

The Roman Catholic Community of **ST. STEPHEN, ST. PATRICK & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

MARCH 23, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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Monday - Thursday: 8:00AM - 1:00PM

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Mass Schedule

Sunday

8:30AM St. Patrick

10:15AM St. Stephen

12:00PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Monday

6:00PM St. Patrick

Tuesday

9:00AM St. Patrick

First Thursday Weekday Mass

11:00AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic Community of faith, welcoming the strength found in diversity.

We are committed to using our time, talent, and treasure in proclaiming the Kingdom of God through prayer, fellowship, and service.

We experience our unity at the Eucharistic Table of the Lord, and our direction from the Word of God and the Church Teaching.



Psalm 133

How Good And Pleasant It Is When

God's People Live Together In Unity!

You can access our 8:30AM Sunday Mass live or later: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>

From the Pastoral Administrator's Desk**Third Sunday in Lent, Year C****The Lenten Season**

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you!

The readings today helps deepen our understanding of God's presence and our need for repentance. The readings guide us to live more faithfully and trust in God's promises.

In Jesus' parable, the Vindresser allowed the barren, unproductive tree yet another year. Moreover, he continued to care for it, while he waited for some positive results for his efforts. Some scholars have compared the three years of the fig tree's growth to Jesus' three-year ministry. While there may be some degree of comparison, the main point of the parable is the urgency of the situation. It was the last chance, "the eleventh hour" as it were, and the call to reform had to be heeded, else those who ignored the challenge would find themselves in the same sorry condition as the fig tree.

Unlike the Galileans and Jerusalemmites who had not had the advantage of a second (or third, or fourth) chance, Israel had received many invitations to growth and fruitful repentance.

At its second stage of development and application among Christians of Luke's community, the parable and the tragic incidents warned against inactivity and lax nonchalance while awaiting the return of the Lord. Today's text continue to speak to all who think the lifetime process of conversion can be begun tomorrow. Personal tragedy is no measure of guilt, nor is good fortune a proof of integrity.

Rev. Thomas Macauley

WISDOM FROM THE SAINT

**"MERCY WANTS YOU TO BE MERCIFUL;
JUSTICE WANTS YOU TO BE JUST; IN THIS
WAY THE CREATOR WILL APPEAR IN HIS
OWN CREATURE, AND THE IMAGE OF GOD
MAY SHINE IN THE MIRROR OF THE HUMAN
HEART." ST. LEO THE GREAT**

Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age.

Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering. Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Sunday of the Month****HOLY HOUR**

Sunday, April 6th,
7:00AM to 8:00AM at
St. Patrick's Church,
Whitney Point
Jesus desires to reveal
himself more deeply in
the Eucharist.

First Friday of the Month**HOLY HOUR**

Friday, April 4th,
5:00PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.



Readings for March 23, through 30, 2025

Today | Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15| 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12| Lk 13:1-9
 Monday | 2 Kgs 5:1-15b| Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday | Is 7:10-14; 8:10| Heb 10:4-10| Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday | Dt 4:1, 5-9| Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday | Jer 7:23-28| Lk 11:14-23
 Friday | Hos 14:2-10| Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday | Hos 6:1-6| Lk 18:9-14
 Next Sunday| Jos 5-9a, 10-12| 2 Cor 5:17-21| Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Stewardship Report

"With every call to sacrifice and service to the everlasting way, there is also given a "look of love" and a divine care of comfort," well-done."

Last Sunday, March 16, 2025:

Envelopes: \$ 1,685.00
 Loose: \$ 542.00
 Electronic Giving: \$ 190.00
 Other Income: \$ 110.00
Total Regular Collection: \$ 3,640.00

Diocesan Collections: Church of Cen. & E. Europe-\$20.
 Black & Indian Missions-\$45.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

"Only the best is good enough for God."

Firm in Faith, Active in Charity, Together in Hope
 Together let us reach our parish goal.

Balance Due: \$ 3,679.00 by March 31, 2025

**Please make your check payable to the
 "Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of
 Syracuse and in memo:
 for CCSS-SP, Whitney Point."**

God loves a cheerful giver.

