



**St. Stephen's
Catholic Church**
303 Lincoln Way East
McConnellsburg, PA
17233

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2023**

**First Reading
Ezekiel 18:25-28**

**Second Reading
Philippians**

**Gospel Reading
Matthew 20:1-16a**

Readings can be found in the Blue Hymnal # 928

Pastor: Father Derek Fairman

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Mass Times

**Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
Holy Days 6:30 p.m. Vigil**

Confession Times

**Saturday: 3:45 p.m.
Sunday: After Noon Mass or anytime
by Appointment**

Ministry Contacts

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Fulton County Catholic Mission

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 p.m.	<u>September 30, 2023</u> For The People
Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	<u>October 1, 2023</u> For The People
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	<u>October 7, 2023</u> +Alan Keith req. by Karen & Jeff Croft
Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	<u>October 8, 2023</u> +Sister Margie req. by Karen & Jeff Croft
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	<u>October 14, 2023</u> +Maria Randazzo req. by Marlene Joyce
Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	<u>October 15, 2023</u> +Jerry Evrard req. by The Miskowski Family
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	<u>October 21, 2023</u> +Audrey Bafille req. by Bafille Family
Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	<u>October 22, 2023</u> +Donald Claus req. by Karen & Jeff Croft
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	<u>October 28, 2023</u> For The People
Sunday 12:00 p.m. (Noon)	<u>October 29, 2023</u> +Foster Park req. by Karen & Jeff Croft

Sunday Offering

<u>Dates:</u>	<u>September 17, 2023</u>	<u>September 24, 2023</u>
Weekly	\$746.00	\$962.00
Energy	\$20.00	\$10.00
Maintenance	\$0.00	\$100.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

**Lector Schedule
September & October**

9/30/23	Saturday	Carol Babinsack
10/1/23	Sunday	Sister Martha
10/7/23	Saturday	Carol Babinsack
10/8/23	Sunday	Maureen Willoughby
10/14/23	Saturday	Kathy Lake
10/15/23	Sunday	Joe Wolfe

Gardening Committee Schedule

September 24 - September 30	Deb Leese
October 1 - October 7	Marlene Joyce
October 8 - October 14	Sally Gresty
October 15 - October 21	Angie Roman



Schedule
October

10/1/2023	Deb Chafardon & Erin Swope
10/8/2023	Carol Babisack & Kathy Lake
10/15/2023	Marlene Joyce & Deb Leese
10/22/2023	Ed & Karen Leisinger
10/29/2023	Deb Chafardon & Erin Swope



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/5 Marty Marcus 10/13 Joseph Wolfe
10/6 Doug Gresty 10/27 Gary Hibner
10/11 Jonnie Zeger 10/27 George Stine



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/8 Norman & Marianne Gartner

MASS INTENTIONS

We are in need of Mass Intentions for the months of November, December, and January.

Envelopes are located in the back of the church by the offering box.

Stewardship Reflections

October 1, 2023

Today's readings challenge the modern-day disciple to imitate more fully both the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is, after all, the point of our stewardship way of life. St. Paul encapsulates the actions and attitudes we must strive for in the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Philippians. "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vain-glory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." In other words, Paul continues, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Whether we are at work or school or within our own homes, our actions should be focused on others first in imitation of Christ, Who is always perfectly focused on others.

We are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in "baby steps." We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby-stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.



Family Life Events

Fall Basket Raffle

**The drawing date is October 22, 2023.
Ticket Price \$1.00 each**

Please be sure to turn in your tickets and money.





Fall Folk Festival Bake Sale and Lunch Stand

Fall Folk Festival Bake Sale and Lunch Stand is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st.

BAKED ITEMS ARE NEEDED!

Should you have any questions or would like to help with this event, please call Deb Leese (717-485-3666).

Monetary Donations are greatly appreciated!

RADA Cutlery Sale

RADA Catalogs are here and are available in the Vestibule. Orders are due with payment October 15th, 2023.

Checks should be made out to St. Stephen Church. Please put your order in the basket provided in the Vestibule.

Any question Please call Deb Leese at 717-485-3666.

Mass for Widows and Widowers to be Televised

Remember your loved ones on Sunday, October 29, 2023 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on Breezeline Channel 9. The Mass will also be able to view, at your convenience, online, at the Diocese Vimeo page at vimeo.com/user53173075. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office (814) 317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Tuesday, October 24, 2023. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.