

# *The Catholic Community of St. Stephen St. Patrick*

**Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator**

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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As announced or by appointment

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Dear friends,

I have to admit that I'm glad that the Church connected today's readings for me – I hadn't thought about how, in ancient times, tradition and scripturally-based scruples overlapped, and extended into every aspect of human life. I wondered - why was washing hands before a meal so important? Was it a matter of simple hygiene for people living in an area where healthy living was valued and water was in short supply? Or had a practical matter been extended by scholars and teachers into an elitist, ceremonial issue?

Of course, Isaiah said "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts." I should have caught on! Perhaps these Pharisees carried ceremonies too far and were ignoring the need to help transform the hearts of their people.

We don't know who Jesus' disciples were – those who didn't wash their hands, that is. We don't know where they were from or what work they had left before coming to eat. But I do think that we can safely assume that Jesus' disciples were good people who weren't spiritually defiled by not ceremonially washing their hands before dinner. Jesus made that clear when he said:

"Hear me, all of you, and understand.  
Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person;  
but the things that come out from within are what defile.  
"From within people, from their hearts,  
come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder,  
adultery, greed, malice, deceit,  
licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.  
All these evils come from within and they defile."

Perhaps we can ask ourselves: Do we welcome people to the table of the Lord if they don't know – or follow - all our customs or rules? Would we welcome them into our homes to join our family for a meal if their clothing is soiled and their hands unwashed?

Jesus invited both the "washed – and the unwashed" to His table. I believe that He still does. We simply need to be one of His disciples.

Dorothy Hathway Forbes, CSJA

## Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, August 26, 2018

Stewardship  
Report

**Regular Collection:** Envs: \$2,526.90 Loose: \$576.

.....Total Regular Collection: \$3,102.90.

**Other Income:** Assumption-\$25. FaithFormationEnv-\$5. Rental-\$135. (AA@MCh)

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **Office:** \$60. **Picnic:** \$300. **SpiritPubli:** \$138.

**Utilities:** \$289. **Phone:** \$261. **Mo.Dio.Assess:** \$1,455. **ChR&M:** \$74. **Tithing:** \$446. (WPFoodPantry, CCSS-SP'sHumDev,ea)

**Salaries:** \$1,300. ....Total Bills Pd: \$2,458. **Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!** Bills To Be Pd Next Week: \$3,400.



Thank you to our generous parishioners who have made a pledge to the Annual HOPE Appeal so far. If you have not, please prayerfully consider making a pledge. Here's an example of what HOPE Appeal does: **Catholic TV** brings the gospel message to thousands of fellow Catholics who are not able to attend Mass. As family, we are called to serve each other. Please support the HOPE Appeal.

**2018 HOPE Appeal Goal:** \$18,570.02

**Pledges To Date:** \$ 7,461.59

**Balance Remaining:** \$11,108.43

Next Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, is the diocesan collection for **The Catholic University of America**, the national university of the Catholic Church in the U.S., located in Washington, D.C. CUA provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this collection, including many from our diocese. Please place your donation envelope in with the regular collection.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
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How can we explain our moral convictions without being labeled "judgmental?" Join Dr. Edward Sri as he explores what the Church teaches about truth and learn how to better explain it without fear of being "intolerant."

**KID's Korner:** Hildegard's Gift Discovering the Hidden Talent Within In this video version of the beloved picture book, St. Hildegard (feast day Sept. 17) receives a very special gift. It takes a lifetime to understand it, but when she does, this gift changes her whole world. **Parish Membership Code:** CFMRYY

**Reaching Out in Ministry** - We, as Church members, are called to serve others as Jesus did. In September we will distribute a Volunteer Booklet that describes the ministries that our church currently sponsors. Some of these are liturgical ministries and some are outreach opportunities. We ask that you ask the Spirit to guide your thoughts and prayers as you discern what God is calling you to. The following week we will have 'sign up Sunday.' This sign up will be for a one year commitment...not lifetime. Perhaps you would like to try a new ministry this year.



In today's gospel, Jesus warns, "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a lifetime are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child.

That is the good news! That can also be the bad news!

**Please Take Note:** As you take Eucharist from the Tabernacle to take to parishioners who are unable to attend mass, please be sure to lock the tabernacle when you are done. Thank you for attending to this and to serving the home-bound in our parish.

**Who Am I to Judge?** Presented by Dr. Edward Sri  
How can we stand up for truth in a world that says there is no truth?

Have you seen these??

