

# 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



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EVANGELIZE**

## 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.*

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 22, 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.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

One (1) Mass Intention limit per Mass except for 10:30am on Sunday which now has a maximum of four (4) intentions. **The 2023 Mass book is open for intentions through December 31. 2024 Mass Book is open for intentions within one year of "today".**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am 10:30am	<b>January 22, 2023</b> Rosina Midili r/b Susan & Anthony Midili Anita T. Petrilli r/b Bonnie Capone Emily A. Duffy r/b Frank Warwick
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 23, 2023</b> Communion Service
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 24, 2023</b> Communion Service
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 25, 2023</b> Communion Service.
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 26, 2023</b> Communion Service
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>January 27, 2023</b> Communion Service
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>January 28, 2023</b> Janet Toussaint r/b McHugh Family Elizabeth Kay r/b Keith & Anne Knight
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am 10:30am	<b>January 29, 2023</b> Anthony Fanelli r/b Terry Marlin Ramon Gregorio r/b Family

### The Sanctuary Candle this week For Healing of

# Amelia & Branson



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 - 29*

*Weekends in February – 10:30 AM*  
*5, 19, 26*

**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,  
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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

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<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION</u>	
January 14-15	
Cash/Envelope	\$2,920.
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>\$ 378.</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,298.</b>

## 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 Winter 2023



As we enter the new year, we do so thanking God for all the blessings that he has bestowed on all of us. The members of the Music Ministry are especially grateful for the opportunity to share their music with our parish. In that spirit, we are actively seeking new members for our ministry. If you have always wanted to be a part of the music that supports and enhances the celebration of the Mass, and other liturgies, now is the time for you to choose to join us. There are many ways to contact us; speak with one of the music ministers, call the rectory office, speak with Fr. Jose, or send an email to [nmwk1@hotmail.com](mailto:nmwk1@hotmail.com). Please allow the Holy Spirit to inspire you and make this the year that you become a member of our Music Ministry family.

Nancy Werner-Kaiser  
Music Director

## **RESPECT FOR THE DECEASED**

As we know, death in families is the most painful event and in many cases we cannot reconcile the loss of our loved ones. Death also brings families and friends closer at times. As good Christians, we make every effort to give a fitting farewell to our loved ones within our means. Rich and abled families spend more money for buying expensive caskets and flowers which make the funerals look very nice. There is nothing wrong with that.

Offering of flowers is an expression of our love for the living and the deceased. At funerals we need to have some flowers to make the ceremony nice and create a proper ambience. At the same time, remember that all those beautiful flowers will wither away in a day or two at the gravesite. Instead, families may also suggest relatives or friends offer a few masses in remembrance of their loved ones which is the best and a lasting gift we can offer them. If not, make a donation to some deserving charities or churches.

In many cases, as we know, people plan for their own funerals well in advance. In some cases, that doesn't happen due to a sudden and unexpected death or lack of financial stability. However, it is the desire and obligation of families to honor the wishes of the deceased loved ones using their available means. In recent times, many families prefer a simple service in funeral homes or prefer cremation in order to cut down the ever increasing cost of funerals.

It is true, funerals are becoming more and more expensive and it is beyond the budget of some families. In situations such as these, what do we do? Do we postpone the funeral indefinitely or cancel it altogether? It is my desire that no family should be left behind for honoring their loved ones due to lack of money for a proper church burial. Our parish will waive the church fee for funerals if some families are unable to pay. No parishioner should be denied a church funeral due to lack of money. We at St. Stephen Parish should be respectful to our brothers and sisters who are no longer with us. That would be the best tribute we can offer them in time of need.

Fr. Jose

St Stephen Parish  
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2023

Attendees: Father Jose, Rose Davis, Keith Knight, George Tutwiler, Lonnie Monaco

The meeting was called to order by Father Jose at 10:00 am in the parish rectory.

There was no formal agenda, but the committee discussed our comments on the Revenue-Expenditure statement for the parish from July-December 2022. Father Jose answered those comments to the committee's satisfaction. Overall financial health of the parish improved during this time period, thanks to increased attendance and donations at the weekend Masses, as well as the support of the House of Charity.

The parish will once again hold a 50-50 raffle in the spring. Tickets will go on sale in early March, and the drawing will be held on the first Sunday in May after the 10:30 Mass. Notices for purchasing tickets will be made from the pulpit and will be in our church bulletin.

Further discussion is needed to decide whether to have hoagie sales during the winter, or wait until the spring.

The parish committee plans to thank our parishioners at an upcoming Mass for their increased support of the parish. It is due to their increased support that St Stephen's parish is in the best financial health that it has been in years. The financial committee will also be announcing a meeting with the parishioners to answer any questions regarding the finances of the parish. The meeting will take place after an upcoming 10:30 Mass.

Our next meeting is set for Thursday, April 13, at 10:00 am in the rectory.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectively submitted,

Lonnie Monaco

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