



St. Stephen's Parish

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many athletes can tell you how important stamina is to their success. In the closing minutes of a game, it can often come down to who still has the energy to do their best. Often our faith requires stamina as well. Beaten down by tragedies and disappointments, is our faith strong enough to enable us to persist in loving God, loving our neighbor, to pursue justice and peace, to continue to build the kingdom? May hope, which we celebrate this Jubilee Year, sustain our stamina to the end of our days.



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

Monday, October 20 (No Mass)

Tuesday, October 21 (8:15 am)

Scripture/Communion Service

Wednesday, October 22 (No Mass)

Thursday, October 23 (8:15 am)

Scripture/Communion Service

Friday, October 24 (No Mass)

Saturday, October 25 (5:00 pm)

Oscar, Fannie, & Robert Martin by Patti Clemons

Sunday, October 26 (8:30 am)

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Yuhas by Their Children



Pray for the Sick

Mary Knight, 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: \$ 2,667.57
Plate: \$ 807.00

Sanctuary Candle



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of
Jean Brownell
by Cindy, Theresa & Families*

Welcome

Next weekend, we welcome Father Lawrence Marullo. He will be joining us as Father Don recovers from surgery. Please welcome Father Marullo and keep Father Don in your prayers.

DIocese OF OGDENSBURG PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Lord of the harvest,
we raise our voice in prayer
begging for generous hearts
willing to respond to Your call
to labor in Your vineyard today.*

*The need for laborers
for priests, deacons, and religious
in this local Church is great.*

*Provide us with men and women
in whose hearts are centered on the Eucharist
and whose desire is to lay down their lives
so that the people of the North Country and beyond,
maybe "Christ-led, Christ-fed, and Hope-filled."*

*Through the intercession of Mary,
Queen of the Apostles,
grant a new outpouring of your Holy Spirit
on our Diocesan family,
so that we may truly grow as the Body of Christ.*

*This prayer we make in the name of Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*

Bishop Terry R. LaValley

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. This weekend 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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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate **World Mission Sunday on October 19, 2025**, I write to you with deep gratitude for your dedication to the mission of the Church to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

This year's theme, Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples, invites us to rediscover our role as bearers of hope rooted in Christ. It is especially meaningful that this World Mission Sunday will be the first under the pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, who spent most of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru, serving communities in the Andean highlands and rural villages, always with humility, joy, and pastoral closeness.

Pope Leo XIV has called The Pontifical Mission Societies "the primary means for awakening missionary responsibility among all the baptized [and for] supporting ecclesial communities in areas where the Church is young." His words encourage us to recognize our vital role in sustaining the life and growth of the Church in mission territories across Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and parts of Europe and the Middle East.

It is a moment for every parish, in every country, to focus on the missionary nature of our faith and to support the 1,124 mission territories that depend on the Pope for spiritual and material aid. Last year alone, The Pontifical Mission Societies helped build nearly 1,000 churches, provided formation to 2,948 seminarians, supported more than 258,540 religious sisters, and equipped 843,785 catechists to evangelize in communities without a regular priestly presence.

The United States was once a mission territory, built through the sacrifices of missionary priests and the support of Catholics around the world. Let us now return the favor and help those that struggle in our world today.

The collection we take up on World Mission Sunday is not just financial—it is a living sign of our communion with the global Church. It supports the formation of seminarians, religious sisters, and catechists; the building of chapels, schools, and clinics; and the ongoing evangelization of peoples who may be hearing the Gospel for the first time.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will renew in us the fire of the early Church, that we might become true Missionaries of Hope, and that our faithful may grow in missionary awareness and solidarity.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley Bishop of Ogdensburg