



# St. Stephen's Parish

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**July 13, 2025**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today we hear the story of the Good Samaritan, the parable that Jesus told to explain how far-reaching the concept of *neighbor* is and how to show love to our neighbor in need. Remember, Samaritans were looked down upon by the Jewish people in that era. If even *Samaritans* were neighbors, then everyone was. If this undesirable Samaritan is the only person willing to minister to this injured man, we should do the same, ministering to anyone in need, no matter how different they are. May we heed this lesson today just as Jesus taught it two thousand years ago.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday, July 12 (5:00 pm)**

Bev Moore by St. Stephen's Rosary Society

**Sunday, July 13 (8:30 am)**

Arnie & Carolyn Lyndaker (Anniversary) by Steve & Shelly

**Monday, July 14 (11:00 am)**

**FUNERAL MASS: STEVE BROWNELL**

**Tuesday, July 15 (10:00 am)**

**FUNERAL MASS: KEVIN TURCK**

**Wednesday, July 16 (No Mass)**

**Thursday, July 17 (8:15 am)**

Martha Jane Company (Birthday) by Michelle, Melanie & Marcie

**Friday, July 18 (8:15 am)**

Henry Watkins by Bruce Boliver Family

**Saturday, July 19 (5:00 pm)**

Steve Brownell by Cindy Bush

**Sunday, July 20 (8:30 am)**

Living and Deceased Members of the John & Catherine Dicob Aucter Family by the John & Catherine Aucter Memorial Fund

### Pray for the Sick

Peter VerSchneider, Carolyn Schwendy, Bill Gracey, Caitlin Taylor, Corbin Pominville, Sue Peters-Bush, Susan Schwendy, Priscilla Boliver, Kristi Lehman Marques, Deb Hartshorn, Barb Monnat, Alice Moore, Julie Fuller, 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:	\$ 3,384.51
Plate:	\$ 640.00
Fuel:	\$ 1,205.00

### A Special Thank You

Thank you to Monsignor Aucoin for returning to preside over Mass while Father Don is ill. We are very grateful to him for coming back to Croghan this weekend.



**Do not pass by a man in need, for you may be the hand of God to him.**

**SUMMER WORKSHOP BONANZA!**  
**Catechist Certification Opportunity**



Deepen your faith life and work on your catechist certification. All catechists are invited to attend. 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on 8/2 in St. Alexander's in Morrisonville or 8/24 in Immaculate Conception in Brownville. Earn up to 3 workshop credits in one day! Register by July 30 at: [redonv.org/certworkshops](http://redonv.org/certworkshops)

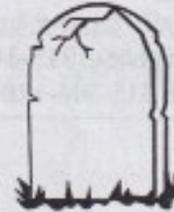
**ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF THE  
DIACONATE**



Through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, the Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg, will Ordain to the Order of Deacon Mr. Gordon J. Burdo, Jr., Mr. James B. Kavanaugh, Mr. James P. Law, Mr. Francis E. Sczerzenie, Mr. Garry Stevens and Mr. Nicholas A. Tsibulsky. You are cordially invited to join in the Ordination Liturgy on Saturday, August 9, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral.

**TOWN OF CROGHAN HISTORIANS'  
OFFICE**

**Presentation on Cleaning Gravestones  
and Locating Unmarked Graves**



Join us for an informative session followed by a visit to three local cemeteries on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the Croghan Town Offices, 9882 State Route 126, Castorland, NY 13620.

The presentation will begin with a talk by Laurie Rush from Fort Drum. She will expertly cover the proper techniques for cleaning headstones and share valuable methods for locating unmarked grave sites.

After the talk, the presentation will continue at the Village of Croghan's Basselin Cemetery for a hands-on demonstration on how to locate unmarked graves. St. Stephen's Cemetery will be the next stop where the presentation will be on best practices for cleaning headstones. The day concludes with stop at the Jerden Falls Cemetery for another demonstration on locating unmarked graves.

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