

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

MAY 25, 2025

SIXTH 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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C - May 25, 2025****The Peace of Christ be with you!****"My peace I give to you." (John 14:27)**

Dear Parishioners,

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

After Jesus' ascension, the disciples will face persecution and even martyrdom. But despite these trials, Jesus' peace will remain with them. They will know a wholeness and tranquility that can only be from the Lord, Jesus Christ. This is his gift to us as well.

True peace, Godly peace can be hard to come by. There has hardly ever been a time when war was not being waged somewhere in the world. Divisions of all kinds seem ever present in different countries, communities, and even churches. If we go looking for peace in the world as signs of God's love, we may find ourselves disillusioned.

Jesus taught his followers many things that the Gospels record, but he wants to continue speaking to our minds and hearts. That's why he sent us the Holy Spirit. He will lead us and guide us in every situation we face. Think of all the times you have felt his presence in your heart. Recall when the Holy Spirit helped you understand more about the Lord or guided you in a specific way. Remember how God's peace descended on you in a hectic or difficult time.

Perhaps, God is calling us to something not shallow or superficial but more profound and more enduring. God's peace is different, not reliant on world peace. Christ peace comes not from treaties or ceasefires but rather, from an indwelling of the Holy Spirit that both stirs and quiets us. We can find the peace in moments of prayer and worship; and in a living faith that guides us through our days.

World peace is still a noble goal, but it must begin with an awareness of the presence and power of God in each of us.

Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord and the blessed Trinity.

Have a blessed and peaceful week!

Rev. Thomas Macauley

Wisdom From St. Camillus:

**"Think Well, Speak Well, Do Well.
These three things, through the
Mercy of God, will make a person
go to Heaven." St. Camillus de Lellis.**

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 25 through June 1, 2025

Today | Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 |
Jn 14:23-29

Monday | Acts 16:11-15 | Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday | Acts 16:22-34 | Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday | Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 | Jn 16:12-15

Thursday | Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 | Lk 24:46-53

Friday | Acts 18:9-18 | Jn 16:20-23

Saturday | Zep 3:14-18a | Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday | Acts 7:55-60 | Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 |
Jn 17:20-26

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 18, 2025:

Envelopes:	\$ 2,460.00
Loose:	\$ 182.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 100.00
Other: Easter	\$ 20.00
Diocesan Collections:	\$ 18.30 Rice Bowl
Grand Total:	\$ 2,780.30

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 & 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."

Thorton Wilder, *The Eight Day*, 1967

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 26, 2025

9:30AM for The People of Our Parish (St. Patrick's Cemetery)

6:00PM for The People of Our Parish (St. Stephen's Church)

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

9:00AM for The People of Our Parish

Saturday, May 31, 2025

5:00PM for Marge Carroll by John Carroll

Sunday, June 1, 2025

8:30AM for Helmut Melzer by Vella Melzer

11:00AM for The People of Our Parish

Minister for May 24 & 25, 2025:

St. Stephen's: Greeter: Bob Barry Lector: Bill McGovern

Eucharistic Ministers: Wayne & Carol Niggli

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

St. Patrick's: Greeters: Anne Clerkin, Earl Markham / Lector: Joe McDonald

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue McDonald, Kathy Bensley

Tabulators: Cathy Cummings, Ann Calice

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

Eucharistic Minister: S. Constantino / Gift Bearers: Lisa Holt, Sharon Massar

Ministers For May 31 & June 1, 2025:

St. Stephen's Church: Greeter: Teenagers & Youth Lector: Youth

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Zelsnack, Shelley Warnow

Ushers: John & Kim McCrory Tabulators: Syd & Patti McEvoy

St. Patrick's: Greeters: Faith Formation & Youth, Jackie Wright

Lector: Youth Eucharistic Ministers: Ingrid Wennerod, Cathy Shoemaker

Tabulators: Bob & Sue Stevens

OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg / Lector: Sharon Constantino

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Holt Gift Bearers: Andy Baker, Polly Ann Faucher

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C - MAY 25, 2025

Introduction:

By listening attentively to the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus, the early Church resolves the question whether Gentile converts need to observe certain Jewish ritual practices.

All are called to dwell in the heavenly Jerusalem, founded on the twelve apostles of the lamb.

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

The early church community determines, with the help of the Holy Spirit, not to impose the requirement of circumcision on Gentile Christians.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

A prayer that all the nations sing praise to God.

Second Reading - Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The vision of the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem is described.

Gospel - John 14:23-29

Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the advocate, the Holy Spirit.

Question for Reflection

1. What do you think is essential to salvation?
2. If you were to make three suggestions to new believers in Jesus Christ, what might be helpful to their spiritual growth, what would you tell them? Why?
3. How are love and obedience connected in today's gospel?

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.

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. Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 26, 2025, at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Whitney Point, at 9:30AM, weather permitting, otherwise at St. Patrick's Church. Please bring a lawn chair.

3. Monday Mass on May 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.

4. Tuesday Eucharist and Bible Study on May 27, 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.

5. The Ascension of the Lord - Ascension Thursday is May 29, 2025, with Mass at 6:00PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.

6. Third Sunday Parish Sacrificial Giving - We sincerely thank you for the support you give our parish in prayers, time, talents, good works & resources. God bless you!

7. Graduation Thanksgiving Mass - Mass will be on May 31, 2025, at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon and on June 1, 2025, at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.

Receptions for both Confirmation and Graduation students following the 8:30AM Mass.

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

9. Mission Appeal on June 15, 2025, by Fr. Tony Matthew with The Heralds of Good News Mother Theresa.

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

LEADERSHIP AND PARISH STAFF

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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 Acts of the Apostles

Please bring your Bibles and writing materials.

Next Bible Study will be Tuesday, May 27, 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.



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, May 18, 2025:

Env.: \$520.00 Loose: \$22.00 Total Regular: \$542.00

Other Income: Fuel-\$40. Ascension-\$10. PSG-\$20.

Diocesan: Cath.Communications Campaign -\$10.

Grand Total: \$622.00

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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