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APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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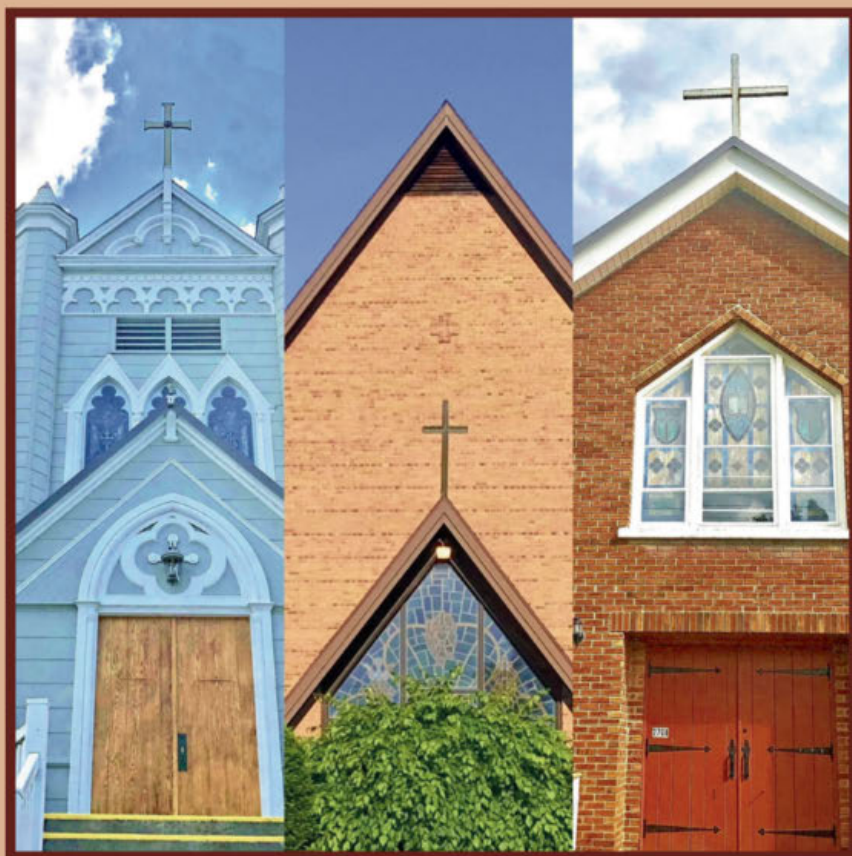
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Mass Schedule

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

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD, YEAR C - April 20, 2025
Happy Easter to you!**

Dear Parishioners,

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

Christ our Pasch is sacrificed. We mark ourselves with his blood, which we receive in the Holy Eucharist. We have been pardoned. We are being saved and have been saved. We shall live forever because Christ is risen indeed. The resurrection of Christ is a pledged of our resurrection. It is the foundation upon which our faith rests. The spirit lives on!

Between good and evil, one mighty struggle is still going on. It is going on in the physical cosmos, in human societies, and within our own personalities. Although evil often appears to be stronger than good, it has not yet triumphed. The truth is remarkably resilient often in danger of being distorted and extinguished, however it manages to survive, and even to win many victories.

The words of Matiatma Gandhi, the Father of Modern India, still ring as true as when he spoke them many years ago:

"When I despair I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but, in the end, they always fall." The Words of Easter Vigil in the exult proclaims "dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, bring us peace, and humbles earthly pride."

Our celebration of Easter reminds us that evil and hatred will never have the last word or say. For the resurrection of Jesus proclaims the ultimate triumph of good over evil, both in us and in the world. So as we renew our baptismal promises at Easter, let us reject evil and sin in every shape or form. Let us continue or strive to follow Jesus Christ from now on, in a life of goodness and love, a life shaped, supported and guided by the Holy Spirit, whom he first gave us at baptism and whom he gives us again right now. May we renew our baptismal promises, dear people of God, clearly, loudly, and enthusiastically as we possibly can.

In conclusion, celebrating this great weekend with the believing community, with family and friends, let us set aside a few minutes to spend some time with Jesus in prayer. Thank God for his love which has made our salvation possible. You might also engage others in a group conversation about the meaning of the Resurrection of Christ using Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 15 as a guide. Something to think about during your prayer time this week. Happy Easter!

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.

