



# St. Stephen's Parish

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## August 14, 2022 Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the first reading, Jeremiah is thrown into a cistern and left to die. He is then rescued by a court official. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages the community to persevere in the running the race and keeping their eyes on Jesus. People of faith are often persecuted for the values they preach and live.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that he has come not to bring peace, but division. As faithful disciples we may also face opposition for living the truth. So, we must keep our eyes on Jesus as we face hardships and daily struggles.

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 13 (5:00 pm)**

Gary Monnat by Mom

**Sunday, August 14 (8:30 am)**

Deceased Members of the Leon & Rose Peters Family  
By the Reunion

**Monday, August 15 (8:30 am)**

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

Nicholas Ferguson by Norma Monnat

**Tuesday, August 16 (8:15)**

Scripture/Communion Service

**Wednesday, August 17 (8:15 am)**

Austin (Junie) and Geraldine Martin by Cheryl Martin

**Thursday, August 18 (10:00 am)**

**Funeral Mass and Burial:** Herbert & Barbara Nortz

**Friday, July August 19 (11:00 am)**

Special Intention

**Saturday, August 20 (5:00 pm)**

Jr., Sally, Jeff, Amy, & Todd Kloster by The Hartshorne's

**Sunday, August 21 (8:30 am)**

Susie Weaver by The Campeau Family



### Pray for the Sick

Anna Hirschey, Tina Lavery, John Lashbrooks, Dean Keefer, Maryann Keefer, William (Bill) Davoy Jr., and all ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes.

### Your Support for The Parish

Adult Envelopes: \$3,073.04  
Plate: \$ 615.00  
Mission Co-Op (to date) \$1,413.00

### Masses at Our Lady of the Lake Chapel

Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Chapel on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. There will be a cookout following the Mass. The parish will provide hot dogs and beverage. Please bring a dish (salad or dessert) to share.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation bible school begins on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. Children should be brought into the church hall. Anyone may attend (grades K-8) and there is still time join! Bible school will end on Friday with Mass and a cookout! We hope you will join us!

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY  
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022**

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is this Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. This year because the holy day comes so close to Sunday, it is **NOT** observed as a holy day of obligation!!

However, since this Feast of Mary is so important in the tradition of our Catholic faith, we will have Mass on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. You are encouraged to join us for this celebration of Mary.



**Many Thanks!**

Many thanks for welcoming Father Torma, Missionary of the Sacred Heart last Sunday. Thank you for your contributions to this special Missionary collection which totaled \$1,413.00 over the past two weekends.

**St. Stephen's Food Pantry**

St. Stephen's will no longer have an in-house food pantry. Items that are dropped off will be taken to the Croghan Food Pantry. Any monetary donations will be put into St. Stephen's Emergency Fund. Monetary donations will be used to purchase gift cards (which can also be donated) to be used by families in need.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER: Did you know? ...**

The Diocese of Ogdensburg requires all volunteers (adults and minors) to sign a Code of Conduct as part of their safe environment requirements. This is in addition to the criminal background check and safe environment training. Violations of the Code of Conduct are generally considered boundary violations and must be reported to a supervisor. Boundary violations do not necessarily mean abuse has taken place, but they must be investigated with corrective action implemented as appropriate. For information on how you can report misconduct, visit [Safe Environment \(rcdony.org\)](https://www.rcdony.org/family-life/jubileereg.html)

**BLUE MASS: Save the Date**

Bishop Terry R. LaValley cordially invites all Police, Corrections, Fire and EMS Personnel to the Diocese of Ogdensburg Blue Mass at 2:30 p.m. on September 25, 2022. This year the Blue Mass will be at St. Mary's Church, 521 James Street, Clayton, NY. Everyone is invited to join in prayer for the safety and wellbeing of all first responders and public safety personnel.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP  
Creation Care Tips**

This month's intention for Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is Small Businesses. A perfect season to support your local farmers, whether at family veggie stands or at the Farmers' Market near you. What a time to enjoy, celebrate and give thanks for the richness of God's goodness in the variety of summer harvests!

**VATICAN RELEASES NEW E-BOOK FOR  
YOUTH: "Keys to Bioethics" 22 Page  
Manual**



The Manual states that human life begins at fertilization and that IUDs, RU-486, and the morning-after pill can induce abortions—and that the regular birth control pill can have an abortifacient effect. Other topics covered include the contraceptive mentality, genetic screening, reproductive technology, eugenics, stem-cell research, euthanasia, organ donation, and gender. To download the manual, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ydjayv3e>

**MARRIED AND RELIGIOUS JUBILEE  
2022: All families are invited**

We invite all families to join us at the annual Married and Religious Jubilee on September 11, 2022, at 2:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Bishop Terry R. LaValley will be presiding. Whether you have been married for less than 1 year, over 50 years, or anything in between, we want to acknowledge your commitment and celebrate with you. Married couples who wish to receive a certificate signed by Bishop LaValley and have their names appear in the program should register no later than September 2 at <https://www.rcdony.org/family-life/jubileereg.html>. There will be a gathering with refreshments after the Mass. For more information, please contact Steve Tartaglia at [startaglia@rcdony.org](mailto:startaglia@rcdony.org).

**Religious Education**

We are planning for religious education classes to begin in mid-September. If you know of a kindergarten age child or another child who has not attended religious education previously, please contact the parish office so we can add them to our list.