

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

AUGUST 17, 2025

TWENTIETH 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****Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C****August 17, 2025**

Dear Parishioners,

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

In today's gospel, Jesus was thinking globally. He didn't want one person to be lost to the power of sin, but just for today, consider how his anguished heart was focused on you that day. Jesus knew that his suffering and death - and his resurrection - would restore you to a right relationship with God.

Jesus knew that his triumph or victory over death and sin would liberate those in bondage. The results of Jesus' resurrection are still flowing today. This means that even today, you can experience more of all that Jesus so longed to give you - more mercy, more grace, more compassion, more love, more freedom, more salvation.

Will you allow Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection to move you to seek him out? Believe that as you receive his forgiveness and experience the joy of worshipping him, you are doing more than just reaping the fruit of his sufferings. You are bringing joy and consolation to Jesus' anguished Sacred Heart.

Today's Gospel also reminds us that following Christ is not always easy; choosing sides rarely is. Which side are you on? Are you prepared to be countercultural, even radical? Are you willing to choose the most radical way of all, the way of loving and serving God and others as Christ did?

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

Rev. Thomas Macauley

**Wisdom from St. Damasus, Pope**

An act of faith:

"He who walking on the sea could calm the bitter waves, who gives life to the dying seeds of the earth; he who was able to loosen the mortal chains of death and after three days' darkness could bring again to the upper world the brother for his sister Martha: he, I believe will make Damasus rise again from the dust." (Epitaph Damasus wrote himself).

**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 17 through 24, 2025**

Today | Jer 38:4-6, 8-10| Heb 12:1-4| Lk 12:49-53  
 Monday | Jgs 2:11-19| Mt 19:16-22  
 Tuesday | Jgs 6:11-24a| Mt 19:23-30  
 Wednesday | Jgs 9:6-15| Mt 20:1-16  
 Thursday | Jgs 11:29-39a| Mt 22:1-14  
 Friday | Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22| Mt 22:34-40  
 Saturday | Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17| Mt 23:1-12  
 Sunday | Is 66:18-21| Heb 12:5-7, 11-13| Lk 13:22-30

**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, August 10, 2025:**

Envelopes:	\$1,255.00
Loose:	\$ 663.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 100.00
Other Income: Assumption	\$ 10.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 274.00
Grand Total:	\$ 2,302.00

**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 soul of Mike Minihan, who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven. May he 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 16, 2025**

5:00PM for Deacon Joe Caminiti by Don & Terrie Atwood

**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

8:30AM for Olivia Biondi by Russell & Laura Dunham

11:00AM for Nazzareno & Antonia Buttigieg by Josephine Kellogg

**Monday, August 18, 2025**

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

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

9:00AM for The People of the Parish

**Saturday, August 23, 2025**

5:00PM for Lloyd & Elizabeth Wilber by Don & Terrie Atwood

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

8:30AM for Michael Carroll, Elsie Zelsnack Carroll & Scott Poyer  
by Elsie Poyer

11:00AM for Jennie Ricca by Pat & Terri Fedele

**Minister for August 16 & 17, 2025:**

**St. Stephen's:** Greeter: Rosemarie Fralick Lector: Claire Hinman

Euch. Ministers: Cindy Barry, Karen Standish Ushers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli Tabulators: Karen Standish, Wayne Niggli

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

Lector: Marcus Stevens Eucharistic Ministers: Peg Orzel, Ingrid Wennerod Tabulators: Ann Calice, Cathy Cummings

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

Lector: Hugh Cook Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Constantino

Gift Bearers: Hugh & Jackie Cook

**Ministers For August 23 & 24, 2025:**

**St. Stephen's Church:** Greeter: Don Atwood Lector: Roxanne Barry

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli

Ushers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli

Tabulators: John Ewanciw, Claire Hinman

**St. Patrick's:** Greeters: Anne Ballard, Anne Clerkin Lector: Ingrid Jordak

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Shoemaker, Barb Yannuzzi

Tabulators: Bob & Sue Stevens

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

Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Holt Gift Bearers: Terri Fedele, Betty Carter

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

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**  
**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

**Introduction:**

The readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, highlight the challenges of living out the faith. They show how faith can bring division, suffering and the need for perseverance.

**First Reading - Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10**

The Role of Prophets.

Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 40:2-4, 18**

A prayer for God's help and deliverance.

**Second Reading - Hebrews 12:1-4**

Perseverance in Suffering.

Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

**Gospel - Luke 12:49-53**

Cost of Discipleship.

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division. Families will be divided because of him, with conflicts even among close relatives.

**Question for Reflection**

1. Do you love telling the truth more than telling lies?
2. Who is your favorite saint in heaven?
3. How does taking a stand for Jesus and his gospel create tension and division among close relatives?

**Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:**

1. **Parish Picnic** on Sunday, September 7, 2025. The weekend Masses will be Saturday, Vigil Mass at 5:00PM and Sunday there will be one Mass at 11:00AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
2. **Catholic Men of Faith Meeting** on Saturday, August 23, 2025, 8:00AM at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Whitney Point.
3. **Hospitality Coffee & Snacks** after the 8:30AM Mass today, August 17, 2025.
4. **Faith Formation Information Packet and Schedule** will be received in August and classes will resume in September 14, 2025. Please register by August 31, 2025.
5. **Parish Sacrificial Giving** is next Sunday, August 23 & 24, 2025. Purpose - Rough winter made our heat and electricity's price increase beyond our budget and for St. Stephen's handicap ramp repair.
6. **Retirement Fund for Religious** - Today, August 17, 2025, there is a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious Diocesan Collection. Please be generous. Please drop your envelopes in the collection basket.
7. **Monday Mass** on August 18, 2025, at 6:00PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.
8. **Tuesday Mass** on August 19, 2025, at 9AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
9. **Food Pantry Meeting** on Thursday, August 21, 2025, 6:00PM at the Whitney Point Food Pantry.
10. **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.

**LEADERSHIP AND PARISH STAFF**

**Administrator**

Rev. Thomas Macauley

**Deacon**

Rev. Mr. John Mihalko

**Pastoral Care Associates**

Peg Orzel, Carol Niggli, Linda Crowley

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Rita Mae Accardi

**Building and Grounds Caretakers**

Ken Bates, Noah Somers,

Kody Barry, Jared Hammond



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 September 4, 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, August 10, 2025:

Env.: \$281.00 Loose: \$52.00 .....Total Regular: \$333.00

Other Income: Fuel-\$10. ....Grand Total: \$343.00

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. 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 or call our parish office at 607-692-3911.





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