

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH

July 27, 2018

Main Street, PO Box 38, Croghan, New York 13327-0038

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.....Prepare during Pregnancy

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION...Saturday, 4:15-4:45 PM

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY.....Arrange at least 6 months in advance

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REV. DONALD J. MANFRED...PASTOR

Mon.	July	30	No Mass	
Tues.	July	31	No Mass	
Wed.	Aug.	1	8:15 AM	Harold and Mary Campany by Marie Ferguson & Kevin Boliver Families
Thurs.	Aug.	2	8:15 AM	Susan Simpson by Bill & Julie Fuller
Fri.	Aug.	3	8:15 AM	Living and Deceased Members of St. Stephen's Rosary Society
Sat.	Aug.	4	5:00 PM	Beatrice Kloster 3 rd Anniversary by Her Daughters
Sun.	Aug.	5	8:30 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Duane Strife Family

**The Sanctuary Candle will be lit
In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Clarence and Mary Briot Family
and for the Intentions of
Living Family Members requested by The Reunion.**

Pray for the Sick: Todd Kloster, Ellon Grunert, Julie Jackson, Alice Bush, Sharon Peters, Herbert Nortz, Margaret Kohler, Donald Campany, Theresa Golden, Nancy Mellnitz, Bob Lee and all the ill at home, in the hospital or nursing homes (the sick that wish to be remembered in prayer will be included in this weekly list only if they agree to have their names included or family members specifically request this). Please call the parish office 315-346-6958 to have a name included on this list

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THEME: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

We gather this weekend to celebrate the Eucharist as we do each Sunday, to be nourished by Christ's Body and Blood. In the Gospel we hear one of Jesus' most familiar miracles the multiplication of the loaves and fish. But every time we celebrate the Eucharist we witness another miracle, the transformation of bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood.

From now until the end of August, the Gospel will be a selection from a single chapter of St. John's Gospel – the chapter in which Jesus reveals himself as the Bread of Life. We have several weeks to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' presence in our lives through the Holy Eucharist and what this calls us to be as His followers today.

SUMMER FUEL COLLECTION - *Thanks to those who have already made donations to the Fuel fund. The total amount contributed during this month of July is \$ 4,050.00. Special "Fuel" envelopes remain in the church seats. Those who have not contributed are asked to give consideration to this appeal. Others may wish to contribute a few more dollars occasionally.*

FINANCIAL REPORT - *On Monday, July 16th a meeting was held for members of St. Stephen's Parish Council, Finance Committee and representatives of the Restoration Fund Committee.*

Bob Buholtz, chair of the Finance Committee gave a report on a recent meetings and decisions that focused on the Diocesan Capital Fund Campaign and discussion concerning St. Stephen's Parish debt. Our Diocese has once again come to our assistance by suggesting we delay the Capital Fund Appeal until current pledges for the Restoration project have been completed. The Diocese is asking us to conduct the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal. The Finance council is also discussing a Stewardship Appeal, which will help increase current giving to help meet the increase in annual expenses.

Discussion among those in attendance also included suggestions on how to raise money to help pay the parish debt. Several suggestions made will be discussed at future meetings. Current pledges will not be sufficient to make substantial payments on the debt.

