

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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

TWENTY-FOURTH 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**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross- Year C****September 14, 2025**

Dear Parishioners,

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

The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and the Church is the Cross.

Today we celebrate The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast traces its beginning in Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the Site of Mount Calvary in 335. But the meaning of the Cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The Cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

Believers have always looked to the Cross in times of suffering, people in concentration camps, in prisons, in hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been, known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's.

We often make the sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayers to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The Cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest, parents and Godparents make the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of the child as a sign of belonging. By the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way.

Today, let us look to the Cross often. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and realize we bring our whole selves to God - our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts, - everything we are and will become.

O Victorious Cross, you are the glorious sign of our salvation. Through your power, may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus, our Lord, Amen.

Have a Blessed Sunday and a great week!

Rev. Thomas Macauley

Wisdom From POPE ST. LEO THE GREAT

"Learn the heart of God through the Word of God." Pope St. Leo the great

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 14 through 21, 2025

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

Monday | 1 Tm 2:1-8| Jn 19:25-27

Tuesday | 1 Tm 3:1-13| Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday | 1 Tm 3:14-16| Lk 7:31-35

Thursday | 1 Tm 4:12-16| Lk 7:36-50

Friday | 1 Tm 6:2c-12| Lk 8:1-3

Saturday | 1 Tm 6:13-16| Lk 8:4-15

Sunday | Am 8:4-7| 1 Tm 2:1-8| Lk 16:10-13

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:

Envelopes:	\$ 1,680.00
Loose:	\$ 329.25
Electronic Giving:	\$ 290.00
Other Income: P.S.G.	\$ 20.00
Faith Formation	\$ 15.00
Grand Total:	\$ 2,334.25

Sunday, September 7, 2025:

Envelopes:	\$ 2,070.00
Loose:	\$ 270.00
Electronic Giving:	\$ 100.00
Other Income: Assumption	\$ 10.00
Faith Formation Envs.	\$ 180.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 10.00
Grand Total:	\$ 2,640.00

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

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 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

Monday, September 15, 2025

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

NO MASS

Saturday, September 20, 2025

5:00PM for Dick Barry by Don & Terrie Atwood

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:30AM for The People of Our Parish

11:00AM for Robert Livermore by The Landon Family

Minister for September 13 & 14, 2025:

St. Stephen's: Greeter: Kim McCrory Lector: John Ewanciw

Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Standish, Cindy Barry

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

September Cleaners: Cindy Barry, Shelley Warnow

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

Lector: Joe McDonald Tabulators: Bob & Sue Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Shoemaker, Ingrid Wennerod

OLPH: Lector: Sharon Constantino Eucharistic Minister: Lisa Holt

Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg Gifts: Jeanne Williams, M. Wied

Ministers For September 20 & 21, 2025:

St. Stephen's Church: Greeter: Claire Hinman Lector: Don Alexy

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Niggli, Rosemarie Fralick

Ushers: Bob Barry, Syd McEvoy Tabulators: Wayne Niggli, Karen Standish

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

Lector: Kathy Cusick Eucharistic Ministers: Peg Orzel, Sue McDonald

Tabulators: Ken & Sylvia Bates

OLPH: Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg Lector: Hugh Cook

Eucharistic Minister: Chris Klein Gifts: Joanne Livermore, Krys Getz

Whole Community Catechesis**Readings and Questions for Discussion****The Exaltation of the Holy Cross-Year C
Sunday, September 14, 2025****Introduction:**

Just as Moses lifted up the servant, so must the son of man be lifted up. God highly exalted Jesus and made him Lord! How unforgettable are his deeds! Today also commemorates the discovery of the Lord's Cross by the empress, St. Helena (18 August), in 320.

First Reading - Numbers 21:4-9**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 78****Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11****Gospel - John 3:13-17**

"Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung our salvation, come, let us adore!"

Hymn

"Lift High the Cross, the love Christ proclaim,
Till all the World, adore his Sacred Name
Led by their way, by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks
combine.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou has promised, draw the World to thee

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praised to the crucified for victory."

LEADERSHIP AND PARISH STAFF**Administrator**

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DRE: Sharon Constantino

Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:

1. a) **No Monday Mass** on September 15, 2025, at 6:00PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon, and
- b) **No Tuesday Mass** on September 16, 2025, at 9AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point due to Priest's Annual Convocation.
2. **Bible Study** will resume on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, after the 9:00AM Mass.
3. **Faith Formation Meeting**-Today, 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 of Faith Formation after Mass in the Parish 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!
4. **Catholic University of America Collection** is today, September 14, 2025. There will be a 2nd collection.
5. **Hospitality Ministry Committee Meeting** on Friday, September 19, 2025 at 9:30AM at St. Patrick's Church Hall, Whitney Point.
6. **OLPH Church Mission Meeting** next Sunday, September 21, 2025, after the 11:00AM Mass, in the Church Hall.
7. **Coffee Hour** next Sunday, September 21, 2025, in St. Patrick's Church Hall, Whitney Point, following the 8:30AM Mass. Hosted by our Hospitality Ministry Committee. Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship.
8. **2025 Hope Appeal Weekend** begins today, September 14, 2025 for the Diocese of Syracuse. Soon, you will receive a letter from Bishop Douglas J. Lucia asking for your support of the 2025 Hope Appeal. Thanks for your generous support in the previous years. May God bless and reward you abundantly. Amen.

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of September 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.

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WELCOME!

WELCOME!

WELCOME!

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

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 31, 2025:

Reg. Envs.-\$259.00 Loose-\$62.00Total -\$321.00

Other Income: Fuel-\$40.00 Votives-\$43.00

Diocesan Collections: CathUnivAmerica-\$10.00

Grand Total-\$414.00

Sunday, September 7, 2025: No Mass at OLPH

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

The Sanctuary Candle for the Month of September is Burning In Memory Of.... Katy Wagner by Pam Maroney

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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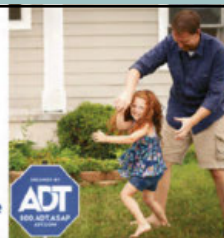


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