

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

MAY 18, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### Our Catholic Community

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## Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil

5:00PM St. Stephen

### Sunday

8:30AM St. Patrick

11:00AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### Monday

6:00PM St. Stephen

### 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 EASTER, YEAR C - May 18, 2025****Agape - Sacrificial Christian Love**

Dear Parishioners,

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

There is a Christian Song that says "they will know we are Christians by our love." Jesus' new commandment to love one another as he has loved us, is a sacrificial kind of love. This agape love, unlike brotherly or sisterly love is selfless and rooted in a covenant relationship.

Jesus' emphasis that discipleship is shown through the kind of love which can transform hearts and demonstrate Christ to the world. He urges Christians to prioritize sacrificial love over political views or prestige, as this love is the true witness needed in our culture. We are encouraged to embody this kind of love in our daily interactions.

God being close to us means He is involved in our daily lives. He is not distant or far away but is always near, offering comfort and guidance. This presence can be a source of strength and hope, especially during difficult times.

Jesus is aware of his impending betrayal by Judas and the plots against him. Despite this, Jesus chooses to speak about love and service, showing His trust in the Heavenly Father and Creator.

In the reading from Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas encourage the early Church to remain strong in their faith. They show us the importance of community and support in the face of hardships, they continue to spread the Gospel, teaching us that faith and perseverance go hand in hand.

The passage from Revelation offers hope with the vision of a new heaven and a new earth. It reminds us that God is with us wiping away our tears and promising a future free of pain and suffering. The vision encourages us to hold on to our faith knowing that God is always near.

May God help us to sincerely love one another as Jesus taught us and give us strength to support each other in our faith journey and trust in divine providence.

Rev. Thomas Macauley

**Wisdom From the Saint of Joy:**

**"I cannot love you unless you help me, my Jesus. My Jesus, if you want me, cut the fetters that keep me from you." St. Philip Neri**

**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, June 1st,  
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, June 6th,  
6:00PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.





**Readings for May 18 through 25, 2025**

Today | Acts 14:21-27| Rv 21:1-5a| Jn 13:31-33a,34-35

Monday | Acts 14:5-18| Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday | Acts 14:19-28| Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday | Acts 15:1-6| Jn 15:1-8

Thursday | Acts 15:7-21| Jn 15:9-11

Friday | Acts 15:22-31| Jn 15:12-17

Saturday | Acts 16:1-10| Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday| Acts 15:1-2, 22-29| Rv 21:10-14, 22-23|  
Jn 14:23-29**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, May 11, 2025:**

Envelopes:	\$ 2,345.00
Loose:	\$ 617.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 100.00
Other: Cemetery	\$ 50.00
Diocesan Collections:	\$ <u>30.00</u> Home Missions
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,142.00</b>

**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****The Shepherd**

The role of the shepherd extends to all leaders, the Pope, Bishops, Priests, deacons, civil leaders, church staff, volunteers, and those who are spiritually and relationally apt. Are we "church people" going above and beyond the call of duty to care for one another?

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

Barry &amp; Dottie Angel, Jackie Burroughs, Richard &amp; Elaine Crowe, Fran Decker, Ray &amp; Gladys Nolan, Larry &amp; Mickey Piech, Jo Ackerman &amp; 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****Saturday, May 17, 2025****5:00PM for Christopher Canfield, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv. by Ralph & Pat Canfield****Sunday, May 18, 2025****8:30AM for Irene McDonald, Jim McDonald by Joe & Sue McDonald****11:00AM for Violet & Bernie Massar, Sr. by Sharon Massar  
for Anne Dyjak by Pat & Terri Fedele****Monday, May 19, 2025****6:00PM for The People of Our Parish (St. Stephen's Church)****Tuesday, May 20, 2025****9:00AM for The People of Our Parish****Saturday, May 24, 2025****5:00PM for Katie Perfitt by Don & Terrie Atwood****Sunday, May 25, 2025****8:30AM for Lucy & Larry Frechette by Pat Dean****for Michael Carroll & Elsie Carroll Zelsnack by Elsie Poyer****11:00AM for Jean Drury by Ellie Auberger****for Margaret & Francis Pratt by Sharon Massar****Minister for May 17 & 18, 2025:****St. Stephen's:** Greeter: Don Atwood Lector: Claire Hinman

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Standish, Wayne Niggli

Ushers: Joe Van De Weert, D. Atwood / Tabulators: Syd &amp; Patti McEvoy

**St. Patrick's:** Greeters: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker

Lector: Sue McDonald Eucharistic Ministers: Joe McDonald, C. Shoemaker

Tabulators: Bob &amp; Sue Stevens

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

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Maroney / Gift Bearers: Sharon Massar, T. Fedele

