

July 4, 2021

*Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*



St. Stephen's Catholic Church

303 Lincoln Way East

McConnellsburg, PA 17233

717-485-3723

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 July 4, 2021
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1st Reading:
Ezekiel 2:2-5

2nd Reading:
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel Reading:
Mark 6:1-6



Ministry Contacts

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*In case of an emergency and you
need to
contact*

*Father Fairman, please call the
Everett Parish Office at
814-652-5854*

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Fulton County Catholic Mission

*Carmelite Community of the Word
Sr. Martha Burbulla, 717-485-5917*

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

or

Visit <http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov>



**PARISH
COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

Lou Bafile, - Chairperson

Carol Babinsack - Parish Council Liaison to Finance

Karen Croft - Vice Chairperson

Susan Cabbage

Marlene Joyce

Deb Leese

Doris Nolte

Collection

June 27, 2021

<i>Regular/Weekly</i>	\$645.00
<i>Maintenance</i>	\$0.00
<i>Energy</i>	\$5.00
<i>Peter's Pence Collection</i>	\$165.00



July 2021

Family Life Events

Family Life Committee is organizing another Fall Basket Raffle for October. If you are interested in donating a theme basket or item for the raffle please contact Deb Leese at 717-485-3666. Put on your thinking cap and come up with the item that everyone will absolutely want!! We would like to have at least 20 items on the ticket. Please make your commitment to donate by July 11, then the information can be sent to the printers for the tickets to be made.



Thank You to **Jim Houppert** for the work he has done cutting down the evergreens in the front of the Church and back of the Church. He has put a lot of time and energy to tackle that job.

We would also like to Thank **Marty and Naomi Marcus** for power washing the porch on the core building.

Thanks to the **Gardening Crew** for their continued upkeep of the Church grounds.



Wishing everyone a Happy
and Safe 4th of July.



Feast Day – July 6 1863-1922

Born in Austria to a Polish count and his Swiss wife, she gave up her position as lady-in-waiting to a Tuscan grand duchess to devote her literary and organizational skills to the African missions and anti-slavery movement. In 1894 she founded the Institute of the Sisters of St. Peter Claver, which was formally approved in 1899. She stressed the importance of lay involvement, promoted literacy among Africans, and produced Bibles, catechisms and periodicals in African languages. She died in Rome at her order's generalate and was beatified in 1975.

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Mass Intentions

We are in need of Mass Intentions for the Months
August, September, and
October

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

You may put your Mass Intention in the
offering box located in the back of the Church.

Stewardship Reflections

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Being able to recognize and admit our shortcomings is essential for us to have the strength Paul demonstrates. The reason St. Paul finds strength in his limitations is because he is aware that the Lord will provide the power needed in the midst of those deficiencies, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

Living discipleship through stewardship, giving of ourselves for one another, living completely for the sake of the Gospel is countercultural. Like Ezekiel we must trust God’s words. The way one can best follow stewardship as a way of life is to remember that we are not alone. Even Jesus himself dealt with opposition.

Year of St. Joseph

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Patris Corde, 2. A Tender and Loving Father, Man of Compassion

Joseph was never quoted in the Gospels, but he spoke through his actions. When Mary became pregnant, but before she was living with Joseph, he had decided to divorce her quietly to spare her life. However, after an angel spoke to him in a dream about how she would be the mother of the Son of God, he took her into his home as his wife.

“In the synagogue, during the praying of the Psalms, Joseph would surely have heard again and again that the God of Israel is a God of tender love, who is good to all, whose ‘compassion is over all that He has made.’
“(Ps 145:9) *St. Joseph, a tender loving father, man of compassion, pray for us.*

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, 2. Dec. 8, 2020; 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.



July Birthday Blessings

For July



Saturday—7/3/2021 +John & Mary Skvarka req. by Jonnie Zeger
Sunday—7/4/2021 +Esther Faye Holuck req. by Marlene Joyce
Saturday—7/10/2021 +Nolte Family Members req. by Doris Nolte
Sunday—7/11/2021 Audrey Bafile req. by Bafile Family
Saturday—7/17/2021 +Janice Cramer req. by Karen & Jeff Croft
Sunday—7/18/2021 +Sharon Houppert req. by James Houppert
Saturday—7/24/2021 +Sister Margie req. by Karen & Jeff Croft
Sunday—7/25/2021 +Eric Bender req. by Karen & Jeff Croft
Saturday—7/31/2021 For The People

7/3 Emma Bafile
 7/4 Bronx Serrano
 7/5 Adalyn Rasp
 7/6 Eric Jones
 7/13 Sister Martha
 7/19 Charlie Jansen
 7/22 Maria Hibner
 7/25 Karen Croft
 7/28 Susan Cabbage
 7/31 Mary Ann Books

Gardening Committee Schedule

June & July

6/27to 7/3 Sally Gresty
 7/4 to 7/10 Marlene Joyce
 7/11 to 7/17 Naomi Marcus
 7/18 to 7/24 Deb Leese
 7/25 to 7/31 Sally Gresty



Collection Counters Schedule for

July

7/4/2021 Ed & Karen Leisinger
 7/11/2021 Carol Babinsack & Kathy Lake
 7/18/2021 Marlene Joyce & Naomi Marcus
 7/25/2021 Ed & Karen Leisinger

Happy Anniversary!

7/1 Brent & Erin Pistner
 7/11 Eric & Amanda Jones
 7/26 Eric & Donna Fisher

AROUND THE AREA

Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, PA, is a quiet and peaceful place to rest, renew and be recreated for those seeking a deeper relationship with God. Bethany offers a wide variety of directed retreats that include: Centering Prayer, Health and Wellness, Grief Recovery and more. They also offer Personal Retreats where you can get away from the cares of everyday life and focus on your faith journey. To learn more visit their website at www.bethanyretreatcenter.org or call 814-263-4855. *"God is Spoken Here."*

St. Anthony of Padua, Windber will have their Ethnic Festival Food the weekend of July 10 and 11 for take-out only. Sat., July 10 3-7pm and Sun., July 11 11am-4pm.

We are also selling 4th of July/Festival Tickets. They are \$20 each and have 4 - 3 digit numbers on each ticket and based off of the PA Lottery.

They run July 3-11, with prizes of \$150, \$300 or \$500 each night. Tickets are available at the parish office or by calling 814-467-7292.

Is God Calling You to Become a Deacon?

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the **"Bishop's Night of Vocations"** on Tuesday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg. Reservations for this event are required and can be made by contacting Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. The deadline for reservations is August 20th. For more information on the Permanent Diaconate please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/ or by contacting Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036. **All are welcome!**