**We have new booklets available!!**



**Welcome to Our Church and Your Guide for the Mass** booklet is two books in one. One side of the booklet explains our faith, roles in the Church, the sacraments, common prayers and more. Flip the book over and the other side is a worship aid with the Order of Mass and people's parts, as well as a commentary explaining why we do what we do. It's an ideal resource to develop our understanding and explanation of our Church and Mass. Pick one up from the table at the church entrance.

**Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry** - Thank you to those who donated spaghetti sauce this month for the Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry. During the month of **September** we are collecting **Jiffy Corn bread mix**.



There are marked baskets at the entrances of our churches.

Thank you for all your food & monetary donations.

➔ **Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.**

**Attention Ladies! Mark your calendars!**  
**The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference is coming on October 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Oncenter in Syracuse. For more information or to register online please visit [www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org](http://www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org).

**Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:** Major Corrine Miller, A2C Derek Lescord, Devon McGill, Joshua Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Lt. Cpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Sgt. Heather Fox, Brett Hayes, Captain Caleb Miller, Sgt. Megan Ballard, A1C Brendan Schneider, Kris Carstens, LC USMC Daniel Morehouse, SSG Steven Gross, USMC Staff Sgt. Dan Votra, Sgt. Nicholas Stone, Lt. Paul McDonald, Major John Thomas, Major Joy Thomas, Lt. Commander Marvin Joel Scott III, AF2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Emily Steele, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt. Jacob Rau, Sgt. Zachary Reardon USMC, Staff Sgt. Justin Blaisdell, Staff Sergeant Michael Hetzler, Lt. LCDR Maria Lescord, and our pastor, Lt. Colonel Douglas Cunningham. **If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.**



## Mission Statement for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen - St. Patrick

We are a Roman Catholic Community of faith, welcoming the strength found in diversity. We are committed to using our time, talent, and treasure in proclaiming the Kingdom of God through prayer, fellowship, and service.

We experience our unity at the Eucharistic Table of the Lord, and our direction from the Word of God.

If you know of parishioners that have not been able to come to Mass because they are homebound, please let the Parish Office know so our Hospitality Groups can provide contact with them through visits and cards, and perhaps they would like to receive a copy of our bulletin.



**Hospitalized or ill:** Please notify rectory or email [lcrowley@zfastest.net](mailto:lcrowley@zfastest.net) so we can provide for their/your spiritual needs.



If you know someone that is ill, facing surgery, or some other kind of difficulty, and needs our prayers, please call Dottie Angel at 656-9230 or Pat Canfield at 849-6978. They will lead the Prayer Chain we have at The CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church. Supporting each other with the Power of Prayer is the best medicine. If you are not on our Prayer Chain and would like to be, please call our Parish Office, 692-3911.

Our bulletin and OLPH's can be viewed online at [www.ccssp.com](http://www.ccssp.com).



Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick

### Parish Council

**Chairperson** - Don Alexy & Don Barry

**Vice-Chairperson** - John Mihalko

**Secretary** - Brittney Penrose

**Maintenance** - (Please call parish office w/maintenance concerns)

**Parish Business/Office Manager**-Mary Wied **Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday, Noon - Phone, Mail or Email, [ststephenstpat@syrdio.org](mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org)

### PARISH STAFF

**Director of Faith Formation** - Cecelia Carstens, 323-5114

**Ministry Coordinator**-Peg Orzel, porzel10@[yahoo.com](mailto:yahoo.com)

**Church Organist/Music Director** - Jennifer Cafferty

### Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday Sept. 02 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Johanna Wade**...by Nola McDonald

**10:30 AM** Marathon...for **Marge Carroll**...by John Carroll

**12:00 PM** OLPH...for **Antonia Buttigieg**...by Josephine Kellogg

Tuesday Sept. 04 **8:30 AM** Marathon...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Next Sunday Sept. 09 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...**Healing Mass For Fr. Doug**...by Mary Sculley

**10:30 AM** Marathon...for **Francis & Mary Zelsnack, Sr.**

by Aggie, Cathi, Martha, Bill, Paul & Luda Zelsnack

**12:00 PM** OLPH...for **Antonia Buttigieg**...by Josephine Kellogg

### Readings for the Week of September 2 through 9, 2018:

**Today: Dt 4:1-2,6-8; Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

**Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30**

**Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37**

**Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44**



**Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11**

**Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39**

**Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16,18-23**

**Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37**

The readings for today, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, begin with #1012, in our Journeysongs Hymnals.



