



# St. Stephen's Parish

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**October 12, 2025**

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We gather as a community of faith to worship God, to thank God for the blessings we have received, and to be nourished by the Eucharist. It is quite fitting that we give thanks to God when we celebrate the Eucharist, since *eucharistia* is Greek for thanksgiving. Today's readings can remind us how appropriate it is to give thanks to God, just as we would thank a neighbor who does something special for us. Let us be a thankful people, expressing a spirit of gratitude throughout our lives.



### Saturday, October 11 (5:00 pm)

Howard & Barbara Peters, Rose Peters by Sue,  
Randy, Bob & Rich

### Sunday, October 12 (8:30 am)

Aaron Lehman by Mom & Dad

### Monday, October 13 (8:15 am)

Wildred Proulx by Brud Kirschner

### Tuesday, October 14 (8:15 am)

William Fuller by Brenda & Tony Tabolt

### Wednesday, October 15 (No Mass)

### Thursday, October 16 (8:15 am)

Elmer Golden by Jim & Arline Bush

### Friday, October 17 (8:15 am)

Troy Chartrand by Mom & Dad

### Saturday, October 18 (5:00 pm)

Peter & Gen Lyndaker by The Family

### Sunday, October 19 (8:30 am)

Barb Monnat by The Moon Meyer Family

### Pray for the Sick

Bruce Tabolt, 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, Casey Kloster, John Lashbrooks, and all ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes.

### Your Support for The Parish

Envelopes:	\$ 4,333.00
Plate:	\$ 890.00
Fuel:	\$1, 346.57
Gaza:	\$1, 082.00

### Sanctuary Candle



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of  
Calistus & Edna Reape & DiAnn Kloster  
By Ray & Karen Reape*

### Happy 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Millie Monnat will celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 17! Millie and her sisters, Norma Monnat and Sharon Sweeney, all live at Meadowbrook Terrace, 21957 Cole Road, Carthage, NY 13619.

**DEACON SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 12, 2025**

This Sunday, we celebrate Deacon Sunday, a special opportunity to recognize and give thanks for the ministry of Deacons in our parishes and communities. Deacons serve as visible signs of Christ's love, bringing the Gospel to life through service at the altar, in the Word, and in acts of charity. We honor their commitment to proclaiming the Good News and their dedication to the Church.

Please join us in praying for our Deacons, especially those serving in our Diocese of Ogdensburg, and for those discerning a call to the diaconate. May their witness inspire others to respond generously to God's call.

**THANK YOU, DEACON PETER, MAY GOD BLESS  
YOU ABUNDANTLY!**

**PRAYER FOR DEACONS**

O Christ, You are the source of all ministry in the Church. In response to the needs of the People of God, through the laying on of hands and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, You have called forth and ordained deacons as servants of our Church.

Continue to sustain those You have called to this ministry so they remain ardent servants with gentle hearts, proclaiming the Gospel and serving at Your Holy Table.

Help them reflect the real and true presence of Christ, the Deacon, to the needy among us. We also give thanks for those who accompany these men in their journey of service—their wives and families, their parish communities, and all those who call them to respond in faith, hope, and love.

Loving Savior, continue to help Your Church affirm our deacons in their service. Together as one family of faith, may all that we say and do give honor and glory to You and draw others ever closer to Your Sacred Heart. Amen.

**TO REPORT ABUSE**

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terriane Yanulavich, Ph.D., LMHC, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; or at [terrianeyanulavich@yahoo.com](mailto:terrianeyanulavich@yahoo.com), or at by phoning: 315-569-0612.. You can also contact Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at [ccarrara@rcdonny.org](mailto:ccarrara@rcdonny.org), or by phoning: 315-393-0612, ext. 1340. If you have complaint or suspected abuse or misconduct by the bishops, contact, the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org).

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

The theme of this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal is "**United We Bring Hope.**" Please prayerfully consider supporting the many good works of the Diocese. This year, any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our own community and throughout the Diocese. Your pledge will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. To date St. Stephen's parishioners have contributed \$18, 807.50.

**CALLED BY NAME  
Listening for God's Call Together**

This fall, the Diocese of Ogdensburg is launching Called by Name, a new vocation initiative inviting parishioners to prayerfully consider who among us—young or not-so-young—might be called to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious. During the weekends of October 11–12 and October 18–19, parishes will hold in-pew nomination opportunities. Those nominated will be invited to special discernment events in November—gatherings designed to help them reflect on God's call in a supportive and prayerful setting. Your encouragement could be the first step in someone's vocation journey. Let's listen together for the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit.

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**GAZA RELIEF COLLECTION**

Thank you for your gift last weekend for Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association who have provided humanitarian support to the people of Gaza throughout the war. For more information visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) and [www.cnewa.org](http://www.cnewa.org). It is not too late to give through your parish collection.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

Take a few moments to observe the wisdom of the Earth that wastes nothing; even the leaves that fall to the ground nurture new life in springtime. Lord, teach us to find ways to counter the culture of waste with simple living and reflective buying.

**ROSARY SOCIETY AUCTION**

The Rosary Society has their auction set up in the church hall. It will be running through the month of October. Be sure to stop down and check it out.