



# St. Stephen's Parish

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## May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

The three promises Jesus gives us in today's Gospel are awesome: If we keep the Word of Jesus, God will dwell in us. The Holy Spirit, through the Sacraments, will come upon us and continue teaching us; and Jesus promises us His own overwhelming peace. Neither the disciples nor we will ever be alone in the task of keeping the Word of Christ. God and the Church, through the Sacraments, are continually guiding, nurturing, and strengthening us!



### Saturday, May 24 (5:00 pm)

Doug, Ronnie & Angie Robbins by The Family

### Sunday, May 25 (8:30 am)

Mary Ann Lyndaker by Aunt Lucille and Family

### Monday, May 26 (No Mass)

**Happy Memorial Day!**

### Tuesday, May 27 (8:15 am)

Jean Golden by Bob & Deb Mullin

### Wednesday, May 28 (8:15 am)

Jeanette Roch Brown by Jean Sweet Buckingham

### Thursday, May 29 Ascension of the Lord

**8:30 am St. Stephen's:** Mary Jane Campany by Yvonne Kirshner

**5:00 pm St. Francis:** People of the Parish

### Friday, May 30 (8:15 am)

Bruce LaChausse by Robert Kirschner

### Saturday, May 31 (5:00 pm)

Paul Bush, Walter & Jean Brownell by Cindy Bush, Theresa McCane, Steve Brownell & Families

### Sunday, June 1 (8:30 am)

Jean & Fred Bell by Betty Pound

### Pray for the Sick

Steve Monnat, Sue Peters-Bush, Susan Schwendy, Priscilla Boliver, Kristi Lehman Marques, Deb Hartshorn, Barb Monnat, Alice Moore, Julie Fuller, Marjory Schindler, Venetha Houppert, Tom Pate, Duane Schwendy, Amy Edick, Casey Kloster, John Lashbrooks, and all ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes.

### Your Support for The Parish

Envelopes:	\$ 3,086.00
Plate:	\$ 772.00

### Coffee Hour

The next coffee hour will be sponsored by the Secular Franciscans on June 1<sup>st</sup> after the 8:30 am Mass.

### Sanctuary Candle



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of  
Paul Bush (23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
by wife Cindy, children, grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren*

### Altar Linen Schedule

The new altar linen schedule is available in the rectory vestibule.

## *Congratulations*

### **Father Don Celebrates 58 Years as a Priest!**

Father Don has been planting the seeds of faith in all of us. Our children have been fortunate that he encourages and supports all of the activities, projects, and special events we hold for the children of our parish. Father never batted an eye when asked if we could dig up a flower bed and have the children grow flowers to put in it. He himself enjoys gardening. In Galatians 6:7-10: he Encourages planting seeds of faith and promises a big harvest. In Isaiah 40:11: "He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom and gently lead those that are with young." Both scripture verses are fitting for our Priest, Father Don. Last Sunday was Good Shepherd Sunday. On Good Shepherd Sunday we pray for those who will pursue a vocation of religious life, and we also thank God for our priests, Bishops, and other members of religious life. We are especially grateful for Father Don for his support, prayers, and guidance. This Tuesday, May 20, Father Don will celebrate his 58<sup>th</sup> year as a priest as he was ordained on May 20, 1967. He will be in Lake Placid with the priests of the diocese where they celebrate the anniversary of priestly ordinations. It is only fitting that we thank our shepherd, the sower of faith in our parish, with this gift celebrating his many years of service as a priest in our diocese. We hope this raised bed makes it easier for him to grow his tomatoes and other vegetables.

### **St. Francis Award-Bobbi Sue Murphy**

Each year catechists nominate someone for our St. Francis Award who they feel has dedicated him or herself to the betterment of our program, for it is in giving that we receive. This year, our recipient has been a catechist for ten years teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and the combination classroom of kindergarten and first grade. She was nominated for the extra things she does for the kids and the church community. She is an excellent role model and continues to foster a Christ-like spirit through her ministry with our children. She continues to learn about the church and grow in relationship with Jesus as she works towards becoming a certified catechist. It is with pleasure that we present this year's St. Francis Award to Bobbi Sue Murphy.

### **Memorial Day Prayer**



*God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride.*

*Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.*

*Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.*

*Amen*

### **Feast of the Ascension**



His mission accomplished and having appeared to his disciples to show them that he had been raised from the dead, Jesus prepared to return to the Father. But first he had to give his disciples a mission of their own. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature," he instructed them. As he commanded his disciples then, he commands his disciples now. May we take this to heart, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed today and always.

*Mass will be Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at St. Stephen's and at 5:00 pm at St. Francis Solanus*

### **Rosary Society Year End Dinner**

The dinner will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> after the 5 pm Mass in the church hall. The cost for the BBQ chicken is \$6. Please bring a side dish. Please RSVP to Marcie by May 28<sup>th</sup> (315) 586-2180.

### **Religious Education Awards**

We will have attendance awards and a year-end summary in next week's bulletin.