

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

AUGUST 24, 2025

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Our Catholic Community

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Monday - Thursday: 8:00AM - 1:00PM

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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**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C**
August 24, 2025**GOD IN THE MOST ORDINARY PLACES.**

Dear Parishioners,

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

Where have you been surprised by God's presence?
How can you live more aware of Him?

Perhaps, it's easy to be unaware to miss wonders right in front of us. This was Jacob's experience as he journeyed to Haran. (Genesis 28:10) He stopped and set up camp in a simple spot that seemed like any other, just a place to lay his head for the night. God appeared to him in a midnight dream, however, telling him that his numerous descendants would bless "all peoples on earth." He also assured Jacob that he would "watch over him wherever he would go" (v. 15). When he awoke, Jacob said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." God is everywhere "filling heaven and earth" (Jeremiah 23:24). He is present in the sacred places and also in the most ordinary places. Our invitation is to keep our eyes, ears, and hearts open, to watch and listen for divine revelation.

The Gospel emphasizes the importance of striving to enter through the "narrow gate" which represents Jesus as the way to salvation. The Gospel does not answer how many will be saved, it urges us to act urgently to follow Jesus' path. God's plan includes gathering people from all nations to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem. However, those who refuse Jesus' way may miss out on the heavenly banquet God is encouraging us to persevere through hardships, knowing they are part of God's discipline for his beloved children seeking salvation.

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

Rev. Thomas Macauley

**Wisdom from St. Peter Canisius,
Priest and Doctor**

When asked if he felt overworked, Peter replied "If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all."

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 24 through 31, 2025

Today | Is 66:18-21 | Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 | Lk 13:22-30

Monday | 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 | Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday | 1 Thes 2:1-8 | Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday | 1 Thes 2:9-13 | Mt 23:27-32

Thursday | 1 Thes 3:7-13 | Mt 24:42-51

Friday | 1 Thes 4:1-8 | Mk 6:17-29

Saturday | 1 Thes 4:9-11 | Mt 25:14-30

Sunday | Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 | Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a |

Lk 14:1, 7-14

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 17, 2025:

Envelopes:	\$ 1,675.00
Loose:	\$ 472.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 740.00
Other Income: Assumption	\$ 243.00
P.S.G.	\$ 210.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 495.00
Memorial Sanctuary	\$ 20.00
Grand Total:	\$ 3,855.00

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 ABUND 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 23, 2025**

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

Sunday, August 24, 20258:30AM for Michael Carroll, Elsie Zelsnack Carroll & Scott Poyer
by Elsie Poyer

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

Monday, August 25, 2025

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

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

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

Saturday, August 30, 2025

5:00PM for Mike Reilly by Don & Terrie Atwood

Sunday, August 31, 20258:30AM for The Biondi Family by The Stevens Family
for Evelyn Halloran by The Family

11:00AM for Diogo Jota & Andre Silva by Josephine Kellogg

Minister for August 23 & 24, 2025:

St. Stephen's: Greeter: Don Atwood Lector: Roxanne Barry
 Euch. Ministers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli Ushers: Tony Zelsnack,
 Wayne Niggli Tabulators: John Ewanciw, Claire Hinman
St. Patrick's: Greeters: Anne Ballard, Anne Clerkin
 Lector: Sue McDonald Tabulators: Bob & Sue Stevens
 Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Shoemaker, Barb Yannuzzi
OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg
 Lector: Linda Crowley Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Holt
 Gift Bearers: Terri Fedele, Betty Carter

Ministers For August 30 & 31, 2025:

St. Stephen's Church: Greeter: Kathleen Allen Lector: Terrie Atwood
 Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Niggli, Rosemarie Fralick
 Ushers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli
 Tabulators: Syd & Patti McEvoy
St. Patrick's: Greeters: Earl Markham, Cathy Shoemaker
 Lector: Ingrid Jordak Eucharistic Ministers: Joe McDonald, Barb Yannuzzi
 Tabulators: Ann Calice, Cathy Cummings
OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg Lector: Chris Klein
 Eucharistic Minister: Pam Maroney Gift Bearers: Jeanne Williams, Pat Rice

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
Sunday, August 24, 2025

Introduction:

The readings for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, emphasize God's call to all people, no matter where they come from. This shows that God desires a diverse and inclusive family of God's people, He does not limit his love to one group. He invites everyone to know him.

First Reading - Isaiah 66:18-21

Universal Call.

The Lord gathers people from all nations to see his glory and spread it.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all nations. His kindness is steadfast, and his faithfulness last forever.

Second Reading - Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Discipline and Growth.

God disciplines those he loves. Endure trials as discipline, they will later bring righteousness and healing.

Gospel - Luke 13:22-30

Humility and Effort.

Jesus teaches that many will try to enter through the narrow gate but fail. He warns that some who are last will be first, and some who are first will be last.

Question for Reflection

1. How can we be more inclusive and welcoming in our community?
2. In what way have you experienced God's discipline in your life?
3. What sacrifices might we need to make to follow Jesus more closely?

LEADERSHIP AND PARISH STAFF

Administrator

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Mary Wied

Faith Formation

DRE: Sharon Constantino

Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:

1. a) **Monday Mass** on August 25, 2025, at 6:00PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.
- b) **Tuesday Mass** on August 26, 2025, at 9AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
- c) **First Thursday Mass** on September 4, 2025, 11:00AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnati.
2. **2025 Annual Hope Appeal** - Rooted in Faith, Growing in Hope Meeting and Celebration of Hope and Gratitude, on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 5:30-6:30PM, at St. Margaret's Catholic Church, 14 Copeland Ave., Homer, NY 13077 at 4:00PM.
3. **Faith Formation meeting with Parish Administrator**. All teachers, helpers, catechists and DREs are invited for a meeting after the 8:30AM Mass on Sunday, August 31, 2025, at the Parish Hall.
4. **Special Blessings** of appreciation will take place for all our Volunteers during Mass on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 5:00PM Mass and on Sunday, August 31, 2025, during the 8:30AM Mass. Thank you for all you do for the church and for God. Blessings!
5. **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** is on September 8, 2025, at St. Stephen's Hall, Marathon, after the 6:00PM Mass.
6. **Next Parish Finance Meeting** is on September 11, 2025, 11:00AM at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Whitney Point.
7. **Bible Study** will resume on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, after the 9:00AM Mass.
8. **The Human Development Ministry** will meet after the 8:30 Mass today, August 24, 2025 at our St. Patrick's Church Hall, Whitney Point. Everyone is invited to come and discuss our parishes' Thanksgiving and Christmas Programs. For further information please contact Peg Orzel 607-372-7036. Thank you!
9. **Parish Sacrificial Giving** - Thank you for your support. Purpose - Rough winter made our heat and electricity's price increase beyond our budget in St. Patrick's and for St. Stephen's, the new handicap ramp repair.
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! God bless you!

Joint Technology Coordinators

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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.



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, August 17, 2025:

Env.: \$409.00 Loose: \$188.00Total Regular: \$597.00
Diocesan Collection: Retirement Fund for Relig.-\$144.00
Other Income: Assumption-\$45. **Grand Total: \$786.00**
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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