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APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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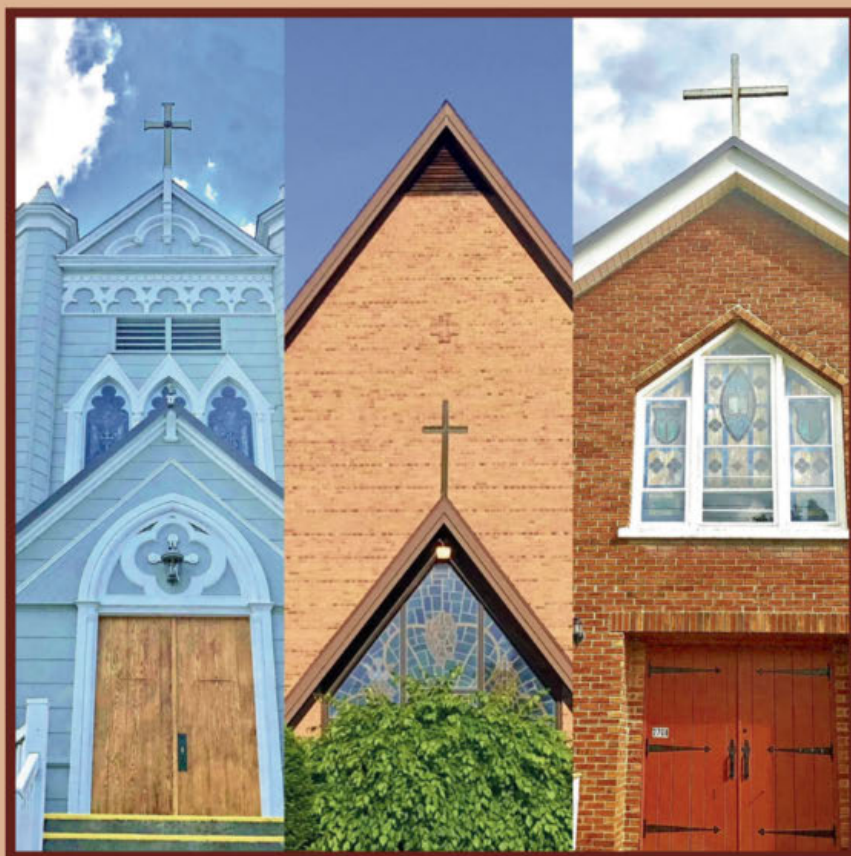
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Mass Schedule

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD,
YEAR C - April 13, 2025**

Dear Parishioners,

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

Today the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. Accordingly, the passion of the Lord dominates these solemn days. Jesus, humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross.

The sacred Paschal Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil, these faith-anchoring events are historical. However, they cannot be repeated. This is why the Church's long tradition insists that what happened once in history passes over into mystery, not history; anamnesis, not mimesis. The liturgies of these days do not "take us back" to the upper room or the path of Calvary. Their ultimate purpose is not to retrace or relive the last hours of Jesus' life - nor to catch sight of him emerging from the tomb at Easter's dawning. They celebrate not what once happened to Jesus but what is happening among us as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith and gifted with the spirit of holiness. They celebrate God's taking possession of our hearts at their deepest core, recreating us as a new human community broken like bread for the world's life - a community rich in compassion, steadfast in hope, and fearless in search for Justice and Peace.

"Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through the paschal mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the highest point of the entire liturgical year. Therefore, the preeminence that Sunday has in the week, the solemnity of Easter has in the liturgical year. Resurrection of the Lord has its center in the Easter Vigil and closed on the Sunday of the Resurrection" (Universal Norms, 18-19).

Rev. Thomas Macauley

Wisdom from the Saints

"Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: if you set it on fire it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that." St. John Vianney (Priest)

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 13, through 20, 2025

Today | Lk 19:28-40| Is 50:4-7| Phil 2:6-11|

Lk 22:14-23:56

Monday | Is 42:1-7| Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday | Is 49:1-6| Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday | Is 50:4-9a| Mt 26:14-25

Thursday | Ex 12:1-8, 11-14| 1 Cor 11:23-26| Jn 13:1-15

Friday | Is 52:13-53:12| Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9| Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday | Gn 1:1-2:2| Gn 22:1-18| Ex 14:15-15:1|

Is 54:5-14| Is 55:1-11| Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4|

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28| Rom 6:3-11| Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday| Acts 10:34a, 37-43| Col 3:1-4| Jn 20:1-9

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, April 6, 2025:

Envelopes:	\$ 1,655.00
Loose:	\$ 478.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 450.00
Other Income:	\$ 0.00
Total Regular Collection:	\$ 2,583.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!**"Only the best is good enough for God."**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."

