

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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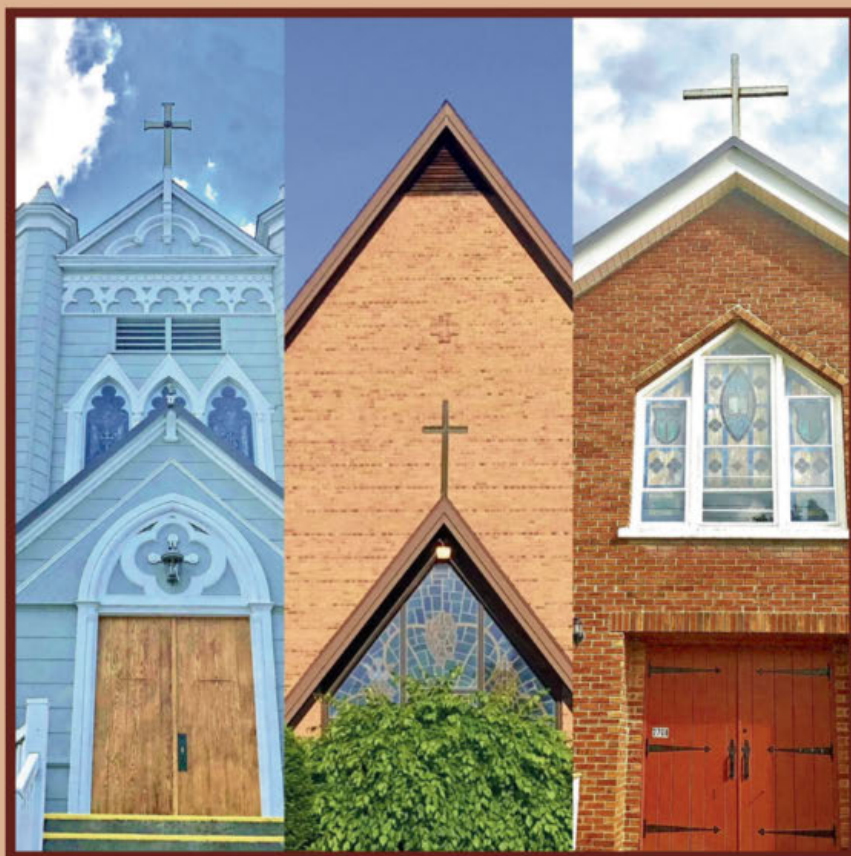
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Mass Schedule

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C****September 21, 2025****Prudent Stewardship**

Dear Parishioners,

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

Amos the prophet of Social Justice is saying among other things, that when justice and charity are relinquished to profits and progress then the business of making money has become a god and true religion is lost. But when prudence and ingenuity of the entrepreneur are incorporated by the disciple, then religion benefits, the gospel affirms. Christians are not called to an isolated existence untouched by secular affairs but to an involvement with world; by their very presence the lives of others are improved.

Each of the readings selected for today's liturgy pertains to the subject of stewardship. In the text from Amos, the shepherd of Judah called to be God's prophet and steward of his word confronted his fellow Jews from the north. Amos vailed against Israel for having violated the sacred trust of the covenant and its laws.

In the second reading, Timothy the faithful steward of God's people in Ephesus, was reminded that one aspect of responsible discipleship was that of prayer for all in authority, even and especially those who were the stewards of civil and secular power. The gospel text with its curious parable about the conniving manager offered a skillful lesson in stewardship for all Jesus' disciples.

According to D. Gallagher, many of Jesus' parables are intended to catch us off guard. Today's parable is certainly one of them. The manager is admired for his prudence, for sizing up his situation correctly and acting decisively to save the day - or, in this instance to save his own skin.

Jesus says, how much more should Christian believers guard their eternal possessions? How enterprising should they be in the deployment of the gifts, talents, resources, time and treasures they have received from the Creator?

By giving ourselves to God, we can truly pray with blameless hearts and hands for all who are in need, especially the poor and vulnerable, whom the Lord will raise up, as the Psalmist says. Everything we have is entrusted to us by God, and we are called to use it to serve others and show mercy. Helping the poor, lifting up the lowly, promoting Justice and Peace, and wholistic human development leads to eternal life with God.

