

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

AUGUST 3, 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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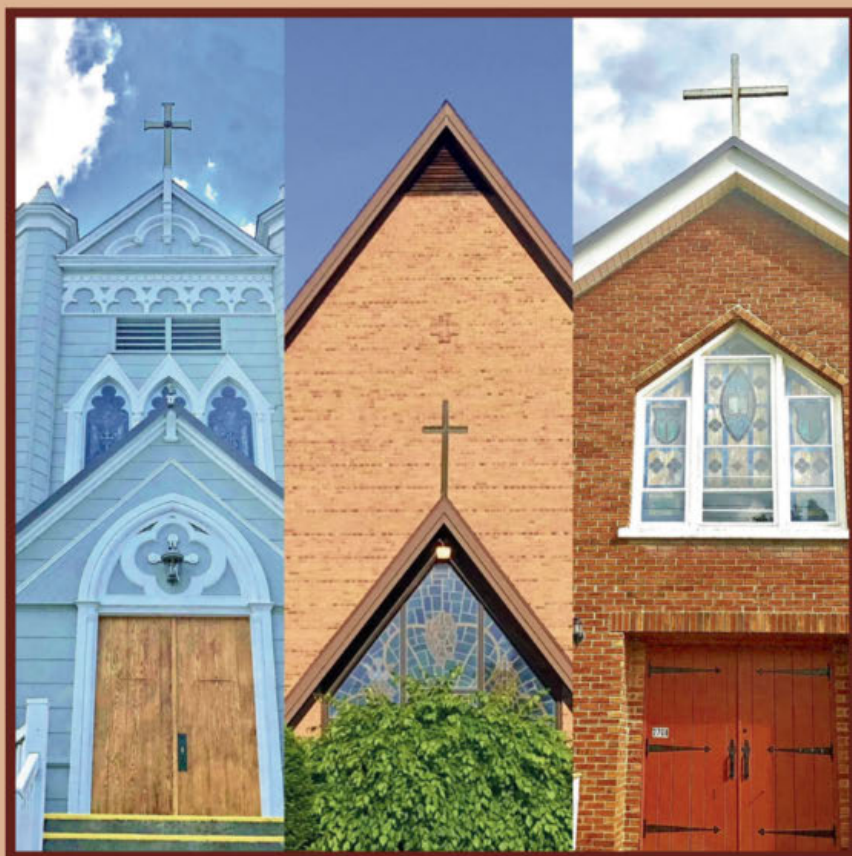
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## Mass Schedule

### 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****Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C  
August 3, 2025****What Really Matters to God?**

Dear Parishioners,

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

In our modern consumerist world, we are constantly bombarded by marketing wizards on TV, the internet and social media. They dangle before us the products we allegedly need to make our lives complete. The end result is that we never quite feel that we have enough.

What really matters to God? Jesus answers that question through his life and teachings: Love God and neighbor with compassion, render humble service for others, forgive, promote justice and peace, trust in God's providence, to name a few. May Jesus help us to become rich in those things that matter to God.

Do we listen carefully to the voice of the Lord? Do we set our hearts on what will live forever? How many people fool themselves and believe that their material possessions will bring happiness and fulness of life? Are we growing "rich in the sight of the Lord?"

Today's readings challenge us with another question: What are we living for? What really matters in life? It is only in our relationship with Jesus that we can discover our true self - the person of value that Jesus calls us to be.

The Gospel reading of Luke gives us two stories about people who base their security on wealth. In the story of the rich young man in Luke 18, and in Luke 12, the rich person from today's Gospel, Jesus points out their possessiveness and their lack of concern for the needy. In contrast, Jesus calls all of us to trust not in our possessions but in God's providence.

Jesus is not condemning wealth or those who work hard to provide for their families. The key point of today's parable is his introduction, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." And he concludes with this teaching: "Thus it will be for all who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

Notice what Paul says in the second reading from his Letter to the Colossians. "Brothers and Sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

As Catholic Christian believers, it is only in our relationship with Jesus that we can discover our true self - the person of value that Jesus calls us to be.

A cartoon showed an armored truck, one that transports cash and other valuables, following a hearse through the gates of the cemetery. A bystander says, "I guess the deceased is taking it with him or her."

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

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, September 7th,  
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, September 5th,  
6:00PM at St. Stephen's  
Church, Marathon.





