

# The Catholic Community of St. Stephen St. Patrick

**Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 09, 2018

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As announced or by appointment

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In an excerpt from, An Invitation To Faith, edited by Jean-Michel Coulet, Pope Benedict XVI states, “*The person is the ‘measure of the dignity of work,’ according to the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church. For this reason, the Magisterium has always recalled the human dimension of the activity of work and has redirected it to its true aim...*” p.101. All activity in work carries a dignity by virtue of the dignity of the person doing it – a person who is created in the image and likeness of God. The dignity of a task is not set by an arbitrary standard.

The work people perform or desire is most usually esteemed according to a societal evaluation of the work rather than according to the value of the person performing it. Certainly, to everything there is a season, but all work starts in and with the person and so continues. Every person’s eternal dignity establishes the dignity of the work; therefore, we are exhorted in Colossians 3:23 to do all things to the best of our abilities - “*Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men.*”

Most reasonably then, if our work is given dignity because it is we who perform it, how much more should we simply and properly esteem ourselves and those among us. In Scripture, James tells us that we are not to assign others a value any lower than the image they bear. “*For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, ‘Have a seat here, please,’ while you say to the poor man, ‘Stand there,’ or, ‘Sit at my feet,’ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?*” James 2:2-4

Let us not become judges who carry or persist in evil thoughts but people who know how to judge truly – firstly, as concerns ourselves and then others; that is, as children of God loving one another as ourselves and ascribing eternal value to our tasks, “*knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ.*” Col. 3:24

Don Alexy



## Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, September 2, 2018

**Regular Collection:** Envs: \$2,788.50 Loose: \$580. Electronic: \$440. ....Total Regular Collection: \$3,808.50

**Other Income:** FaithFormationEnv-\$238.

*Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:* FuelOil: \$1,072.

**RectExp:** \$12. **Tithing:** \$100.(Sr.Kathleen) 455. **Salaries:** \$1,300. ....**Total Bills Pd:** \$2,484.

**Thank you for your time, talents and treasure!**

Bills To Be Pd Next Week: \$2,390.



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. The HOPE Appeal funds so many needed programs that serve many in our communities. It is important to meet our goal every year. There are extra envelopes at the entrances of our churches. Thank you.

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

**Pledges To Date:** \$ 8,001.59

**Balance Remaining:** \$10,568.43

Today, 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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We pray these recommendations help you cling to Christ amidst these stormy times in the Church

**Meet Six Saints Who Energized the Catholic Reformation**

In the midst of confusion and immorality, God sent saints to reform the Church.

**Parish Membership Code: CFMRYYY**



**A Family Perspective-**Because the deaf man in today's gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children ("Oh dad, not that again"), in parents ("It's just a stage") and in spouses ("Are you listening?"). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize deafness.

**Vocation View :** Jesus heals the blind and deaf man away from the crowd. He longs to deal with each of us one on one. Give him some alone time and ask what he desires for you and your future life. Trust in his power and plan. For more vocation information, visit [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org).



### Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry

During the month of **September** we are collecting **Jiffy Corn bread mix** for the Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry. There are marked baskets at the entrances of our churches. Thank you for all your food & monetary donations.

**CCSS-SP's 50/50 Envelope Raffle for August** was won by John Carroll, winning \$70.00. Congratulations! There were 28 participants in August. Thank you to all who do, this monthly raffle funds our parish's Capital Account, which funds repairs needed. Proceeds are split between it and winner. There are extra envelopes at the entrances of our churches.

### **BENEFIT CONCERT FOR SR. BRIGID O'MAHONY'S HAITI MISSION SITE**

featuring the St. James Folk Group, directed by Pat Foley and Jan DeAngelo, will be held Saturday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at St. James Church, 147 Main St., Johnson City. A free will donation will be collected at the door, or donations may be sent to Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus, Inc., Providence House, 396 Conklin Ave., Binghamton, NY 13901, or donations may be made online at [findingthetreasure.org](http://findingthetreasure.org).

For more information, call 607-648-8590.



**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.

**Bishop Cunningham has asked that next Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>,** be a day of prayer and fasting for all Catholics as suggested by our Holy Father, with the intention of The Church asking for forgiveness and for the healing of victims of abuse, "to open our eyes and our hearts to other people's sufferings and to overcome the thirst from power and possessions that are so often roots of evil. May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and disabled."

