

August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

what is just; for my salvation  
is about to come, my justice,  
about to be revealed.

—IS 56:1

St. Stephen's Catholic Church

303 Lincoln Way East

McConnellsburg, PA 17233

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Pastor: Father Derek Fairman

Mass Times:

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 12:00 Noon

Confession Times:

Saturday before Mass & Sunday after Mass





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1st Reading:  
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

2nd Reading:  
Romans 11:3-15, 29-32

Gospel Reading:  
Matthew 15:21-28

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If you see or suspect child abuse...

Call PA Childline at 1-800-932-0313 or

visit <http://keepkidssave.pa.gov>



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Collection  
August 9, 2020

Regular/Weekly \$1326.00

Energy \$40.00

Maintenance \$25.00

Catholic Ministries Drive

January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020

1/20/2020 to 6/30/20	Gift/ Pledges	Receipts	Target	Over (Under)	Donors
	\$2,995.00	\$2,495.00	\$7,340.00	(\$4,845.00)	11



MASS  
INTENTIONS

8/15 +Margaret Fleming req. by Estate

8/16 +Gary Sharer req. by Karen & Jeff Croft

8/22 For the People

8/23 +Sharon Houppert req. by James Houppert



## Upcoming Events

### Second Collection-Mission Co-op

Envelopes are in the back of the church by the collection box.



To Parishioners celebrating their Birthday in the Month of August

## *Happy Anniversary*

To all the couples celebrating their Anniversary in the Month of August

### Theme Basket Raffle

Our Raffle information has been sent to the printers. We will have the tickets ready within the next few weeks. Please work on completing the basket or item that has been offered. You can place your basket (item) with a note as to what your theme is in the church Sacristy for safe keeping. Thank you to everyone that is donating an item. Any question please call Deb Leese at 717-485-3666.

### Family Life Bird Lover Drawing



Raffle tickets are still available for our Bird Feeder, Bird Seed and Rustic Bird House.

Help support the Family Life Committee by purchasing tickets for the whole package.

Tickets are \$1.00 each and the drawing will be held Saturday, August 29, 2020 after 4pm Mass.

### A Note From Father Fairman

**I have received a report of someone sending out text messages in my name. Please do not answer. I have not been sending text messages. This is a scam of some kind. If you do receive a text message on your phone with my name on it, please let me know, but do not respond. Thank you.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

At this time we have several weekend Mass Intention dates available in August through December

If you would like to have a mass intention for your loved one living and/or deceased, please use the Mass Intention Envelope.

You may put your Mass Intentions in the offering box located in the back of the church.



When using restrooms downstairs, please make sure the doors are not locked when you are done.

Thank You



Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2020 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy.**

Couples may attend Sunday, September 13 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 20 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

**Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Wednesday, August 19.**

**If you are interested please contact Donna Fisher, Parish Secretary to complete the registration form.**

Let us say a prayer for our Catholic Members who are homebound and unable to attend church.

Pat Frazier Julie Canary

Millie Treml Peggy Hoffman

All other Members who cannot attend at this time.



## August 17th - 21st

# Daily Mass Readings

### Monday, August 17, 2020

Reading 1 EZ 24:15-23

Responsorial Psalm Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20,21

**You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**

Gospel MT 19:16-22

### Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Reading 1 EZ 28:1-10

Responsorial Psalm Deuteronomy 32:26-27AB 27CD-28, 30 35CD-36AB

**It is I who deal death and give life.**

Gospel MT 19:23-30

### Wednesday, August 19, 2020

Reading 1 EZ 34:1-11

Responsorial Psalm 23:1-3A,3B-4,5,6

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

### Thursday, August 20, 2020

Reading 1 EZ 36:23-28

Responsorial Psalm 51:12-13,14-15,18-19

**I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.**

Gospel MT 22:1-14

### Friday August, 21, 2020

Reading 1 37:1-14

Responsorial Psalm 107:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9

**Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.**

Gospel MT 22:34-40



# The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**M**ary was always a virgin, both in conceiving Jesus, giving birth to him, and remaining virgin ever after. God granted her this privilege to emphasize that this was a unique moment in history—the birth of Jesus who is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. The liturgy of the Church speaks of Mary as “ever virgin.” In the early Church some denied this, arguing that the Gospels speak of the brothers and sisters of Jesus, and thus maintained that Mary did not remain a virgin after the birth of Jesus. But already in the fourth century, theologians pointed out that the Greek word for brother used in the New Testament can refer also to cousin. A second explanation was that these brothers and sisters were children of Joseph by a previous marriage. However, it is the constant teaching of the Church that Mary remained a virgin even after the birth of Jesus. In her virginity, Mary lived a life dedicated exclusively to her Son and his mission. Her example has been followed by some of



Christ’s disciples who have lived lives of consecrated virginity and celibacy from apostolic times to the present.

In the mystery of her Assumption, Mary experiences immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Christ’s own. “The Immaculate Virgin . . . when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord

of lords and conqueror of death” (CCC, no. 966, citing LG, no. 59).

Finally, in Mary we behold what the Church is already like during her pilgrimage of faith—and what the Church will become at the end of the journey. “Mary figured profoundly in the history of salvation and in a certain way unites and mirrors within herself the central truths of the faith” (LG, no. 65).

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, August 16, 2020

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Reading 1

Thus says the LORD:  
Observe what is right, do what is just;  
for my salvation is about to come,  
my justice, about to be revealed.  
The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
ministering to him,  
loving the name of the LORD,  
and becoming his servants –  
all who keep the sabbath free from profanation  
and hold to my covenant,  
them I will bring to my holy mountain  
and make joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and sacrifices  
will be acceptable on my altar,  
for my house shall be called  
a house of prayer for all peoples.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May God have pity on us and bless us;  
may he let his face shine upon us.  
So may your way be known upon earth;  
among all nations, your salvation.

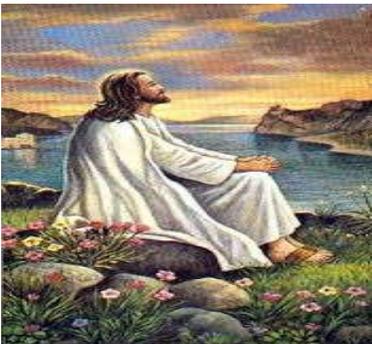
**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the nations be glad and exult  
because you rule the peoples in equity;  
the nations on the earth you guide.

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!  
May God bless us,  
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**



#### Reading 2

Brothers and sisters:  
I am speaking to you Gentiles.  
Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles,  
I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous  
and thus save some of them.  
For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world,  
what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?  
For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.  
Just as you once disobeyed God  
but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,  
so they have now disobeyed in order that,  
by virtue of the mercy shown to you,  
they too may now receive mercy.  
For God delivered all to disobedience,  
that he might have mercy upon all.

#### Gospel

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.  
And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out,  
“Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!  
My daughter is tormented by a demon.”  
But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.  
Jesus’ disciples came and asked him,  
“Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.”  
He said in reply,  
“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”  
But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,  
“Lord, help me.”  
He said in reply,  
“It is not right to take the food of the children  
and throw it to the dogs.”  
She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps  
that fall from the table of their masters.”  
Then Jesus said to her in reply,  
“O woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you as you wish.”  
And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour.