

# St. Stephen's Parish

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**October 31, 2021**

**Pastor:** Rev. Donald J. Manfred

**Deacon:** Peter Wooschlager

**Trustees:** Susan Gydesen  
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**Reconciliation (Penance):** Saturday 4:15 -4:45 PM

**Marriages:** Six months' notice

**Baptisms:** By Appointment. Godparents must  
be confirmed and practicing Catholics.

## Mass Intentions This Week

Sat.	Oct.	30	5:00 PM	Ronald Bush by Etta Virkler
Sun.	Oct.	31	8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Yahus by Their Children
Mon.	Nov.	1	8:30 AM	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> - Thanksgiving for "Saintly" People
			5:00 PM	at St. Francis Solanus, Harrisville
Tues.	Nov.	2	8:15 AM	<b>ALL SOULS DAY</b>
Wed.	Nov.	3	8:15 AM	David Buell (healing prayer) by Chris & Larry, Rick & Marcy, Teresa, Jeff & Brenda
Thur.	Nov.	4	8:15 AM	Philip Widrick by Peter & Mary Meyer a Sacred Heart family
Fri.	Nov.	5	8:15 AM	Living & Deceased members of the St. Stephen's Rosary Society
Sat.	Nov.	6	5:00 PM	Tinker Kloster by The Daughters
Sun.	Nov.	7	8:30 AM	People of the Parish

*The sanctuary candle is lit in memory of Kim Pominville by Her Family*

**Pray for the Sick:** Jeffrey Buell, David Buell, Robert Peters, Kathy Widrick, Mary Bush, Jeanne Merry, William (Bill) Davoy Jr., Bernard Ardison, Elizabeth Tabolt Jasinski, Jeff Bruckman, Nicole Brown, and all ill at home, in the hospital or nursing homes. (The sick that wish to be remembered in prayer will be included on this list only if they agree to have their names included or family members specifically request this). Please call to have a name included on this list.

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Tomorrow we celebrate the solemnity of All Saints when we recognize those many women and men who we believe have gained the eternal reward and are forever in the presence of God. Today we hear Jesus tell the scribe "You are not far from the kingdom of God" suggesting that he was close to being a saint.

In the first reading we hear Moses asking God's chosen people to love God with all their heart, soul and strength. Jesus repeats this command in the Gospel passage adding the words 'love your neighbor as yourself'. To be a saint is our goal in life and can be achieved by taking Jesus' words to heart and putting them into action.

## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS... MONDAY,

**NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 am.** The Feast of All Saints is dear to the hearts of all as it gives us a glimpse of eternal life for all who put their hope in the Lord. The saints are our role models and may be family members, spiritual mentors, personal heroes of those who have lived their faith in an exemplary fashion and make us better Christians. We honor these saints by attending Mass, receiving the Eucharist and offering special prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving for them.

## FEAST OF ALL SOULS ... Tuesday,

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the Feast of All Souls as we recall those who have gone before us and live in the blessed company of the angels and saints in the presence of the Lord. We remember our beloved dead as we celebrate Jesus' triumph over death and redeem the faithful departed by his resurrection and opening the gates of heaven to all who have loved Him during their earthly lives.

# A BLESSED PAST – A FAITHFUL FUTURE

## HOW HAS ST STEPHEN'S PARISH IMPACTED MY FAITH LIFE ?

Thank you to the following parishioners who have offered a personal testimony about their faith and St Stephen's Parish.

- + I joined St. Stephen's Parish, along with my daughter and four others, through the RCIA process and we were baptized on 4/11/2009 in a hot tub on the altar by Father Dan Chapin. We were welcomed with joy by the St. Stephen's community. I have continued to grow in my faith through the years. – Michelle Virkler
- + St. Stephen's Church is the place my family has always gone to church. – Kevin Virkler
- + I grew up in St. Rita's Parish in Deferiet and loved EVERYTHING about belonging to a small close-knit Church in a small close-knit village. I left Deferiet for Nursing school and marriage, and over the years my family lived in Syracuse, NY, Phoenix, Arizona and Churubusco, NY. I longed to find and belong again to a small parish. Moving to Croghan in August 1975, my dream came true. At St. Stephen's Church, we found a small, loving, and welcoming church community, where we soon felt right at home. For 46 years, we have progressed in our faith journey and seen the Gospel come alive through the works and people of this parish. You can be a lector, a catechist, a choir member, an altar server, a eucharist minister - the possibilities of service are endless, and we have a pastor and members of the parish encouraging you every step of the way. Look around at our Church - it's beauty, it's history - and it is impossible to NOT feel a part of this faith community, too! – Dorothy Gagnier
- + Through my 23 years here in St. Stephen's Parish I have been drawn to keep involved with this small rural parish which has a very large giving and caring heart. In my "golden years" I find the Holy Spirit continues to multiply my efforts even though they diminish. God willing, I will continue to do what He allows me to do. He alone brings to fulfillment every work of good and of peace. – Robert Buholtz

PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO SEND PERSONAL WORDS OF WITNESS CONCERNING HOW YOUR LIFE OF FAITH HAS BEEN ENHANCED OR STRENGTHENED AS A MEMBER OF ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH. Send responses to Father Don: St Stephen's Rectory or to: [djmanfred4@gmail.com](mailto:djmanfred4@gmail.com)

**ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH DEBT REDUCTION APPEAL WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK WITH RECEPTIONS FOR PARISHIONERS** on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm and 7pm. These receptions will include presentations on our parish plan for a Debt Reduction Appeal with an opportunity for questions. Materials will be given to those in attendance.

### **YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH**

Collection 10/17/21 : \$ 2,973.66  
Needed to meet Budget: \$ 4,476.00  
Restoration : \$ 1,315.00  
World Mission : \$ 1,098.00  
**Thank you for faithful support**

### **Upcoming Dates**

- Nov. 1 7:30 PM - K of C Meeting
- Nov. 5 10:00 AM – St. Stephen's Cemetery Assoc. Inc.  
Annual Meeting, in the church hall
- Nov. 12 9:00 AM – Secular Franciscan Meeting

### **FAITH FORMATION –**

Last Week the children learned about St. Isaac Joques. He was one of the North American Martyrs. These men came from France to spread the seeds of Christianity to the Native Americans. The courage of these men is commemorated at shrines in Auriesville, NY and Midland, Ontario.

**No Confirmation classes this weekend...  
Happy Halloween!**