

*September 13, 2020 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary*

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of  
your Son.

—ACTS 16:14B



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St. Stephen's Catholic Church

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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





*Week of September 13, 2020*  
*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**1st Reading:**  
Book of Sirach 27-30—28:-7

**2nd Reading:**  
Romans 14:7-9

**Gospel Reading:**  
Matthew 18:21-35

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If you see or suspect child abuse...  
Call PA Childline at 1-800-932-0313 or  
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PARISH  
COUNCIL  
MEMBERS

Susan Cabbage  
Marlene Joyce  
Deb Leese  
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Russ Trembl  
Janice Wolfe

**Collection**  
**September 6, 2020**

Regular/Weekly	\$830.00
Energy	\$10.00
Maintenance	\$125.00



9/12 +Vince Joyce req. by Marlene, Lynn, and Reagan  
9/13 +Margaret Marcus req. by Marty & Naomi Marcus



## Upcoming Events

# Basket Raffle

Raffle tickets are here. We are asking each family to sell or purchase a packet of 20 tickets.

You are welcome to take as many packets as you need. Lets try and make this a successful fundraiser this fall. Please try and bring in the basket or item that you have promised so we can make our display complete.



To Parishioners celebrating their  
Birthday in the Month of September

# Happy Anniversary

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

### 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.

The Family Life Bird Lovers Package winner is

Carol Babinsack!

We also had six more names drawn to win  
rustic bluebird houses

Winners were Angela Roman, Sally Gresty, Naomi Marcus,  
Janice Wolfe, Kathleen O'Conner and Miskowski Family.

Thank you to everyone that supported this raffle.  
Also a big thank you to JoAnne Evans for donating the bird  
feeder, suet and birdseed, and also to Loren Leese for  
designing and building the rustic birdhouse.

### Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:15 p.m.



- ◆ **Monday, September 14, 2020**
- ◆ Reading 1 NM 21:4B-9
- ◆ Responsorial Psalm 78:1BC-2,34-35,36-37,38
- ◆ Gospel
- ◆ **Tuesday, September 15, 2020**
- ◆ Reading 1 1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A
- ◆ Responsorial Psalm PS 100:1B-2,3,4,5
- ◆ Gospel JN 19:25-27
- ◆ **Wednesday, September 16, 2020**
- ◆ Reading 1 1 COR 12:31-13-13:13
- ◆ Responsorial Psalm 33:2-3,4-5,12 and 22
- ◆ Gospel LK 7:31-35
- ◆ **Thursday, September 17, 2020**
- ◆ Reading 1 1 COR 15:1-11
- ◆ Responsorial Psalm 118:1B-2, 16AB-17,28
- ◆ Gospel LK 7:36-50
- ◆ **Friday September 18, 2020**
- ◆ Reading 1 1 COR 15:12-20
- ◆ Responsorial Psalm 17:1BCD, 6-7, 8B and 15
- ◆ Gospel LK 8:1-3
- ◆ **Saturday, September 19, 2020**
- ◆ Reading 1 1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49
- ◆ Responsorial Psalm 56:10C-12, 13-14
- ◆ Gospel LK 8:4-15

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

Pat Frazier Julie Canary

Millie Trembl Peggy Hoffman

All other Members who cannot attend at this time.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

At this time we have several weekend Mass Intention dates available in September 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.

**Feast Day - September 16**

One of the first great theologians in the church, this Latin father is remembered today for his writings, which are quoted in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. A late convert, Thascius Cecilianus Cyprianus was a lawyer, rhetorician and teacher before being chosen by the people and clergy of Carthage, in North Africa, as their bishop. He was drawn into papal controversies and schisms, but he also was known for pastoral zeal and aiding plague victims. Having survived one Roman persecution, he later was beheaded for refusing to participate in state religious ceremonies. He wrote biblical commentary and treatises on church unity and the sacraments. Cyprian is the patron saint of North Africa and Algeria.



### Reading 1

Wrath and anger are hateful things,  
yet the sinner hugs them tight.  
The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance,  
for he remembers their sins in detail.  
Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.  
Could anyone nourish anger against another  
and expect healing from the LORD?  
Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,  
can he seek pardon for his own sins?  
If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,  
who will forgive his sins?  
Remember your last days, set enmity aside;  
remember death and decay, and cease from sin!  
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;  
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He will not always chide,  
nor does he keep his wrath forever.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

### Reading 2

Brothers and sisters:  
None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.  
For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.  
For this is why Christ died and came to life,  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
love one another as I have loved you.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,  
"Lord, if my brother sins against me,  
how often must I forgive?  
As many as seven times?"  
Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.  
That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king  
who decided to settle accounts with his servants.  
When he began the accounting,  
a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.  
Since he had no way of paying it back,  
his master ordered him to be sold,  
along with his wife, his children, and all his property,  
in payment of the debt.  
At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said,  
'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.'  
Moved with compassion the master of that servant  
let him go and forgave him the loan.  
When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants  
who owed him a much smaller amount.  
He seized him and started to choke him, demanding,  
'Pay back what you owe.'  
Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him,  
'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'  
But he refused.  
Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison  
until he paid back the debt.  
Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened,  
they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master  
and reported the whole affair.  
His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant!  
I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.  
Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant,  
as I had pity on you?'  
Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers  
until he should pay back the whole debt.  
So will my heavenly Father do to you,  
unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, Heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
You take away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;  
you alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, the Father.  
Amen

## PROFESSION ON FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
*and by the Holy Spirit (please bow) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,*  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day,  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen