



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

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 8, 2023**

**First Reading  
Isaiah 5:1-7**

**Second Reading  
Philippians 4:6-9**

**Gospel Reading  
Matthew 21:33-43**

Readings can be found in the Blue Hymnal # 931

**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**

**To contact Father Fairman, please call the  
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**Fulton County Catholic Mission**

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

**Mass Intentions**

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

**Lector Schedule  
October**

10/7/23	Saturday	Carol Babinsack
10/8/23	Sunday	Maureen Willoughby
10/14/23	Saturday	Kathy Lake
10/15/23	Sunday	Joe Wolfe
10/21/23	Saturday	Sister Martha
10/22/23	Sunday	Maureen Willoughby
10/28/23	Saturday	Carol Babinsack
10/29/23	Sunday	Sister Martha

**Gardening Committee Schedule**

October 1 - October 7	Marlene Joyce
October 8 - October 14	Sally Gresty
October 15 - October 21	Angie Roman
October 22-October 28	Maureen Willoughby

**Sunday Offering**

<b><u>Dates:</u></b>	<b><u>September 24, 2023</u></b>	<b><u>October 1, 2023</u></b>
Weekly	\$962.00	\$1,696.00
Energy	\$10.00	\$60.00
Maintenance	\$100.00	\$75.00

**Thank You for your Generosity!**



**Schedule  
October**

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.**

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**Stewardship Reflections**

**October 8, 2023**

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state, it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in the Kingdom of God – we are not ‘tenants’ called to work in the ‘vineyard’ and produce fruit for it’s owner, our Heavenly Father. This calling is a gift from God to be treasured above all other gifts. Jesus makes it clear that if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lost it. It is a sobering truth.

So let us live each day with a profound awareness of all that we have been given by God. Let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God’s glory. We will find peace, joy and purpose as we do.



**Family Life Events**

**Fall Basket Raffle**

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

**Raffle tickets are gone, if you have tickets that haven’t been sold please return them to Church.**

**Those that are looking for more tickets will be able to make a purchase**

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**Fall Folk Festival Bake Sale and Lunch Stand**

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

**If you have promised something for the bake sale please deliver your baked goods on Friday October 20th. Please have them wrapped and ready to sell.**

**Monetary Donations are greatly appreciated!**

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**RADA Cutlery Sale**

**RADA orders are due with payment October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

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

**Any question contact Deb Leese at 717-485-3666.**

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**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](https://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](mailto: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.

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**Second Collection**

**World Mission Sunday—October 22nd.**

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**Parish Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m.**