"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**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 **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*, 1967Mass Intentions**Sunday, April 13, 2025**8:30AM for **Martha Parrino** by Hospitality Ministry Committee10:15AM for **Dawn Odinek, Birthday** by Linda Caminitifor **Bill Holland** by Sandra Holland12:00PM for **Matthew Ricca & Patsy Fedele** by Pat & Terri Fedele**Monday, April 14, 2025**10:00AM for **The People of Our Parish****Tuesday, April 15, 2025****Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Syracuse****Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19, 2025**7:00PM for **The People of Our Parish****Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**10:15AM for **Christopher Canfield** by Ralph & Pat Canfield12:00PM for **Darlene Schmick** by Ellie AubergerMinisters For Today, 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: 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: Pam Maroney

Gift Bearers: Krys Getz, Polly Ann Faucher

Next Sunday, April 19 & 20, 2025:St. Patrick's: (Easter Vigil) Greeters: Confirmation Class/Youth

Lector: Confirmation Class/Youth Tabulators: P. Orzel, C. Cummings

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Peg Orzel

St. Stephen's Church: Greeter: Confirmation Class/Youth

Lector: Confirmation Class/Youth

Eucharistic Ministers: Shelley Warnow, Kathy Cusick

Ushers: Bill McGovern, Alex Hartman Tabulators: W. Niggli, K. Standish

OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg Lector: Pam Maroney

Eucharistic Minister: Chris Klein Gift Bearers: Andy Baker, Pat Rice

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

April 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Introduction:

The readings for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C reveal the depth of Christ's love and the nature of His sacrifice for us.

This day marks the beginning of Holy Week, inviting us to reflect on Jesus' journey to the Cross - His triumphant yet humble entry into Jerusalem, His suffering and His ultimate sacrifice for our salvation.

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

In the first reading from Isaiah, we encounter the figure of the suffering servant. Isaiah speaks of one who is called to bring comfort and hope who endures suffering without retaliation and whose trust is firmly placed in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 22

A prayer filled with anguish yet ultimately longing for divine deliverance.

Second Reading-Philippians 2:6-11

In the second reading from Philippians, Paul beautifully articulates the nature of Christ - how he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant and humbling himself, taking the form of a servant and humbling himself to the point of death on a cross.

Gospel - Luke 23:1-49 or Luke 22:14-23:56

The Gospel relates the event of this week, from Judas making a pact with the religious leaders to hand over Jesus during the Last Supper, to the agony in the garden, to the fake trial to His passion -condemnation, scourging, crowning with thorns, crucifixion, death, and burial.

Questions for Reflection

1. What does the Christian faith offer that no other religion offers?
2. How do you view the crucifixion necessary evil, tragedy or victory?
3. How do you feel when God doesn't act like you expect God to act?

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Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:

1. Holy Week Schedule

Monday Mass on April 14, 2025, at **10:00 AM** at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.

Tuesday Chrism Mass -Chrism Mass on April 15, 2025, at the Cathedral in Syracuse.

Sacred Triduum:

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

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

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

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

3. Divine Mercy Sunday-Masses: 8:30 AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point, 10:15 AM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon & 12:00 PM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnatus and 3:00 PM Service at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.

4. The Light Is On For You - Confessions will be heard for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 14, 2025, from 4:00-7:00 PM on at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.

5. Saturday Vigil Mass & 11:00 AM Mass 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, Cincinnatus on Sundays.

6. Next Parish Council Meeting - May 12, 2025, at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon, after the 6:00 PM Mass.

7. First Holy Communion - May 4, 2025, at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point and St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.

8. Women's Group Meeting - April 14, 2025, 11:00 AM at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Whitney Point.

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



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, April 22, 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.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

TODAY, 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, April 6, 2025:

Regular Collection: Envs-\$205.00 Loose-\$45.00

Total Regular Collection: \$250.00

Other Income: Fuel-\$50. Votives-\$61. 50/50-\$16.

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

The winner of OLPH's 50/50 for March was won by Bob Crowley, winning \$15.00. Congratulations!

OLPH's 50/50 raffle tickets are sold every Sunday before Mass. Someone is always at the table in the vestibule selling tickets for \$1. Drawing is the first Sunday of every month and proceeds are split between winner and 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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