Have a Blessed Sunday and a great week!

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 21 through 28, 2025

Today | Am 8:4-7| 1 Tm 2:1-8| Lk 16:10-13
 Monday | Ezr 1:1-6| Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday | Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20| Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday | Ezr 9:5-9| Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday | Hg 1:1-8| Lk 9:7-9
 Friday | Hg 2:1-9| Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday | Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a| Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday | Am 6:1a, 4-7| 1 Tm 6:11-16| Lk 16:19-31

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, September 14, 2025 will be in the September 28, 2025 bulletin.

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 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

Monday, September 22, 2025

6:00PM for The People of Our Parish

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

9:00AM for The People of Our Parish

Saturday, September 27, 2025

5:00PM for Michael Joseph, Jr. by Marie Joseph

Sunday, September 28, 2025

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

11:00AM for The People of Our Parish

Minister for September 20 & 21, 2025:

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Niggli, Rosemarie Fralick

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

September Cleaners: Cindy Barry, Shelley Warnow

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

Lector: Kathy Cusick Tabulators: Ken & Sylvia Bates

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Shoemaker, Ingrid Wennerod

OLPH: Lector: Hugh Cook Eucharistic Minister: Chris Klein

Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg

Gifts: Sharon Constantino, Krys Getz

Ministers For September 27 & 28, 2025:

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli

Ushers: Bob Barry, Syd McEvoy Tabulators: Syd & Patti McEvoy

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

Lector: Marcus Stevens Tabulators: Bob & Sue Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Dunham, Barb Yannuzzi

OLPH: Lector: Linda Crowley Eucharistic Minister: Pam Maroney

Gifts: Hugh & Jackie Cook Greeters: Bob Crowley, Joe VanSteenburg

Whole Community Catechesis**Readings and Questions for Discussion****Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C****Sunday, September 14, 2025****Prudent Steward****Introduction:**

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, reminds us to choose God over money, The readings speak about Justice prayer, and being faithful with what we have. They call us to live with honesty and care for others, not just seek comfort and wealth.

First Reading - Amos 8:4-7

Treat the poor with kindness and respect.

Amos, the prophet warns those who cheat the poor that God will not forget their actions.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 113

Shows that God lifts the lowly and cares for those who are in need. This shows God's love for those who trust Him.

Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

Godly and Prayerful Lives.

Pray for everyone, including leaders, so we may live peacefully. God wants everyone saved. Christ is our mediator, using our time, talent, resources to serve God and others.

Gospel - Luke 16:1-13

Serve God and Others.

Jesus tells a story about a manager who, after being fired, shrewdly reduce to secure favors. He teaches that one cannot serve both God and money.

Questions for Reflection

1. How do I balance my spiritual priorities with the demands of daily life?
2. In what ways can I be more generous with my time and talents?
3. How attached am I to material possessions, and how can I let go of that attachment?

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Upcoming Celebration/Events/Meetings:

1. a) **Monday Mass** on September 22, 2025, at 6:00PM at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.
- b) **Tuesday Mass** on September 23, 2025, at 9AM at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point.
2. **Bible Study** will resume on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, after the 9:00AM Mass.
3. **Today Parish Sacrificial Giving Sunday - Third Sunday**
Purpose - Rough winter made our heat and electricity's price increase beyond our budget and for general maintenance in our churches. There will be a second collection today. Please be generous.
4. **OLPH Church Mission Meeting** today, September 21, 2025, after the 11:00AM Mass, in the Church Hall.
7. **Coffee Hour** today, 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** - Thank you to everyone returning their HOPE Appeal pledge cards! If you are still prayerfully considering your pledge, you may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next week, drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at www.syradio.org. 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. Supporting each other with the Power of Prayer is the best medicine.

If you are not on our Prayer Chain and would like to be, please call our Parish Office or contact Pat. If you choose to be updated about a particular prayer chain request, please re-contact Pat.

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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

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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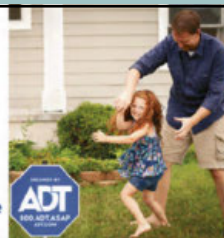


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