

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

APRIL 6, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Our Catholic Community

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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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C-April 6, 2025
God's Mercy and Renewal.**

Dear Parishioners,

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

The Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy, forgiveness and renewal. Last Sunday we heard the parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the Scribes and Pharisees and a woman caught in adultery.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Jesus avoids the trap however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. The scripture reading by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the Pharisees and the tax collector (see Luke 18:9-14).

Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgement on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgement of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

Regarding the hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees, who were eager to condemn her. Jesus disarms their violent scapegoating intentions by challenging them to cast the first stone if they are without sin. Jesus disempowers the scapegoating mob. May human sinful misery meet the mercy of God in our secular and sacred spaces, to the glory of God and salvation of souls.

Rev. Thomas Macauley

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, May 4th,
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, May 2nd,
6:00PM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.



Readings for April 6, through 13, 2025

Today | Is 43:16-21| Phil 3:8-14| Jn 8:1-11
 Monday | Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62| Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday | Nm 21:4-9| Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday |Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95| Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday | Gn 17:3-9| Jn 8:51-59
 Friday | Jer 20:10-13| Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday | Ez 37:21-28| Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday| Lk 19:28-40| Is 50:4-7| Phil 2:6-11|
 Lk 22:14-23:56

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 30, 2025:

Envelopes:	\$ 1,705.00
Loose:	\$ 571.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 420.00
Other Income:	\$ 253.00
Total Regular Collection:	\$ 2,949.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

"Only the best is good enough for God."

**Firm in Faith, Active in Charity,
 Together in Hope**

100% of Hope Appeal Goal is met.

We have paid the outstanding balance for the 2024 Hope Appeal from the "Parish Sacrificial Giving" account. Thanks to everyone who contributed towards the 2024 Hope Appeal assessment. A letter will be sent to Beth Hoey, Hope Appeal Executive Director, for a reduction in our 2025 Hope Appeal assessment. God bless you!

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, LCDR Maria Lescord, SSgt Dan Votra USMC, SSG Steven Gross, SSgt Justin Blaisdell,

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 **Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of Martha Parrino who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven. May she rest in peace.**

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, April 6, 2025

8:30AM for John & Ellen Donahue by Anne Ballard
 10:15AM for Marge Carroll by John Carroll
 12:00PM for Millie Leszczynski by Pat & Terri Fedele

Monday, April 7, 2025

6:00PM for The People of Our Parish

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:00AM for The People of Our Parish

Next Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:30AM for Martha Parrino by Hospitality Ministry Committee
 10:15AM for Dawn Odinek, Birthday by Linda Caminiti
 for Bill Holland by Sandra Holland
 12:00PM for Matthew Ricca & Patsy Fedele by Pat & Terri Fedele

Ministers For Today, April 6, 2025:

St. Patrick's: Greeters: Youth

Lector: Youth Tabulators: Bob & Sue Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers: Peg Orzel, Cathy Shoemaker

St. Stephen's: Greeter: Youth Lector: Youth

Eucharistic Ministers: Shelley Warnow, Kathy Cusick

Ushers: Bill McGovern, Alex Hartman / Tabulators: Don & Terrie Atwood

OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg

Lector: Linda Crowley Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Holt

Gift Bearers: Betty Carter, Chris Klein

Next Sunday, April 13, 2025:

St. Patrick's: Greeters: Cathy Shoemaker, Anne Clerkin

Lector: Marcus Stevens Tabulators: Cathy Cummings, Peg Orzel

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Ingrid Wennerod

St. Stephen's Church: Greeter: Don Atwood Lector: Shelley Warnow

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Barry, Karen Standish

Ushers: Bill McGovern, Alex Hartman Tabulators: Syd & Patti McEvoy

OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg Lector: Chris Klein

Eucharistic Minister: P. Maroney / Gift Bearers: K. Getz, Polly Ann Faucher

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C
April 6, 2025

Introduction:

The story from the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C, teaches us about mercy, forgiveness and avoiding hypocrisy. Jesus shows compassion to the woman, encouraging her to leave her life of sin without condemning her.

First Reading - Isaiah 43:16-21

The Lord God is doing something new for his people.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 126:1-6

A song is praise of the Lord's marvelous deeds.

Second Reading-Philippians 3:8-14

Paul says he counts all things as loss and focuses on one goal, Jesus Christ.

Gospel - John 8: 1-11

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery. He responded wisely, suggesting only a sinless person should cast the first stone. He chose not to condemn her advising her to abandon her sinful life.

Questions for Reflection

1. What new beginnings is God offering you in your life?
2. How can you let go of past mistakes and focus on the future?
3. What can you learn from Jesus' trust in the goodness of the crowd?

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of April in St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point, is In Memory Of: **Helmut Melzer & Daina Freimanis** by Vella Melzer and in St. Stephen's Church, Marathon, is In Memory Of: **Bill Holland** by Sandra Holland

Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:

1. **Holy Week Schedule**

Palm Sunday - 8:30AM Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point, 10:15AM Mass at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon & 12:00PM Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnati.

Holy Thursday - 6:00PM Mass at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon, followed by Adoration from 7:00-9:00PM.

Good Friday - 3:00PM Service at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnati.

Easter Vigil - 7:00PM Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.

Easter Sunday - 10:15AM Mass at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon and 12:00PM Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnati.

Divine Mercy Sunday - 3:00PM Service at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.

2. **Monday Mass** on April 7, 2025, at 6:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point followed by our Parish Council meeting.

3. **Tuesday Eucharist and Lenten Lectio Divina** on April 8, 2025 - Eucharistic Meal at 9:00AM and Lenten Lectio Divina at 10:00-11:00AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.

4. **Trial Vigil Masses in May and June** - 5:00PM Mass at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon on **Saturdays** and 11:00AM Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnati on Sundays.

5. **Disciple Maker Index Survey**-Some hard copies are available.

6. **Whitney Point Food Pantry Meeting** on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 6:00PM at the Food Pantry.

7. **Catholic Men of Faith Meeting** on Saturday, April 12, 2025, 8:00AM, at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Whitney Point.

8. **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.

LEADERSHIP AND PARISH STAFF

Pastoral Administrator

Rev. Thomas Macauley

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Chairperson: Shelley Warnow

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Rita Mae Accardi



WELCOME!

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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, April 8, 2025.

Next First Thursday of the Month Weekday Mass

is on May 1, 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, 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 30, 2025:**Regular Collection:** Envs-\$648.00 Loose-\$72.00

Total Regular Collection: \$720.00

Other Income: Fuel-\$120. Flowers-\$30. CRS-\$20.

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

Rural Services' Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items. Their biggest demand is for peanut butter & jelly and pasta & sauce. Items can be brought on Sunday when you come to Mass and put in the in marked basket at the entrance of our church. Thank you!

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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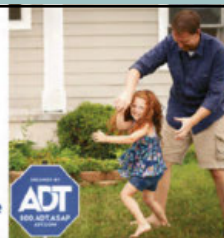


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