

ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 contact the Everett Parish Office
At 814-652-5854

Fulton County Catholic Mission

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Readings can be found in the Blue Hymnal #836B

Mass Intentions

Lector Schedule

4/6/2024 Saturday 4:00 p.m. +George Black req. by Karen & Jeff Croft
4/7/2024 Sunday 12:00 p.m. +Living & Deceased Family & Friends of the
Noon Gartner Family
4/13/2024 Saturday 4:00 p.m. +Ann Rapsinski req. Loren & Deb Leese
4/14/2024 Sunday 12:00 p.m. +Frank & Violet Chafardon req. by Family
Noon
4/20/2024 Saturday 4:00 p.m. For The People
4/21/2024 Sunday 12:00 p.m. +Julia, Joseph & Phoebe Truby
Noon req. by Mary Ann Laslo
4/27/2024 Saturday 4:00 p.m. +Jana Johnson req. by Karen & Ed Leisinger
4/28/2024 Sunday 12:00 p.m. +Dennis Cabbage Sr. req. by Family
Noon

4/27/24 Saturday Kathy Lake
4/28/24 Sunday Sister Martha
5/4/24 Saturday Kathy Lake
5/5/24 Sunday Joe Wolfe

Counters Schedule

4/28/2024 Ed & Karen Leisinger
5/5/2024 Deb Chafardon & Erin Swope

Catholic Ministries Drive 2024

January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Over/Under Goal</u>
\$6028.00	\$775.00	(\$5,433.00)

Weekly Offering



Date:	<u>April 14, 2024</u>	<u>April 21, 2024</u>
Weekly Offering	\$870.00	\$886.00
Energy	\$20.00	\$20.00
Maintenance	\$0.00	\$80.00
Rice Bowl	\$0.00	\$25.25

April Birthdays

4/23 - Tom Haubrick, 4/27 - Joe Fignar, and
4/29 - Shara Miskowski.

May Birthdays

5/1 - Charlene Gillen, 5/6 - Jeff Croft, 5/15 - Carol
Babinsack, 5/19 - Wes Bafile, 5/28 - Sally Gresty,
5/31 - Margie McGuire, and 5/31 - Angela Roman

April & May Anniversaries

4/16 Loren & Deb Leese
4/17 Ed & Karen Leisinger
4/29 Dan & Andrea Myers

5/4 Bob & Joni Peck
5/10 Jeff & Karen Croft

PRAYER LIST



Henry and Arlene Babb, Mary Ann Books
Rick Chafardon, Willis Hoffman,
Kathy Kendall, Margie McGuire,
Jeremiah Murphy, Bill Murray, Joni Peck, and
John Petersen.

Please call to add or remove a name once the person is
recovered or no longer in need of special prayer. If you are
placing someone other than a family member on the list,
please be sure to have their permission first.

Gardening Committee

Looking for a volunteer to head the
Gardening Committee. If you are interested please contact
Deb Leese at 717-485-3666 for details.

Also, if you are interested in helping the gardening
committee, there is a sign up sheet in the vestibule of the
church.

Second Collection

Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Next week (April 28th) we will take up the Catholic Home
Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the
United States and its territories are unable to fund the essen-
tial pastoral work their communities need. Your support of
this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacra-
mental needs which include religious education, seminary
formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that
build vibrant faith communities right here in the United
States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this
appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/
home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

Family Life News

Northern Deanery Raffle

Tickets \$10 each. Raffle is 6/8/24.
Tickets are available after both weekend Masses.

Last day for ticket sales is May 26th.

Stewardship Reflections

April 28, 2024 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear
fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our
readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will
be produced in our lives. And Jesus clearly tells us
how to do this in our Gospel, as He says, “I am the
vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me
and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me
you can do nothing.” We can remain in Christ by
staying faithful to His commandments and frequently
receiving the sacraments. And our day to day mo-
ments should be a reflection of those commitments.

Let us begin this week reflecting on these questions,
‘how is God bearing fruit in my life?’ and ‘have I in-
vited the Holy Spirit to work in my life?’ Then let us
consider the areas of our days that we can more fully
invite the Lord into. May we strive to stay connected
to the Vine.

Donations for New Stations of the Cross

We are beginning to raise funds to purchase a new
Stations of the Cross for the church.
The old ones are made of heavy plaster and are difficult to
repair.

**Please place your donations in an
envelope with “Stations” written on the front.**

If you would like to have the donation
“In Memory” or “In Honor” of someone, please
indicate that. A chart will be placed in the
Vestibule to show how much we need to reach the goal to
purchase the Stations.

Total donated as of 4/26/2024 is \$1,435.00

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are needed for the months of June, July,
and August.

SPOTLIGHTED STAR VOLUNTEER - QUARTER ENDING 3/31/2024

SISTER MARTHA BURBULLA

Our selected star volunteer for the quarter ending March 31, 2024 is Sister Martha. She, like all our other volunteers, has all the qualities that makes her an outstanding volunteer. I asked Sister Martha to help me with this writeup especially outlining her volunteer efforts to ensure that I don't miss any of these activities. Sister, like all the other volunteers I have dealt with, state that their volunteer efforts are minimum and are not worthy of such recognition. In fact, Sister Martha, will tell you all she does is unlock and lock up the church as needed She seemed to have forgotten that she also serves as a lector and hospitality greeter. In addition, she assists with preparing labels for pie boxes and other Church-related odds and ends. She has assisted with religious education in the Parish as Program Coordinator and teacher. Currently she offers seasonal adult programs and is helping with Sacramental preparation assistance.



Her primary ministry role is in the Parish house that the Diocesan Fulton County Catholic Mission occupies. In 1998, Sister Martha joined Sister Margie Monahan in that ministry of presence and service within this County with few Catholics. Since Sister Margie's death, Sister Martha has been running these endeavors. One of these undertakings provides assistance to those individuals struggling with rent, utilities, fuel, food and clothing. Another is the Treasures for Children Program which involves the collection, wrapping, and distribution of Christmas presents to children whose families are struggling financially. Also provided to these children is the collection and distribution of backpacks and other school supplies to approximately 400-500 children. St Stephen Parish gets credit for much of what happens from the Mission because most of the distribution takes place from the Parish Hall and the Office location.

Following are probably little known facts about the busy and industrious Sister. She taught French at Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg, PA and also has served as a translator in over 30 trips to Haiti visiting the Haitian Community of Little Sisters of the Incarnation with whom her Community has been in a relationship of friendship and help for many years. She, also, spent many years in various parishes of the Diocese in Blair, Cambria and Somerset Counties organizing and teaching catechists as Director of Religious Education and for Diocesan Programs.

Sister Martha was born in the Richland Township section of Johnstown living with her parents and younger sister and brother. She entered the Convent in 1960 in Ebensburg, joining the Sisters of St. Ann. In 1971 she was part of the group founding the Carmelite Community of the Word . That is another story.