Readings for August 3 through August 10, 2025

Today | Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 | Col 3:1-5, 9-11 | Lk 12:13-21  
 Monday | Nm 11:4b-15 | Mt 14:13-21  
 Tuesday | Nm 12:1-13 | Mt 14:22-36  
 Wednesday | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 | 2 Pt 1:16-19 | Lk 9:28b-36  
 Thursday | Nm 20:1-13 | Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday | Dt 4:32-40 | Mt 16:24-28  
 Saturday | Dt 6:4-13 | Mt 17:14-20  
 Sunday | Wis 18:6-9 | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 | Lk 12:32-48

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 27, 2025:**

Envelopes:	\$1,820.00
Loose:	\$ 386.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 100.00
Other Income: PSG	\$ 150.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 20.00
Grand Total:	\$ 2,476.00

**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,

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Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC and LCpl Isaac James Silvanic USMC

**Please kindly pray for the repose of the souls of James Brown and Olivia Biondi, 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, 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**

**Monday, August 4, 2025**

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

**Tuesday, August 5, 2025**

**9:00AM for Joseph J. Bates by The Stevens Family**

**Saturday, August 9, 2025**

**5:00PM for Jerry & Dorothy Griep by Don & Terrie Atwood**

**Sunday, August 10, 2025**

**8:30AM for Olivia Biondi by Hospitality Ministry Committee**

**11:00AM for Robert Livermore by The Landon Family**

Minister for August 2 & 3, 2025:

**St. Stephen's:** Greeter: Kim McCrory & Youth Lectors: Emily Alexy and Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Niggli, Rosemarie Fralick Julianne Alexy Ushers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli Tabulators: Syd & Patti McEvoy

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

Lector: Hannah Somers

Tabulators: Sue Stevens, Ken Bates

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue McDonald, Ingrid Wennerod

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

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

Ministers For August 9 & 10, 2025:

**St. Stephen's Church:** Greeter: Claire Hinman Lector: Carol Niggli

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli

Ushers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli Tabulators: Don & Terrie Atwood

**St. Patrick's:** Greeters: Anne Clerkin, Anne Ballard Lector: Kathy Cusick

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Shoemaker, Barb Yannuzzi

Tabulators: Ken & Sylvia Bates

**OLPH:** Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg

Lector: Sharon Constantino

Eucharistic Minister: Pam Maroney

Gift Bearers: Joanne Livermore, Polly Ann Faucher

*Whole Community Catechesis*  
*Readings and Questions for Discussion*

**The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**  
**Sunday, August 3, 2025**

**Introduction:**

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, reminds us to stop and think about what really matters most beyond money, success, things, fame - eternal treasures.

The readings focus on the dangers of greed and the importance of storing up eternal treasures in heaven.

**First Reading - Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23**

The Emptiness of Wealth.

This reading explores the futility of worldly possessions and labor without a deeper purpose emphasizing the vanity of seeking fulfillment solely in material wealth.

Value your time and days on earth.

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 90**

Psalm 90 teaches us to ask God to help us use our time well. We are reminded that each day is a gift. Time is valuable and precious.

**Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

Setting Our Hearts on Heavenly Treasures.

This passage encourages believers to seek heavenly things and to put off the old self, focusing on the new life found in Christ.

**Gospel - Luke 12:13-21**

Trusting in God, Share Your Blessings.

The Gospel reading features the parable of the rich fool, highlighting the dangers of greed and the importance of investing in eternal rather than earthly riches.

**Question for Reflection**

1. What is one way you could focus more on eternal values this week?
2. How does greed or selfishness affect your relationship with God and others?
3. What blessings or joys have you received that go beyond material wealth?

**LEADERSHIP AND PARISH STAFF**

**Administrator**

Rev. Thomas Macauley

**Deacon**

Rev. Mr. John Mihalko

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Joanne Livermore, Peg Orzel

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**Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:**

**1. Congratulations and God's Abundant Blessings!**

Today, August 3, 2025 is the Priestly Ordination Anniversary of Rev. Thomas Macauley, OP. Keep him and all members of the clergy and religious in your prayers. Thank you!

**2. Annual Parish Picnic** will take place on September 7, 2025, at Dorchester Park, Whitney Point. Please, mark your calendar.

**3. Retirement Fund for Religious** - Diocesan Collection date is August 17, 2025. Please be generous. Please drop your envelopes in the collection basket, any Sunday.

**4. Monday Mass** on August 4, 2025, at 6:00PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.

**5. Tuesday Mass** on August 5, 2025, at 9AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.

**6. Next Parish Sacrificial Giving** is on August 16 & 17, 2025. Purpose - Rough winter made our heat and electricity's price increase beyond our budget.

**7. Faith Formation Information Packet and Schedule** will be received in August and classes will resume in September 14, 2025.

**8. Appreciation** - We sincerely thank you for the support you give our parish in prayers, time, talents, good works & resources. God bless you! Keep up the good work!

**Sanctuary Candles**-If you would like to have the sanctuary candle in St. Stephen's or St. Patrick's Church in memory of someone for the month please call the parish office. Donation is \$20.00 for the month. Months still available: MCh: October & December, WPCh: September, October, & November.

**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.

**Joint Technology Coordinators**

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Ken Bates, Noah Somers,

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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!

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

**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. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be marked "Rural Services" and placed in collection basket, or mail to Rural Services, P.O. Box 57, Cincinnatus, NY 13040.

#### 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."

**PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR:** Rev. Thomas Macauley

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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 27, 2025:

Env.: \$241.00 Loose: \$67.00 Total Regular: \$308.00

Other Income: \$5.00 .....**Grand Total: \$313.00**

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

### **The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of August**

in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnatus, is  
In Memory Of: **Marianne Konka** by Mary Lee Faucher

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.

**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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