

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

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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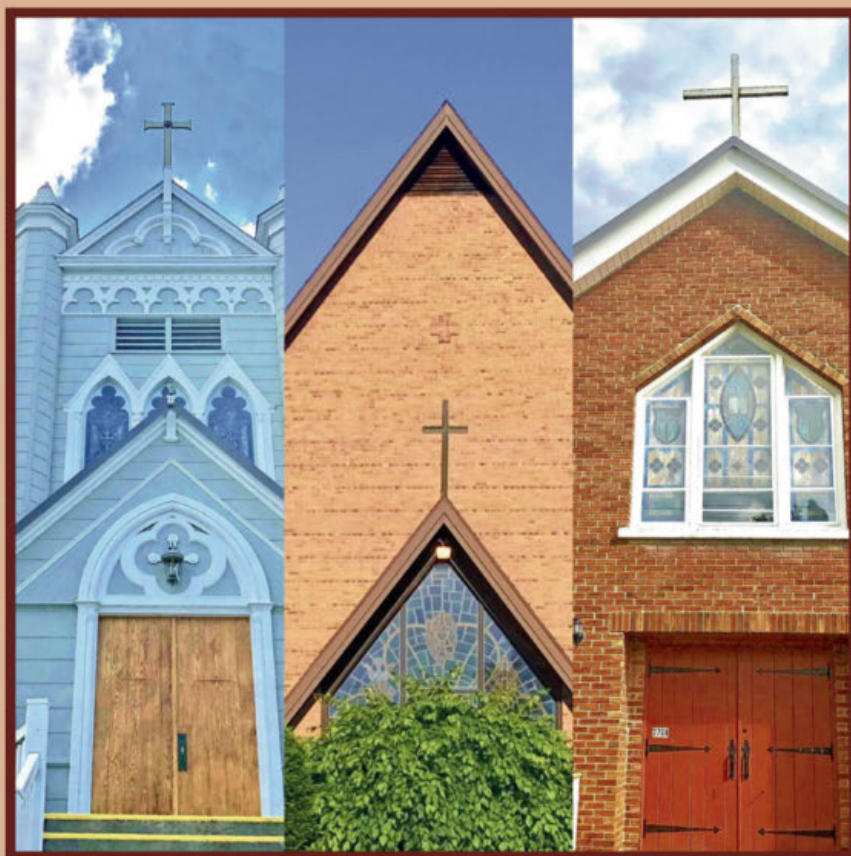
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Mass Schedule

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**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C****September 7, 2025****The Cost of Following Jesus.**

Dear Parishioners,

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

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus teaches about the demand of discipleship. Jesus is speaking to a people gathered at table about the difficulties of following him. He tells us discipleship means sacrifice.

Jesus speaks to them in parables emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter the Kingdom of God, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing should get in the way.

When Jesus describes "hating" one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else - family, money, your own life - must come second. In Matthew's version of the story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to "hating" father or mother, but to loving them more than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that making an obvious point - don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

In Hebrew "hate" was an emphatic way of expressing total detachment from something. In Luke's text, Jesus uses the Greek word "apotassestai," meaning "say farewell to" (14:33). Without saying a metaphorical "farewell" to all those people and things upon which you have become dependent, you will never come to yourself, and you will never really follow Jesus.

Like Christ, we are called to give up everything, to know and serve God well. Self-sacrificing love, service and seeking Godly wisdom becomes crucial and important priority.

Have a Blessed Sunday, 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, October 5th,
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, October 3rd,
6:00PM at St. Patrick's
Church, Whitney Point.



Readings for September 7 through 14, 2025

Today | Wis 9:13-18b| Phlm 9-10, 12-17| Lk 14:25-33

Monday | Mi 5:1-4a| Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday | Col 2:6-15| Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday | Col 3:1-11| Lk 6:20-26

Thursday | Col 3:12-17| Lk 6:27-38

Friday | 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14| Lk 6:39-42

Saturday | 1 Tm 1:15-17| Lk 6:43-49

Sunday | Nm 21:4b-9| Phil 2:6-11| Jn 3:13-17

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 31, 2025 will be in next Sunday’s bulletin. Due to the holiday, bulletin was sent in earlier for printing.