**Fasting** Often, we show our love by sacrificing, by giving something up. Sacrifice, in its various forms, out of love for the Lord Jesus is a powerful action that can yield great graces.

**Prayer** Various forms of prayer are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2623-2649). These various forms include prayer of blessing or adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of intercession, prayer of thanksgiving, and prayer of praise.

**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.ccsssp.com](http://www.ccsssp.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

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

### Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday	Sept. 09	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point... <b>Healing Mass For Fr. Doug</b> ...by Mary Sculley <b>10:30 AM</b> Marathon...for <b>Francis &amp; Mary Zelsnack, Sr.</b> by Aggie, Cathi, Martha, Bill, Paul & Luda Zelsnack <b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH...for <b>Antonia Buttigieg</b> ...by Josephine Kellogg
Tuesday	Sept. 11	<b>8:30 AM</b> Marathon...for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b>
Next Sunday	Sept. 16	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>Maureen Zimmerman, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</b> ...by Paul O'Donnell <b>10:30 AM</b> Marathon...for <b>Doug Smith, 12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.</b> ...by The Family <b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH...for <b>Matthew Ricca</b> ...by Pat & Terri Fedele



### Readings for the Week of September 9 through 16, 2018:

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

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26



**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27

**Next Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

The readings for today, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, begin with #1015, 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)



**SERVING THIS WEEK**



### Whitney Point

**Greeters:** Clements Family

**Next Sunday:** Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker

**Lector:** Justin VanTassel **Next Sunday:** Roger Calice

**Altar Servers:** Joslyn Wright, Josiah Lynch

**Next Sunday:** Lana Jordan, Isaac Jordan

### Marathon

Dawn Odinek, Don Barry

Marie Joseph, Alice Sliter

**Lector:** Mike Thayne **Next Sunday:** Brandon Tyrrell

Ryan Eaton, Volunteer

Stephen Eaton, Volunteer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joe McDonald, Margaret Fabrocino, Pat Walter

**Next Sunday:** Ann Calice, Peg Orzel, Emily Jordan

Don & Karen Barry, Eric Barry  
Linda Caminiti, Kathy Cusick, Dawn Odinek

**Sept Ushers:** Garret 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. 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**

**7:00pm - Women's Faith Group Meeting - Whitney Point Parish House**

**7:00-8:00pm - Adoration - Marathon Church**

**10:00am - Ecumenical Women of Faith Meeting - Marathon Church Hall**

**Catechetical Weekend - Marathon Church**

**8:50-10:30am - Faith Formation Classes - Marathon Church Hall**

**Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**



### Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

#### Reading 1 - Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah prophesies about God's vindication

#### Reading 2 - James 2:1-5

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

#### Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

**Adults:** *Where in your life do you want greater openness?*

**Children:** *What does my belief in Jesus mean to me?*



### FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Today, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Faith Formation classes begin for Whitney Point. The Confirmation

Parent/Student meeting will be at 12:00pm today, followed by class.

Next Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Faith Formation classes begin at Marathon.



### 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 10am.

The focus is Changing Seasons. The project is food for the Food Pantry in Whitney Point. Come and meet with us so we can exchange ideas. Hope to see you then.

**Transportation Ministry**-If anyone is interested in participating in a ministry for driving visiting Priests to/from the airport when they come to our churches on behalf of missions, please let our office know, 692-3911. We would like to build a list of people who would be willing to volunteer for this ministry and when the need arises, Mary will call you to see if you are available.



### Women's Faith Group

All women are invited to join us in reading and discussing the scripture readings for the Sunday Liturgy. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7pm at the Whitney Pt Parish House. Come when you can and enjoy the prayer, conversation and refreshments.

**Next meeting is tomorrow evening, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.**

### Welcome Visitors and

**New Members!** We welcome all visitors and new members to our parish. Be sure to ask any questions or things you wonder about our parish.



**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.



### 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. 13<sup>th</sup>, is at our Marathon Church, at 7pm.

### Volunteer Booklet

Our volunteer booklet for the year 2018-19 is included in this weeks bulletin. Please take it home, read through it and see what ministry(ies) the Holy Spirit might be calling you to. In the next few weeks we will have a ministry signup during which we will ask you to indicate what way you wish to serve within the parish and/or community outreach. We are all given talents by God and there are plenty of ways to share them. If you have any questions, please contact Peg Orzel, ministry coordinator. 607 372 7036.

### Fr. Doug is recuperating at

**home.** 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.



### 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.

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



### 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.