

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

APRIL 27, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
YEAR C - April 27, 2025**

Dear Parishioners,

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

Today's Gospel reading combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. The continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

The Divine Mercy Sunday origin is from a revelation to Saint Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. Between 1930 and 1938 Jesus requested numerous times a Feast of Divine Mercy. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of Saint Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

One of the most significant Eucharist hymns is composed by another Thomas, St. Thomas Aquinas, it is "Adoro te Devote." In this hymn St. Thomas Aquinas proclaims "I adore you devoutly, hiding truth." May we continue to adore humbly and devoutly our hidden God, truly present in the Eucharist.

Rev. Thomas Macauley

Wisdom from the Saints

**"Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred
Host we hail." St. Thomas Aquinas**

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 27, through May 4, 2025

Today | Acts 5:12-16| Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19| Jn 20:19-31

Monday | Acts 4:23-31| Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday | Acts 4:32-37| Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday | Acts 5:17-26| Jn 3:16-21

Thursday | Acts 5:27-33| Jn 3:31-36

Friday | Acts 5:34-42| Jn 6:1-15

Saturday | 1 Cor 15:1-8| Jn 14:6-14

Next Sunday | Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41| Rv 5:11-14| Jn 21:1-19

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."

Sunday, April 13, 2025:

Envelopes: \$ 2,210.00
 Loose: \$ 503.25
 Electronic Giving: \$ 190.00
 Other Income: \$ 195.00
Total Regular Collection: \$ 3,098.25

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025: Total: \$ 227.00

Last Sunday, April 20, 2025:

Envelopes: \$ 3,415.00
 Loose: \$ 641.00
 Electronic Giving: \$ 50.00
 Other Income: \$ 100.00
Total Regular Collection: \$ 4,206.00

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*, 1967**Mass Intentions****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

Monday, April 28, 2025

6:00PM for The People of Our Parish

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

9:00AM for The People of Our Parish

Sunday, May 4, 2025

8:30AM for The People of Our Parish

10:15AM for Marge Carroll by John Carroll

12:00PM for Bernie Massar, Jr. by Sharon Massar

Ministers For April 27, 2025:**St. Patrick's:** Greeters: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick

Lector: Ingrid Jordak Tabulators: Ron & Jan Orzel

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Ingrid Wennerod

St. Stephen's Church: Greeter: Kathleen Allen Lector: Kathy Cusick

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

Next Sunday, May 4, 2025:**St. Patrick's:** Greeters: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker

Lector: Gene Jordan Tabulators: Bob & Sue Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers: Peg Orzel, Cathy Shoemaker

St. Stephen's: Greeter: Claire Hinman Lector: Roxanne Barry

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Barry, Karen Standish

Ushers: Joe Van De Weert, Don Atwood/Tabulators: Don & Terrie Atwood

OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg

Lector: Hugh Cook Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Constantino

Gift Bearers: Chris Klein, Joanne Livermore

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 27, 2025

Introduction:

Today is the Sunday of Divine Mercy. In his second encyclical, "Dives in Misericordia" (Rich in Mercy), Pope Saint John Paul offers an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls "the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God."

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Peter and the apostles performed many signs and wonders.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 118:2-4, 13-24

A song of praise to the Lord.

Second Reading - Revelations 1:9-11, 12-19

John describes the instructions he received to write down the vision.

Gospel - John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Questions for Reflection

1. What proof did Jesus give his disciples of his resurrection: Why would this be important to them?
2. What has convinced you of the reality of the risen Christ?
3. How would actually seeing Jesus helped your faith?

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. **Divine Mercy Sunday Service** today, April 27, 2025, 3:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point. (Sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction.)
2. **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.
3. **Monday Mass** on April 28, 2025, at 6:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
4. **Tuesday Eucharist and Bible Study** on April 29, 2025 - Eucharistic Meal at 9:00 AM and Bible Study at 10:00-11:00 AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
5. **First Holy Communion** on May 4, 2025, at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point and St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.
6. **Next Parish Council Meeting** is on May 12, 2025, at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon, after the 6:00 PM Mass.
7. **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.

Prayer Chain- If you know someone that is ill, facing surgery, or some other kind of difficulty, and needs our prayers, please contact Pat Canfield at pattycafe@yahoo.com. Supporting each other with the Power of Prayer is the best medicine. If you are not on our Prayer Chain and would like to be, please call our Parish Office or contact Pat. If you choose to be updated about a particular prayer chain request, please re-contact Pat.

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 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 29, 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

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 13, 2025:

Env.: \$355.00 Loose: \$106.00Total: \$461.00

Other Income: Flowers:-\$60.00

Last Sunday, April 20, 2025:

Easter Envs.: \$321.00 Loose: \$165. Total: \$486.00

Holy Land Envs.: \$20.00 Loose:\$74.00 Total: \$94.00

Other Income: Flowers-\$10.00 Fuel-\$100.00

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

Additional Easter Flowers

In Memory Of...

Crowley Family, David & Jennifer Watson,

Fields Family by Bob & Linda Crowley

Clarence & Lora VanSteenberg

by Joe VanSteenberg

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.

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