donna Kane, Rosemarie Leonardo, Sondra Lippi,  
Katelyn Lum, Nancy Loperfido, Cassidy Lovett,  
Ken Maminski, Anthony Midili,  
John Moffett, Ken Morris, Joy & Ed Morrisson,  
Yvonne Mulhern, Sarah Murawski, Eddie Oliveras, Sr.  
The Perez Family, Bobby & Dee Phillips,  
Richard Pilla, Rey Rivera, Anita Rachubinski,  
Vincent Rossi, Dean & Mary Russell, Jean Henning Rutter,  
Louise Siciliano, Nancy Sonnie, Bill Spicher,  
Bob Soper, Cass Soper, Francis Soper,  
Peggy Tepper, Adelaide Travia, Michael Trost,  
Ronnie & Heather Upshaw, Rita Vogt, Maria Nhan T Vu,  
Barbara Weingard, Lillian Weingard  
Tom Weingard

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The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Center in the Cramer Hill section of Camden, offer English classes to our immigrant sisters and brothers. The Sisters are inviting you to participate in this ministry of teaching English. We are inviting adult volunteers to be present to our neighbors and share their love of the English language for 1 1/2 hours on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15-10:45 or evenings from 6:30 – 8:00. If you have a desire to make a difference in someone's life, are patient and have a sense of humor, please call Sister Clarisa at 856-338-8220 ext 102.

Thank you for considering this ministry.

Dear Parishioners,

During the next few weeks we will be reflecting on the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit, namely, **Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control.**

Since these **nine fruits of the Holy Spirit** are closely associated with our lives, kindly take some time to read the article on each topic as it appears in the bulletin.

Thank you

## 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 January  
contact Bernice  
**@ 856-662-4641**

### **St. Stephen Parish Music Ministry Notes**



The Music Ministry is particularly awed by the beautiful music that has been written by countless, talented musicians, who express the wonder of the Birth of Christ through their compositions. This year we are focusing on several new hymns that present, through music and lyrics, the journey that leads Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, and the wonder of Jesus' first breath, as He begins the journey to fulfill the promise of His Father. We also will be singing our, and we hope your favorites. We also hope that our music helps you to move through Advent with a sense of anticipation and prayerfulness. Thank you to all who were able to be with us for the Evening of Carols and Santa. The schedule for the Christmas Masses is posted un the bulletin. Please come early on Christmas Eve, as the Choir will begin Caroling at 9:30 PM, just a half hour before the 10:00 PM Mass. Remember, you are always welcome to join our musical family. Please contact the rectory or speak with one of our music ministers Blessed Christmas to all of you. Thank you so much for your support of our ministry.

Nancy Werner-Kaiser  
Music Direct

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### WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 7-8

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Cash/Envelope        | \$3,291.        |
| Christmas Collection | \$ 105.         |
| <u>Online Giving</u> | <u>\$ 603.</u>  |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$3,999.</b> |



## **Extraordinary Minister and Lector Schedule January, 2023**

### **January 7-8**

**4:30 PM**

**EM: Anna Cirullo  
Rose Davis  
L: Bill Mattia**

**9:00 AM**

**EM: Liz McHugh  
Lonnie Monaco  
L: Earl Nolte**

**10:30 AM**

**EM: Wil Delfin  
Melanie Conway  
L: Joan Rivera**

### **January 14-15**

**4:30 PM**

**EM: Mary Sharon Monaco  
Anne Knight  
L: W. McHugh**

**9:00 AM**

**EM: Marcia Miller  
Earl Nolte  
L: Pat Nolte**

**10:30 AM**

**EM: Joe Fagan  
Suzanne Underwood  
L: Bill Tillinghast**

### **January 21-22**

**4:30 PM**

**EM: Mary Ann Merritt  
Rose Davis  
L: Bill Mattia**

**9:00 AM**

**EM: Liz McHugh  
Mary Ann Meloni  
L: Matt Hammond**

**10:30 AM**

**EM: Tim Angstman  
George Tutwiler  
L: Joan Rivera**

### **January 28-29**

**4:30 PM**

**EM: Anna Cirullo  
Mary Sharon Monaco  
L: Pat Nolte**

**9:00 AM**

**EM: Rose Davis  
Earl Nolte  
L: Marcia Miller**

**10:30 AM**

**EM: Wil Delfin  
Melanie Conway  
L: Matt Hammond**

## **NINE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **KINDNESS**

- Paul in his letter to the Ephesians tells them: “get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, brawling and slander along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God forgave you.” (Eph: 4:31-32) So just how important is kindness? In a study of 37 cultures around the world, 16,000 people were asked about their most desired traits in a mate. For both sexes, the first choice was kindness. It is found that kindness is essential to successful marriages, for lasting union.
- But what is kindness? It begins with caring, being tenderhearted and compassionate. This means actions. Truly kind people will actively look for opportunities to show kindness.
- Whether it’s paying for someone’s coffee at the drive through behind them, or by way of simply writing an encouraging note to a friend or sending a sympathy card, or words of comfort, courtesy and complements can be heartwarming acts of kindness.
- Years ago, when Hurricane Sandy hit the east coast, Staten Island was inundated with flood waters. A mother with her two little kids was desperately looking for shelter while trying to escape the surging waters. She knocked on doors pleading for help, but no one offered to help her. While negotiating the surging flood waters, the woman lost grip of her two children and both children were swept away by the strong current. This tragic incident tells us that all the money in the world cannot save a life, but an act of kindness sometimes can.
- Jesus Christ practiced kindness all His life. His kindness often extended to the people that were not treated well, including the sick, poor and social outcasts. He healed them, prayed for them and fed them. Just like Jesus, we should practice kindness, even something as small as a smile at a passing stranger.
- We should continue to ripen our fruits of kindness in the footsteps of Jesus, who personified the great example of kindness.

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