



St. Stephen's Parish

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus continues to teach his disciples, and us, about the kingdom of God by using parables and images that we easily understand. Who among us would not want to find a great treasure? Maybe we are thinking of winning the lottery? Or what would it be like to find a rare pearl? In both cases, we would be excited and surely want to share our good fortune with others. The kingdom of heaven is the treasure, the pearl. It is given to us by God, no digging, no ticket required. It is pure gift. And it is meant to be shared with great joy.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, July 29 (5:00 pm)

Deceased Members of the Maynard & Katherine Monnat
Family by The Family

Sunday, July 30 (8:30 am)

Living and Deceased Members of the Clarence & Mary
Briot Family by The Briot Reunion

Monday, July 31 (No Mass)

Tuesday, August 1 (8:15 am)

Carl Schack by Bill & Monica Plantz

Wednesday, August 2 (8:15 am)

Elmer & Jean Golden by Glenn & Dorothy Gagnier

Thursday, August 3 (8:15 am)

Stanley Monnat by Bernard & Dorothy Monnat

Friday, August 4 (8:15 am)

Fred Anderson by Etta Virkler

Saturday, August 5 (5:00 pm)

Living & Deceased Members of the Monnat Family
By The Monnat Reunion

Sunday, August 6 (8:30 am)

Kate & Glen Boliver by Bruce Boliver Family

Your Support for The Parish

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 3,015.36
Plate:	\$ 860.00

Pray for the Sick

Ronnie Robbins, Art Houppert, Shayleigh Proulx, Marietta Virkler, Bill Meyer, Cindy Bush, Stephen Brownell, Brenda Buell, Linda Bush, Duane Schwendy, John Lashbrooks, and all ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes.

Coffee Hour



There will be a coffee hour Sunday, August 6th after the 8:30 am Mass. Please contact Sue Gydesen at 315-771-7038 for donations of time or refreshments.

By Wisdom
a house
is built, and
understanding
through knowledge
it is established;
its rooms
are filled
with rare
and beautiful
treasures.

-The Book of Proverbs

Message From Bishop LaValley

How Does the Reorganization Case Affect Our Parish?

The Diocese of Ogdensburg filed a reorganization case under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in order, seeking to resolve the lawsuits that have been filed under the Child Victims Act in a fair and orderly manner. In New York State, our parish is a corporation separate and distinct from the diocese. Our parish has not filed for bankruptcy protection. However, it is hoped that the reorganization case will resolve all claims against the diocese, parishes, and related entities. It is likely that our parish will be asked to contribute funds to settle these claims so we can be free of litigation in state courts and released from all liability for existing claims. It is hoped that the reorganization case will have minimal impact on the celebration of sacraments, programs, and activities in our parish. Please pray for a timely and fair resolution of pending lawsuits, and a renewed commitment to proclaiming the Gospel in the North Country.

Masses Lady of the Lake Chapel



The next Mass will be held at Lady of the Lake Chapel August 13th at 2 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs and lemonade will be provided. Bring your family and friends.

Vacation Bible School

August 7-11

9:30 am-Noon



Join us for “The Mystery of the Mass.” There is still time to sign up. We welcome grades K-6 and love to have our older students assist. Please invite your friends! We will have singing, games, crafts, and snacks daily. On Friday, August 11th we will have Mass (11 am) and a cookout. Contact the Parish Office to sign up, make a donation, or volunteer to help.

Missionary Projects for Diocese of Ogdensburg (MPDO)

This annual collection assists missionary work throughout the world. This year our contributions will assist people in the Diocese of Latakia, Syria. This Diocese was adopted a few years ago by the Ogdensburg Diocese to help meet important needs of our sisters and brothers as they seek help in carrying out God’s work in Syria.

**PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN YOUR RESPONSE
TO THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS
WEEKEND.**

A Prayer for Healing



Gentle Jesus, Shepherd of Peace,
Join to your own suffering
The pain of all who have been hurt
In body, mind and spirit
By those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our sisters and brothers
Who have been gravely harmed,
And the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope and
Steady their shaken spirits with faith.

Grant them justice enlightened by your truth.
Holy Spirit, heal your people’s wounds.
Grant us the courage and wisdom to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace.

Look kindly on the Church of Ogdensburg.
Touch our hearts with humble trust in
Your constant care and loving Providence.

We ask this through Christ our Risen Lord.
Amen.