**Wisdom from the Saints**

**"If you really want to love Jesus, first learn to suffer, because suffering teaches you to love."
St. Gemma Galgani**

Readings for April 20, through 27, 2025

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

Monday | Acts 2:14, 22-33 | Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday | Acts 2:36-41 | Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday | Acts 3:1-10 | Lk 24:13-35

Thursday | Acts 3:11-26 | Lk 24:35-48

Friday | Acts 4:1-12 | Jn 21:1-14

Saturday | Acts 4:13-21 | Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday | Acts 5:12-16 | Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 |
Jn 20:19-31Stewardship 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 13, 2025:
will be in the April 27, 2025 bulletin.**

Next Sunday, April 27, 2025 is the Diocesan collection for the **Home Missions Appeal**. This Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses, that is, those dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

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**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 Canfield****12:00PM for Darlene Schmick by Ellie Auberger****Monday, April 21, 2025****6:00PM for The People of Our Parish****Tuesday, April 22, 2025****9:00AM for The People of Our Parish****Sunday, April 27, 2025****8:30AM for Michael Carroll & Elsie Carroll Zelsnack by Elsie Poyer****10:15AM for Dick & Nonie O'Hara by Don & Terrie Atwood****12:00PM for Caroline Chiapperino by Pat & Terri Fedele**Ministers For 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

Next Sunday, April 27, 2025:St. Patrick's: Greeters: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick

Lector: Ingrid Jordak Tabulators: Ron & Jan Orzel

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Eucharistic Ministers: Wayne & Carol Niggli

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

OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg

Lector: Sharon Constantino Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Holt

Gift Bearers: Terri Fedele, Betty Carter

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

EASTER SUNDAY - April 20, 2025

Introduction:

Knowing and believing that our salvation and redemption has been accomplished through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, can make us overflow with joy, thanksgiving and enthusiasm during this great feast of the Easter Season.

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit and with a renewed sense of confidence, stands up boldly and retells the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 118:1-23

This liturgical Psalm offers praise of thanksgiving acknowledging God's benevolence. We should give thanks to God everyday, not just on Easter.

Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-4

The Christian way of life is special and we should strive to protect it from dirt and grime of sin and evil.

Gospel - John 20:1-9 (Luke 24:1-12)

Do not let doubt linger, do something about it. Then, when the light of understanding goes on, the spirit of Jesus will arise in your heart as on that first Easter Sunday.

Questions for Reflection

1. What is the biggest miracle in your life?
What effect has this had on you?
2. What has convinced you of the reality of the risen Christ? How could you explain the reason for your faith to a non-believer?
3. What is the best medicine for you when you are down spiritually? Is it prayer to God first?

Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:

1. **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, Cincinnati on Sundays.
2. **Monday Mass** on April 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
3. **Tuesday Eucharist and Bible Study** on April 22, 2025 - Eucharistic Meal at 9:00 AM and Bible Study at 10:00-11:00 AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
4. **First Holy Communion** on May 4, 2025, at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point and St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.
5. **Next Parish Council Meeting** is on May 12, 2025, at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon, after the 6:00 PM Mass.
6. **Divine Mercy Sunday** on April 27, 2025 with the regular Sunday Mass schedule and Service at 3:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
(Sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction.)
7. **Catholic Men of Faith Meeting** on April 26, 2025, at 8:00 AM at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Whitney Point.
8. **Virtus Training** will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025, 9:30AM, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnati. All Eucharistic Ministers are encouraged to attend this session and other ministers that are not Virtus certified. Pre-registration is required for these sessions. Walk-ins and late arrivals will not be permitted. Please visit the diocesan website to register for the training session or call our parish office to register for you.
9. Thank you for participating in the Disciple Maker Index Survey.

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

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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 BIBLE STUDY
WITH REFRESHMENTS (Coffee/Tea & Snacks)

ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR TUESDAY
EUCHARISTIC MEAL (MASS) AT 9:00 AM,
FOLLOWED BY BIBLE STUDY

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.

Stewardship

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Weekly Collection Report - Sunday, April 13, 2025:

Will be in the April 27, 2025 bulletin.

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

Rural Services Food Pantry is always in need or 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 marked basket at the entrance 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.

Please take note: If you arrive to Mass and the podium with the Intentions Of The Sick book and any get well cards, etc. has been taken away for Mass, please check for it on your way out, at the entrance of church, if you want to see if there were any cards you would like to sign.



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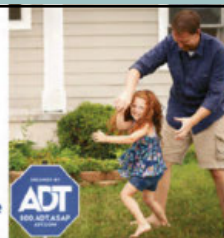
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