



# St. Stephen's Parish

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**August 31, 2025**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God's ways are not the ways of the world. God, who always loves and cares for us, desires for us to understand Him and learn His ways by caring for the least of His brothers and sisters. Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reading teaches us about humility. Our Lord modeled humility during His earthly lifetime giving of Himself to all of humanity. We are called to follow in His footsteps and demonstrate humility in our own lives by reaching out in love to those less fortunate than ourselves.



**Saturday, August 30 (5:00 pm)**

Doug, Ronnie & Angie Robbins by Bobby & Renee Cobb & Family

**Sunday, August 31 (8:30 am)**

Ruth Zubrzycki by Bill & Monica Plantz

**Monday, September 1 (8:15 am)**

**Labor Day!**  
For God's Blessings on Our Nation

**Tuesday, September 2 (8:15 am)**

Eddie Boliver by Norma Monnat

**Wednesday, September 3 (8:15 am)**

Fr. Anthony Moore, OFM (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday)  
By Mark & Michelle Buckingham

**Thursday, September 4 (8:15 am)**

Bernard "Chibbie" Monnat by Janet & Carlton Horvath

**Friday, September 5 (8:15 am)**

George, Monnie, Dave & Bob Muth by Steve & Family & Lorraine

**Saturday, September 6 (5:00 pm)**

Barb Monnat by Her Family

**Sunday, September 7 (8:30 am)**

Richard Boliver by Richard Boliver Family

## Pray for the Sick

Bruce Chapman, Peter VerSchneider, Carolyn Schwendy, Bill Gracey, Caitlin Taylor, Corbin Pominville, Susan Schwendy, Priscilla Boliver, Kristi Lehman Marques, Deb Hartshorn, 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: \$ 2,571.39  
Plate: \$ 644.00

## Sanctuary Candle



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of  
Kathy Noftsier  
requested by Mom & Dad*



Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
September 3 to Howard &  
Catherine Nortz

### **Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation**

You are invited to an Interfaith celebration of God's Creation! Included will be prayer, reflection on Pope Francis' book "Care of Our Common Home," time with nature, sharing with others, youth presenters, and simple fall snacks. It will be held on Sunday, September 28 from 1-4 pm at the Missionaries of Sacred Heart Camp, Dablon Point on Lake Ontario, 27393 Hetzer Rd., Cape Vincent, NY. There is no cost to attend. The event is sponsored by the Faith and Ecology Committee of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

### **Rosary Society Meeting**

The Rosary Society will meet on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Adoration will be Friday, September 5 at 6:30 pm.

### **Sisters of St. Joseph's Lay Minsters Program**

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to a meeting to learn more about their Lay Associates Program on Sunday, September 21 at the Catechetical Center (former St. Patrick's School), South Massey St., Watertown from 2 to 4 p.m. Associates meet once a month to learn about the spirituality, the charism and mission and history of the Sisters of St. Joseph, pray together, and discuss ways to deepen one's spiritual life. This group is open to men and women. If you are interested, please contact Sister Mary Eamon ([smelyngssi@yahoo.com](mailto:smelyngssi@yahoo.com)) or contact Sister Bethany Fitzgerald ([srbethany@gmail.com](mailto:srbethany@gmail.com)).

### **Religious Education**

Information will be mailed out after Labor Day. Classes begin on Sunday, September 21, 2025.

### **VIRTUS Training Sessions Protecting God's Children**

The following sessions have been scheduled for anyone needing VIRTUS training: Call 315-393-2920 ext. 1413 to register. The next session is on September 2 at 6 pm at Augustinian Academy in Carthage.

### **Annual Bishop's Fund Appeal United We Bring Hope**

As a Diocese, we continue on our journey of focusing on: Creating a Culture of Vocations, Strengthening Faith Formation in Family Life and Building Parishes with Living Stones. In order for the Diocese to continue providing the ministries and programs that our parish could not provide on our own, your support of the Bishop's Fund Appeal is essential. That is why as a Diocesan Family we unite in support of this very important appeal.

Your support allows our Diocesan Family to reach out to our friends and neighbors who are struggling due to emergency situations or sickness; families trying to raise their children in a faith-filled home; teens and young adults searching for spiritual direction; young men and women discerning a church vocation; and parents and grandparents struggling to cover the expenses of heating their homes, feeding their families and prescription medication.

By giving to the Bishop's Fund Appeal, you can help us make a significant and dramatic impact on families and individuals in our community. Ministries such as the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund, Tuition Assistance, Family Life Ministry, Faith Formation and Religious Education, Formation for Ministry, Diaconate Program, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Vocations and the Education of Seminarians are just a few examples of the programs and services provided by your support of the Bishop's Fund.

In the coming weeks, I ask that you please prayerfully consider your level of support to this year's Bishop Fund Appeal.

### **Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Rosa Mystica**

Reservations and money are due by **September 30, 2025** to Laurie (315) 221-0135 or Marcie Buell at (315) 586-2180. Bus will also stop at St. Peter's Church in Lowville.

### **Coffee Hour**

The first coffee hour this fall will be held on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> following the 8:30 am Mass. Music Ministry is hosting.