Thank you to everyone returning their HOPE Appeal pledge cards! If you are still prayerfully considering your pledge, you may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next week, drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter.

You can also make a gift online at www.syrdio.org.

Stewardship Thoughts

**The US Bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces,
 "because its individual members do collectively make up
 the Body of Christ, that body's health and wellbeing are the
 responsibility of the members - the personal responsibility
 of each of us. We all are stewards of the Church."**

**PRAY MORE, WORRY LESS - Please Continue to Pray For Our Sick and Our Military:**

Barry & Dottie Angel, Jackie Burroughs, Richard & Elaine Crowe, Fran Decker, Ray & Gladys Nolan,
 Larry & Mickey Piech, Jo Ackerman & Joanne Vega / Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones,
 Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, A2C Derek Lescord, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller,
 Sgt Heather Fox, LtCol John Thomas, LCDR Paul McDonald, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF,
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OS3 Jonathan Schneider, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, LtCol Major Joy Thomas, A1C Brendan Schneider,

Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC and LCpl Isaac James Silvanic USMC

If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.

HOPE FOR TODAY - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

**"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
 so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."**

Romans 15:13

"Hope...is one of the ways in which what is merely future and potential
 is made vividly present and actual to us. Hope is the positive, as
 anxiety is the negative, mode of awaiting the future."

Emil Brunner, *Eternal Hope*, 1954

"Hope, like faith, is nothing if it is not courageous; it is nothing if it is
 not ridiculous."
 Thornton Wilder, *The Eight Day*, 1967

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:30AM for Michael Carroll & Elsie Zelsnack Carroll by Elsie Poyer
10:15AM for Joan Fleming, *Birthday* by her daughters, Patty, Debbie,
 Chris & Jenney
12:00PM for Pauline Martorello by Pat & Terri Fedele

Monday, March 24, 2025

6:00PM for Shirley Root by Morris & Jane Nohle

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

9:00AM for The People of Our Parish

Next Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:30AM for Evelyn Halloran by Family
 for Carl Wennerod by Ingrid Wennerod, Steve & Eileen Faughnan
10:15AM for Ken O'Neil & Kay Kurtz by Don & Terrie Atwood
12:00PM for Jennie Ricca by Pat & Terri Fedele

Ministers For Today, March 23, 2025:

St. Patrick's: Greeters: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker
 Lector: Gene Jordan Tabulators: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings
 Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Ingrid Wennerod

St. Stephen's: Greeter: Kathleen Allen Lector: Carol Niggli
 Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Standish, Wayne Niggli
 Ushers: Bob Barry, Syd McEvoy / Tabulators: Syd & Patti McEvoy

OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg
 Lector: Sharon Constantino Eucharistic Minister: Pam Maroney
 Gift Bearers: Terri Fedele, Krys Getz

Next Sunday, March 30, 2025:

St. Patrick's: Greeters: Anne Clerkin, Earl Markham
 Lector: Ingrid Jordak Tabulators: Ron & Jan Orzel
 Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Shoemaker, Kathy Bensley

St. Stephen's Church: Greeter: Kim McCrory Lector: John Ewanciw
 Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Niggli, Tony Zelsnack Ushers: Bob Barry,
 Syd McEvoy Tabulators: Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw

OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg Lector: Hugh Cook
 Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Constantino / Gift Bearers: Jay & Lisa Holt

*Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion*

**March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent, Year C**

Introduction:

The Third Sunday in Lent, Year C helps us reflect on God's call, repentance and growth. The readings from Exodus, Corinthians and Luke guide us to understand our faith journey better.

First Reading - Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 God's call to Moses.

The God who had become personally involved in a human history would become better known as the human story that unfolds and evolves.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 103

The Psalmist praises God for His kindness and boundless mercy.

Second Reading-1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Warning against Idolatry.

Paul believed in the value of history and in the lessons it had to teach.

Gospel - Luke 13:1-9 Importance of Repentance.

Both disasters were used by Jesus (and Luke) to correct some mistaken notions concerning sin and punishment, repentance and justice. The fig tree - Israel had received many invitations to growth and fruitful repentance.

