

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

JULY 27, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C****Lord Teach Us How To Pray.**

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

P. D. Sanchez describes: "Prayer as a hunger, as necessary to life as food and water... a hunger that can be satisfied only by God. Prayer is grateful joy that knows that salvation has come in Jesus Christ. Prayer is a friendship that does not fear to be bold in petition. Prayer is also discipleship that trusts all to the One who has given all, and looks ahead with hope to a glorious future."

Abraham has a question for God, and it is a difficult one. He is worried, because he knows that the stories are true and he fears the worst for the populations of Sodom and Gomorrah, including his brother Lot and his family. Is Yahweh going to punish these towns in the old fashioned way - that is, collectively, so that no distinction is made between guilty and innocent. What about the unborn babies still in their mother's womb?

Abraham is convinced that God could not do a thing like that anymore - it would be so unjust. He put his question to God, pleading for the innocent to be spared. Are you really going to destroy the just person with the sinner? Will the Judge of the Whole Earth not administer Justice?

In today's Gospel text, Jesus teaches us how to pray. He tells us to begin by reminding God of God's holiness and sovereignty. Father may your name be made holy, your Kingdom Come. Having done that we are to ask for a new start to life and all that is needed for that new beginning, such as bread and forgiveness. We should tell God, without beating about the bush, that God should forgive us from being misled, and to guide us along the right path in life.

This approach is the core of the story, that Jesus tells after instructing the disciples about prayer. A guest arrives in the middle of the night and is hungry, but the host has no food in the house, so he goes to his friend to ask for some loaves of bread. We are told the loaves are not handed over out of friendship, but because of the host's "persistence." (Luke 11:8).

However the Original Greek, the word used is "anaideia," which literally means "shameless." To pray for something in a modest, unassuming way, Joseph Donders believes is not Jesus' recommendation. Perhaps this will transform the way we pray.

Have a Blessed Sunday and a happy and safe Summer Season!

Rev. Thomas Macauley

**Wisdom from St. Lawrence,
Priest and Doctor of the Church.**

"God is love, and all his operations proceeds from love and God loves all creatures in and because of Christ."

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, August 3rd,
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, August 1st,
6:00PM at St. Patrick's
Church, Whitney Point.



Readings for July 27 through August 3, 2025

Today | Gn 18:20-32 | Col 2:12-14 | Lk 11:1-13
Monday | Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 | Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday | Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 | Jn 11:19-27
Wednesday | Ex 34:29-35 | Mt 13:44-46
Thursday | Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 | Mt 13:47-53
Friday | Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 | Mt 13:54-58
Saturday | Lv 25:1, 8-17 | Mt 14:1-12
Sunday | Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 | Col 3:1-5, 9-11 | Lk 12-13-21

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, July 20, 2025:

Envelopes:	\$ 1,697.00
Loose:	\$ 403.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 100.00
Other: Hospitality	\$ 10.00
PSG	\$ 240.00
Grand Total:	\$ 2,450.00

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, Captain 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

Please kindly pray for the repose of the souls of James Brown and Olivia Biondo, who have entered into the Kingdom of Heaven. May they rest in peace.

Hope For Today - Pilgrims of Hope Verse of Hope

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plan to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11
God is the God of all hope. Lord, give us hope. God of all hope, fill us to overflowing.

Mass Intentions**Saturday, July 26, 2025**

5:00PM for Dick & Helen Braman by Don & Terrie Atwood

Sunday, July 27, 2025

8:30AM for Colleen Mary Solan by Joe & Sue McDonald

for Ellen Donahue by Anne Ballard

for Michael Carroll, Elsie Zelsnack Carroll, Scott Poyer, Elsie Poyer

11:00AM for Katy Wagner by Pam Maroney

Monday, July 28, 2025

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

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

9:00AM for The People of Our Parish

Saturday, August 2, 2025

5:00PM for Marge Carroll by John Carroll

Sunday, August 3, 2025

8:30AM for Lynn Pratt Kurutz by The Stevens Family

11:00AM for Bernie Massar by Sharon Massar

for Ronald Landon by The Landon Family

Minister for July 26 & 27, 2025:

St. Stephen's: Greeter: Don Atwood Lector: Don Alexy

Eucharistic Ministers: Wayne Niggli, Tony Zelsnack

Ushers: Bob Barry, Don Atwood Tabulators: Syd & Patti McEvoy

St. Patrick's: Greeters: Anne Ballard, Anne Clerkin

Lector: Joe McDonald Eucharistic Ministers: Sue McDonald, Barb Yannuzzi

Tabulators: Bob & Sue Stevens

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

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Holt Gift Bearers: Pam Maroney, Krys Getz

Ministers For August 2 & 3, 2025:

St. Stephen's Church: Greeter: Kim McCrory Lector: Youth / Teens

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Niggli, Rosemarie Fralick

Ushers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli Tabulators: Syd & Patti McEvoy

St. Patrick's: Greeters: Earl Markham, Cathy Shoemaker

Lector: Youth / Teens Eucharistic Ministers: Sue McDonald, Ingrid Jordak

Tabulators: Sue Stevens, Ken Bates

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

Eucharistic Minister: Chris Klein Gift Bearers: Sharon Massar, Andy Baker

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
Sunday, July 27, 2025

Introduction:

Today's readings invite us to think about how we talk to God. They remind us that prayer is not just saying words. It is about trust, hope, and knowing and believing that God is listening.

First Reading - Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham speaks honestly with God. He asks questions and waits for answers. Abraham asks God to spare the cities if ten innocent people are found.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 138

The Psalmist gives thanks for divine strength, protection, kindness that endures forever, and for answered prayers.

Second Reading - Colossians 2:12-14

Paul writes about baptism and new life. He reminds us that God forgives if people repent. This is good news that gives us courage to keep praying.

Gospel - Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray and emphasizes persistence in prayer, assuring them that God will answer. He highlights God's readiness to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask.

Question for Reflection

1. How do I bring my needs and the needs of others to God?
2. When have I experienced persistence in prayer making a difference in my life?
3. How do I trust in God when my prayers are not answered right away?

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Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:

1. **Annual Parish Picnic** will take place on September 7, 2025, at Dorchester Park, Whitney Point. Please, mark your calendar.
2. **Youth Mass - August 3, 2025** - All 7-12 grade youths are encouraged to attend and participate actively. We thank all who are already doing so.
3. **Youth Liturgy Meeting - July 27, 2025**
3:00-4:00PM at St. Patrick's Church in Whitney Point:
For students entering grades 7-12.
a) Help plan the liturgy for August 2nd or 3rd.
b) Indicate how you would like to participate.
c) Drinks and snacks will be provided.
d) All are invited and encouraged to attend.
4. **Retirement Fund for Religious** - Diocesan Collection date is August 17, 2025. Please be generous.
5. **Tuesday Mass** on July 29, 2025, at 9AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
6. **Monday Mass** on July 28, 2025, at 6:00PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.
7. **Congratulations and God's Abundant Blessings!**
August 3, 2025 is the Priestly Ordination Anniversary of Rev. Thomas Macauley, OP. Keep him and all members of the clergy in your prayers. Thank you!
8. **Next Parish Sacrificial Giving** is on August 16 & 17, 2025.

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of July in St. Stephen's Church, Marathon, is
In Memory Of: **Michael Joseph, Jr.** by Marie Joseph

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.



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!

First Thursday Weekday Mass is August 7, 2025 at 11:00AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Appreciation

Thank you to our parish family for your prayers and love through Theresa Murray's surgery. Love, Hugh & Jackie Cook

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.

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, July 20, 2025:

Env.: \$269.00 Loose: \$64.00 Total Regular: \$333.00

PSG-\$20.Grand Total: \$353.00

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

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of July

in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnatus, is

In Memory Of: **James Walter Crowley**

by Bob & Linda Crowley

If you would like to have the Sanctuary candle in memory of a loved one for the month please call our Parish Office, 607-692-3911 to request one and for months still available. Donation is \$20.00 for the month.

Rural Services' Food Pantry is always in need of 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 & put in the marked basket at the entrance of our church.



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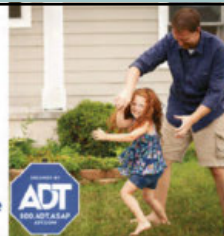


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