**WP Ecumenical Food Pantry:** M-Th & Sat, 10am-Noon & Thurs Eve, 6-8pm. Closed Fridays, Holidays, & when school is closed for inclement weather. **Food Pantry Chairperson:** Roger Calice

**Clothing Bank:** M,Tu & Sat, 10am-Noon.

**Mobile Food Pantry:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Month at WP Church parking lot. Truck arrives around **9:30am** (unless holiday)



### Whitney Point

**Greeters:** Earl Markham, Chris Broderick

**Next Sunday:** Clements Family

**Lector:** Gene Jordan **Next Sunday:** Justin VanTassel

**Altar Servers:** Matthew Jordan, Nora Jordan

**Next Sunday:** Joslyn Wright, Josiah Lynch

### Marathon

Kristin Kashuba, Bob Barry

Dawn Odinek, Don Barry

**Lector:** Roseanne Holland **Next Sunday:** Mike Thayne

Angela Barry, Volunteer

Ryan Eaton, Volunteer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cathy Shoemaker, Cecelia Carstens, Sue McDonald

**Next Sunday:** Joe McDonald, Margaret Fabrocino, Pat Walter

Geoff Tyrrell, Shelley Warnow, Cindy Barry

Don & Karen Barry, Eric Barry

**Sept Ushers:** Gareet Van De Weert, Don Atwood

→→→ **NEW SCHEDULES IN OUR CHURCH SACRISTIES**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY SERVICE TO OUR PARISH!**



## This Week In Our Parish

Today, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fr. Lester Smith presiding at all 3 Masses  
 Monday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> Labor Day! Parish Office & WP Food Pantry/Clothing Bank Closed  
 Thursday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church  
 Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00am - Christian Men Of Faith Meeting - Whitney Point Church Hall  
 11:00am - Altar Server Training - Whitney Point Church  
 1:00pm - Altar Server Training - Marathon Church  
 Sunday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Catechetical Weekend - Whitney Point Church  
 9:20-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney Point Church Hall  
 12:00pm - Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting followed by class-WP Ch Hall



### Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

**Reading 1 - Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8**  
 Moses tells the Israelites to observe the commandments that God gave them.

**Reading 2 - James 1:17-18,21b-22,27**  
 James teaches that Christians should be doers of the Word.

**Gospel - Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**  
 Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us

**Adults:** *How do I prepare my heart to receive the transformative power of God's words?*

**Children:** *How do I welcome the words of Jesus into my heart?*



### FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

By now I am hoping that everyone received the Faith Formation Handbook and Registration forms; if not, please see Cecelia Carstens and I will have forms with me. Also, a change this year, we will be having classes for Kindergarten children as well.

Today, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, we welcome and thank **Fr. Lester Smith** as our Celebrant at our three Masses, while Fr. Doug is recuperating.

**Altar Servers:** There will be Altar Server meetings Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11am in the Church for all Whitney Point Altar Servers and at 1:00pm for all Marathon Altar Servers. Mr. Chris Lynch, our new Altar Server Coordinator, will lead this training. We ask that those who have been servers, as well as those who wish to become servers, attend. If you cannot attend please contact Mr. Lynch at amyandchrislynch@gmail.com.



### Fr. Doug had his surgery and all went well.

LET'S PRAY FOR... Please pray for a good and speedy recovery. If you would like to send Fr. Doug a card, his address is: 203 Lockwood Rd., Syracuse, NY 13214.



### Interested?

Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? If so, contact our parish office, 692-3911, for Kathy Cusick.



### Calling All

### Women Of Faith

There is a group from Cortland that will be meeting in St. Stephen's Parish Hall on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am.

Come and meet with us so we can exchange ideas. Hope to see you then.



### Come and Visit with Jesus

Did you know that every Thursday evening, for one hour, you can come and spend some time with Jesus? Eucharistic Adoration is just that; a chance to be within His presence and talk to him one on one. Come for a short amount of time or stay for all of it. This Thursday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, is at our Whitney Pt Church, at 7pm.



### The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the month of September in our Whitney Point Church:

the candlelight tells me that the blessed sacrament is in the tabernacle in memory of Jesus.

**NEEDED:** Someone to take a monthly turn (2-3x per year) to write the Prayers of the Faithful. There is a template and an e-publication to guide you with prayers to use or use as inspiration. Prayers are generally written in about 1 hour.

This would be a great Community Service project if you need hours for your HS diploma. Contact Mary at the parish office, 692-3911 or Carol Niggli, 849-6922 or clnteach@aol.com.

### Sanctuary Candles

If you'd like to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of a loved one, at our Whitney Pt. or Marathon Church, please call our parish office. Donation is \$20.00 for that month and memorial name(s) will be printed in bulletin.



Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **John Lantry** who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven. May he rest in peace.



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

### The Ecumenical Peace Garden

Applications for engraved bricks are available in the vestibule. If you have any questions you are welcome to call Ken or Sylvia Bates at 743-0170 or 743-6317.