

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH

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Call Rectory to Arrange:

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM..... Prep Required - Prepare during Pregnancy

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY..... Prep Required - Arrange 6 months in advance



July 25, 2021

Mass Intentions This Week

Sat.	July	24	5:00 PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Maynard & Catherine Monnat Family by The Family
Sun.	July	25	8:30 AM	Joe Ferrel by Connie & Gary Kohler
Mon. - Wed.	July	26 - 28		NO MASS
Thur.	July	29	8:15 AM	Eugene Nortz by Rob & Chris Company and family
Fri.	July	30	8:15 AM	Bernard Bush by Bud Kirschner
Sat.	July	31	5:00 PM	Monnat Family by Monnat Family Reunion
Sun.	Aug.	1	8:30 AM	Bea Kloster by The Daughters

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION..... Saturday, 4:15-4:45 PM

Pray for the Sick: Margaret Turck, Kevin Boliver, Millie Monnat, Jeanne Merry, Mary Presler, Charles Pominville, Keith Gerow, John Lashbrooks, Nicole Brown, Ronald Bush, Susan Weaver, and all ill at home, in the hospital or nursing homes (The sick that wish to be remembered in prayer will be included in this weekly list only if they agree to have their names included or family members specifically request this). Please call the rectory (346-6958) to have a name included on this list.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we hear two accounts of times when a seemingly inadequate number of loaves of bread provided plenty for a huge crowd to eat. In the first reading, Elisha takes an offering of barley loaves and shares them with many more people than it would be expected to feed. All ate plenty and some was even left over.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes five barley loaves and two fish and is able to share them with over five thousand people. All ate their fill and twelve baskets were filled with left overs.

God provides more than we need, despite all appearances to the contrary. Psalm 145 expresses our faith experience: "The hand of the Lord feeds us; God answers all our needs."

"BREAD OF LIFE" DISCOURSE -THE HOLY EUCHARIST

For the next few weeks the Gospel is taken from Chapter Six of St John's Gospel. This is known as the "Bread of Life" teaching of Jesus on His Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The homilies will reflect the importance of our belief that Jesus is Really and Truly present in the consecrated Bread and Wine which we receive in Holy Communion at each Mass.

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." In the Eucharistic Liturgy and our prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, we encounter God's presence in personal and profound ways.

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The Eucharist draws each of us closer too Christ as individuals, but also as a community. As Catholics, we never really worship alone. At the Eucharistic Liturgy, we gather with the young and old, the rich and poor, as well as millions around the world and the saints in heaven, to celebrate Christ's sacrifice. This powerful reality reminds Us, in the words of Pope John Paul II: "A truly Eucharistic Community cannot be closed in upon itself"; rather the Eucharist challenges us to recognize our place within a community and the human family.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND... MISSIONARY PROJECTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG.

Please be generous in supporting the many projects sponsored by this collection, especially the former mission parish in Peru, S. America and our assistance to the Diocese in Latakia.

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CROGHAN STREET FAIR... This Thursday, July 29TH, 3-7 pm. FOOD, MUSIC AND FARMERS MARKET! 20+ vendors. Homemade and homegrown. Highlighting the best the Croghan-area has to offer in growers, producers, artists, and much more. Great specials and contests offered by local small businesses throughout the village. + Live music and more!

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HEALING MASS FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED The Family Life Office is sponsoring a workshop for those hurting from the pain and loss of separation or divorce on August 18th at the Guggenheim Center in Saranac Lake. For further information and registration, contact Steve Tartaglia, Director of Family Life. (startaglis@rcdomv.org/ or call 315-393-2920

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

Collection 7/18/21 : \$ 4,126.65
Needed to meet Budget: \$ 4,618.00
Restoration: \$ 217.42

**Thank you for faithful support
to St. Stephen's Parish**

**Coming Soon...
"One stop shopping"**

FORMATION FOR MINISTRY... Applications for acceptance into the fall program of preparing for Serving parishes in various ministries will be accepted until September 1st. Contact Father Don for further information.

Congratulations to
Richard & Martha Jane Campany
on their 60th Wedding Anniversary,
August 4th!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER: Did you know? The Monique Burr Foundation endorses 5 Safety Rules to help keep children safe. Rule #1 - Know What's Up. Talk to children and listen to them. Ask them questions about their activities and people they spend time with. Learn about technology and devices they are using or can access. For more information, visit www.mbfpreventioneducation.org.

St. Stephen's Youth and Young Adult Event (High School & College)

- August 7th 6-8 pm, immediately following the 5:00 Mass
- Pizza dinner followed by Ultimate Frisbee, Can Jam & Corn Hole
- Time for prayerful reflection will complete the evening.
- Guests are welcome!!