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

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
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, September 6, 2025

5:00PM for Marge Carroll by John Carroll

Sunday, September 7, 2025

11:00AM for The People of Our Parish (St. Patrick’s Church)

Monday, September 8, 2025

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

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

9:00AM for The People of Our Parish

Saturday, September 13, 2025

5:00PM for Garret Van De Weert by Don & Terrie Atwood

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:30AM for Olivia Biondi by Ann Calice

for Bill Sliter by Alice Sliter

11:00AM for Margaret & Francis Pratt, Connie & Jonathan Pratt

by Sharon Massar

for Matthew Ricca by Pat & Terri Fedele

Minister for September 6 & 7, 2025:

St. Stephen’s: Greeter: Bob Barry / Youths Lector: Youth/Teens

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli

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

September Cleaners: Cindy Barry, Shelley Warnow

St. Patrick’s: Greeters: Earl Markham, Anne Ballard

Lector: Youth / Teens Tabulators: Ann Calice, Cathy Cummings

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Laura Dunham

OLPH: NO MASS TODAY

Ministers For September 13 & 14, 2025:

St. Stephen’s Church: Greeter: Kim McCrory Lector: John Ewanciw

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Standish, Cindy Barry

Ushers: Bob Barry, Syd McEvoy Tabulators: John Ewanciw, Claire Hinman

St. Patrick’s: Greeters: Cathy Shoemaker, Anne Clerkin

Lector: Joe McDonald Tabulators: Bob & Sue Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Shoemaker, Ingrid Wennerod

OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg

Lector: Sharon Constantino Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Holt

Gift Bearers: Jeanne Williams, Pat Rice

Whole Community Catechesis**Readings and Questions for Discussion****Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C
Sunday, September 7, 2025****Introduction:**

Jesus instructs the crowd and us about the cost of discipleship. To become one of Jesus' disciples, you have to carry His cross from day to day.

First Reading - Wisdom 9:13-18

Godly Wisdom.

Knowledge alone has limits. We also need wisdom to understand the ways of God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 90:3-17

God's Sovereignty.

God's power has no boundaries; it is not limited by space and time.

Second Reading - Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Christian Welcoming.

Paul encourages one of his converts to consider his former slave a brother in Christ Jesus.

Gospel - Luke 14:25-33

Counting the Cost.

Jesus teaches about the demands of discipleship. The cost of following Jesus. Detachment and carry the cross.

Question for Reflection

1. Do I need to hate my family?
2. How do you welcome others as members of God's family in your daily life?
3. Are there things in your life that you love more than Jesus? How can you change this?

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Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:

1. a) **Monday Mass** on September 8, 2025, at 6:00PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.
- b) **Tuesday Mass** on September 9, 2025, at 9AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
2. **Annual Parish Picnic** today, September 7, 2025, after the 11:00AM Mass. Venue is the North Pavilion at Dorchester Park, Whitney Point. Many thanks to the Hospitality Ministry and all who contribute toward the success of this event in any way. Please, bring a dish to pass. Come, let us celebrate together as one family of God's beloved people. Thank you!
3. **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** is September 8, 2025, at St. Stephen's Hall, Marathon, after the 6:00PM Mass.
4. **Next Parish Finance Meeting** is on September 11, 2025, 11:00AM at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Whitney Point.
5. **Bible Study** will resume on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, after the 9:00AM Mass.
6. **The Word Among Us** of Catholic Mass Readings and Daily Meditations for September 2025 are available.
7. **Catholic University of America Collection** is next Sunday, September 14, 2025. There will be a 2nd collection.
8. **Faith Formation Meeting**-Next Sunday, September 14, 2025, is the beginning of the Faith Formation Classes for the year 2025. We warmly welcome our Faith Formation Family - children, parents, teachers, helpers, DREs. Our Administrator would like to have a brief conversation with the Parents and/or Guardians after Mass in the Hall, while the classes are going on. Thanks for all you will do to make this an amazing time of formation in this Jubilee Year of Hope. God bless!
9. **Thanksgiving Baskets** -Sign-ups for baskets will begin September 8 through October 17, 2025, or until the limited number of baskets has been reached, whichever occurs first. Sign-ups will be held by calling the Unite Way 211 phone number (dial 2-1-1 or call 1-800-901-2180.) Monday-Friday, from 9:30AM to 3:00PM. For more info check notice board.

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of September in St. Stephen's Church, Marathon, is
In Memory Of: **Robert Fleming.** by Bridget Fleming

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.

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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 October 2, 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

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Weekly Collection Report

Sunday, August 31, 2025 will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

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

Sanctuary Candle Burning In Memory Of....

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. Months available in 2025: September & November.

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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