**Ministers For May 24 & 25, 2025:****St. Stephen's Church:** Greeter: Bob Barry Lector: Bill McGovern

Eucharistic Ministers: Wayne &amp; Carol Niggli

Ushers: J. Van De Weert, D. Atwood / Tabulators: Claire Hinman, J. Ewanciw

**St. Patrick's:** Greeters: Anne Clerkin, Earl Markham

Lector: Joe McDonald Eucharistic Ministers: Sue McDonald, Kathy Bensley

Tabulators: Cathy Cummings

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

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Constantino Gift Bearers: Jay &amp; Lisa Holt

**Whole Community Catechesis****Readings and Questions for Discussion****FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C - MAY 18, 2025****Introduction:**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C, focuses on the growth of the early Church and Jesus' command to love one another. Today's reading highlights the importance of faith community and the promises of a new heaven and earth.

**First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27**

Spreading the Good News

Paul and Barnabas revisited cities, encouraging disciples and explaining hardship in God's Kingdom. They appoint church leaders entrusted to the Lord and shared their mission success in Antioch emphasizing God's outreach to non-Jews.

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 145**

The Lord's compassion and mercy extends to all, slow to anger and full of love.

**Second Reading - Revelations 21:1-5a**

John describes a new heaven and earth. He sees a splendid New Jerusalem and hears God proclaim His eternal dwelling with people, erasing all pain and making everything new.

**Gospel - John 13:31-35**

Love One Another

Jesus spoke of his imminent glorification, intertwining his honor with God's. He shared a new commandment with his disciples to love one another as he loved them. The mutual love among his followers would be the defining mark of his discipleship.

**Question for Reflection**

1. How did the early Church support each other and how can we do the same today?
2. What does Jesus' command to love one another, mean to you personally?
3. In what ways do you feel God's presence in your daily life?

**The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of May in**

St. Stephen's Church, Marathon, is In Memory Of:

**Christopher Canfield** by Ralph & Pat Canfield

**Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:****1. Reminder Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Vigil Mass-5:00PM at St. Stephen's, Marathon  
8:30AM at St. Patrick's, Whitney Point  
11:00AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cincinnati

2. **Monday Mass** on May 19, 2025, at 6:00 PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.

3. **Tuesday Eucharist and Bible Study** on May 20, 2025 - Eucharistic Meal at 9:00 AM and Bible Study at 10:00-11:00 AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point. Topic: The Acts of the Apostles.

4. **Third Sunday Parish Sacrificial Giving** -Today, May 18, 2025 is the third Sunday of the month, after the Jubilee Prayer. We have a marked basket at the church entrances where you can place your cash, check or envelope donation on the third Sunday. If you are using the "Parish Sacrificial Giving" envelope, you can put that in with your regular collection any Sunday. We sincerely thank you for the support you give our parish in prayers, time, talents, good works & resources. God bless you!

5. **Fr. Lester Smith** - 50<sup>th</sup> Priestly Ordination Celebration on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at St. John the Baptist & Holy Trinity, Syracuse. Church address: 406 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13803.

6. **Congratulations** to all Confirmation students and their families. Today, May 18, 2025, the following will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Nora Jordan Daniel Merihew

Hannah Somers Elizabeth VanCise

A special thanks to Cris Broderick and Earl Markham for their dedication as Catechists in our parish. God bless!

7. **Diocesan Laity Meeting** is at Holy Cross in Syracuse on May 31, 2025, from 9:45AM to 12:15PM.

8. **Graduation Thanksgiving Mass** - Mass and reception on June 1, 2025.

9. **Mission Appeal** on June 15, 2025.

**LEADERSHIP AND PARISH STAFF****Pastoral Administrator**

Rev. Thomas Macauley

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Rev. Mr. John Mihalko

**Pastoral Care Associates**

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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 &amp; 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 Acts of the Apostles**

Please bring your Bibles and writing materials.

Next Bible Study will be Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

**Next First Thursday of the Month Weekday Mass**

is on June 5, 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.



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# 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, May 11, 2025:**

Env.: \$186.00 Loose: \$32.00 Total Regular: \$218.00

Other Income: Fuel-\$11. Votives-\$33. CathSun-\$5.

**Grand Total: \$267.00**

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

**Please Take Note:** Sunday Mass time is **11:00AM** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church from today, **May 11, 2025 through June 29, 2025.**

**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.



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