Questions for Reflection

1. What does repentance mean to you, and how can you practice it?
2. How do you see God's patience in your life?
3. How does the parable of the fig tree challenge you to grow and change?

Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:

1. Monday Mass on March 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
2. Tuesday Eucharist and Lenten Lectio Divina on March 25, 2025 - Eucharistic Meal at 9:00AM and Lenten Lectio Divina at 10:00-11:00AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
3. Disciple Maker Index Survey-The Diocese of Syracuse asks parishioners for full survey participation open through Easter. In collaboration with the non-profit organization, Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) to gather survey data completed by priests and parishioners that will help guide and grow our journey of faith and community. We encourage you to participate out of love for your parish, as it will be so beneficial for clergy and laity in the Diocese of Syracuse.
4. IGNITE- Catholic Men's Conference - Saturday, March 29, 2025 at the Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School. Please go to the website for more information and registration.
5. Penance Service -Penance Service with the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday, March 28, 2025, 6:00-7:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
6. Stations of the Cross - Come pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays, 3:00 PM at OLPH and 6:00 PM at both St. Stephen's and St. Patrick Churches.
7. Hope Appeal: Please help us reach the remaining balance of \$3,679.00. Make your check payable to the "Foundation of the Diocese of Syracuse" and mail it in the enclosed envelope by March 31, 2025. Thank you for supporting the 2024 Hope Appeal. May God bless and reward you and your family.

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of March in St. Stephen's Church, Marathon, is In Memory Of: **Michael Joseph, Jr.** by Marie Joseph

LEADERSHIP AND PARISH STAFF

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WELCOME!

WELCOME!

WELCOME!

We gather

We prepare

We listen

We respond

We offer

We receive

We go

We proclaim the

Good News of Salvation!

GOD BLESS YOU!

TUESDAY EUCHARIST AND LENTEN LECTIO DIVINA

WITH REFRESHMENTS (Coffee/Tea & Snacks)

**ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR TUESDAY
EUCHARISTIC MEAL (MASS) AT 9:00 AM,
FOLLOWED BY LENTEN LECTIO DIVINA**

With Rev. Thomas Macauley, O.P.

10:00 to 11:00AM AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, WHITNEY POINT

The Sunday Gospel Readings

Please bring your Bibles and writing materials.

Next Bible Study will be Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Next First Thursday of the Month Weekday Mass

is on April 3, 2025 at 11:00 AM

at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Prayer Chain

If you know of someone in need of special prayers and would like them listed on OLPH's Prayer Chain or if you're not on our prayer chain list of calls and would like to be, please contact Betty Carter at 607-863-3163 or chopwood2@hotmail.com.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is Handicap Accessible.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Mission Statement: "To advance the Kingdom of God by living a Community Life of Love & Worship, Telling the Good News of Jesus Christ."

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PRAY



Pilgrim of Hope Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

**TODAY, MARCH 23 -OLPH CATHOLIC CHURCH,
CINCINNATUS, 4 PM**

MARCH 30 -TAYLOR WESLEYAN CHURCH, 4 PM

APRIL 6 -CHRISTIAN UNION CHURCH,
CINCINNATUS, 4 PM

APRIL 13 - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
CINCINNATUS, EASTER CANTATA, 6 PM

Stewardship

With every call to sacrifice and service to the everlasting way, there is also given a "look of love" and a divine care of comfort," well-done."

Weekly Collection Report - Sunday, March 16, 2025:

Regular Collection: Envs-\$195.00 Loose-\$34.00

Total Regular Collection: \$229.00

Other Income: Fuel-\$10. Flowers-\$10. PSG-\$500.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity of your time, talents and treasure to our parish.

Newcomers & Current Parishioners: WELCOME!

If you would like to register, receive contribution envelopes, Catholic SUN, have a change in address, marital status, etc., please fill out small blue form by the bulletins & drop it in the collection basket.

You may also call our parish office at 607-692-3911.



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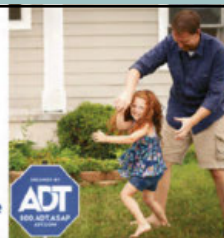


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