Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick

Church Bulletin

Second Sunday Of Lent

March 17, 2019

The Catholic Community of St. Stephen — St. Patrick

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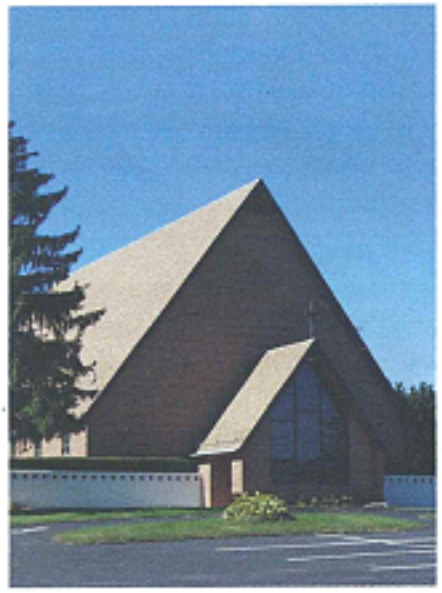

When Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain, they were given a foretaste, or a moment's glimpse of what heaven would be like. There on that mountain, stood Jesus in all of his glory, transfigured (transformed) before them.
Did the disciples really understand what happened in that moment? Did they recognize the importance of that experience?
It is like the boy in the following story:
"A little boy, who was blind, was taken to a famous specialist who said that an operation might give him sight. After the delicate operation was over, the little fellow opened his eyes and looked at his mother. But he did not know her, knowing only the sound of her voice and the touch of her hand. But when the mother spoke his name, his little arms went around her neck and he said, "Mother, is this heaven?" For them, it was at least a foretaste of heaven.
For us, though we have heard God's voice in his Word and felt the loving touch of his guiding hand, it will truly be heaven when we see him face to face. However, even now, God is present to us though we may not always be aware of his being there. There are times amidst the clouds of daily life, that there is a break and the sun or light shines through and we see him, as much as we are capable, not his face or body, but the warmth of his loving touch in our hearts.
There are also times when we can sense God's presence in others and it can be transforming for us. Father Joseph Langford, who co-founded the Missionaries of Charity Fathers, wrote about the affect Mother Teresa had on his life:
You are sitting with Mother Teresa, watching her smile as her loving eyes take in everything about you, feeling the comfort of her strong hands on yours, the aura of holiness around her person, the solace of her gentle words. You watch her tend to the sick and the dying, going out of her way to perform the smallest gestures of care and compassion: the caress on a weary brow, the squeeze of a hand. You see her in the back of the chapel in Calcutta, immobile and bent in prayer, lost in God. In her I felt the presence of God and it transformed my life."
There are ordinary saints in our own lives who exude such love and joy that they transform us for the better. For me it is Susan. Susan is a widow, who is a winter resident in the RV Park where Ken and I spend the winter months. Susan lost her beloved husband a few years ago and she decided then that she could crawl inside herself and live in pain or she could live each day as a blessing to others. Well, Susan is truly a ray of sunshine even on the cloudiest day. She whistles and sings as she walks her little dog Fozzy. As she rides past your home on her bike she hollers out "Howdy, Howdy, Howdy." She joins in every one of the campground activities including painting classes. She finds beauty in each of our paintings and points out the goodness in every person she meets. Everyone knows her and loves her… You see, Susan helps us see goodness, beauty and joy in everyday and that is transforming.

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Weekly Stewardship Report: Sunday, March 10, 2019

Regular Collection: Envs: $2,592. **Loose:** $478. ……..…….....**Total Regular Collection: $3,070.**

Diocesan Collection: Church of EastEurope-$71. Blk&NatAmer-$67. **Other Income:** Flowers-$140. Fuel-$20. CathSun-$20.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **AdultFaithForm:** $50. **Donation:** $527. (WPFPantry)

Office: $189. **Phone:** $88. **CathSun:** 126. **Salaries:** $1,200. ……**Total Bills Paid This Week: $2,180.**

Thank you for your time, talents and treasure! Bills To Be Pd Next Week: $3,705.

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the collections for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Black, Native American and Hispanic Ministry.

Our bulletin & OLPH's can be viewed online at www.ccsssp.com

Our face book page: www.facebook.com/ccsssp

CCSS-SP's 50/50-There were28 participants in February's 50/50 and the winners were Dennis & Jackie Wright, winning $70.00. Congratulations! Thank you to all who participate in this raffle; proceeds are split between winner and our parish's Capital Account, which is for big church repairs. If you are not an envelope user or if you would like to try your luck more than once, there are extra 50/50 envelopes at the entrances of our churches.

FORMED | THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND. **The Trials of Saint Patrick**-There's More to St. Patrick than Shamrocks and Snakes Follow St. Patrick on his dramatic journey through hardship and loss to mercy and forgiveness. His story will come to life in Augustine Institute Radio Theatre's highly -acclaimed audio drama. **Parish Code: CFMRYY**

A Row to Grow - Lisle Community Garden

Would you, your family, business or group like to sponsor a row to grow? The cost is free! You will be provided: a row in a garden, tools to plant and weed, gardening know how by T. Smith and other experienced gardeners and a sponsorship sign for your row. **We have rows available in our garden behind our Whitney Point Church. Contact Lisle Community Garden on Facebook or Tressa Marie Smith on Facebook**.

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the month of March in our Whitney Pt Church is In Memory Of:

Dara Courtney Baxter

by Wayne & Mary Ann Wood

Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry -During the month of **March** we are collecting **pasta** for the Whitney Pt. Ecumenical Food Pantry. **We are in need of any food donations.** There are marked baskets at the entrances of our churches. Thank you for all your food & monetary donations.

Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of
Fr. Alfred Bebel
who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven.
May he rest in peace.

CCSS-SP's Maplefest Pasta Dinner is Saturday, April 6th, at our Marathon Church Hall. The sign up sheets will be at the entrances of the churches following Mass this weekend. The dinner is 4-7pm and there are more times available as we will be doing lunches for vendors this year also. If you would like to help but are not available for that weekend, we have other options available for your help and for that you can contact Brittney Penrose at rosecenara@gmail.com.

At Our Marathon Church:

Fr. Doug has given the OK to dispose of our VHS tapes. They are on the table in the entrance to the church for you to take today . Please remember that we have access to Formed.org to watch at home, too.

Attention Marathon parents. We offer a children's pamphlet with activities that address the readings of the Sunday Mass. They're available on Sundays when Faith Formation classes are not in session. Please ask the greeters or help yourself from the Journey Songs tables. There is a preschool/early school student and older child version.

The Vision Box for the Marathon setting will be on the table at the church entrance (vestibule). Papers and writing tools are there for you to fill out at your leisure and return to the box.

IGNITE 2019 Catholic Men's Conference

Attention men of the parish, time is running out.

The theme for the 11th Annual IGNITE Men's Conference is *Exalt: O God be Merciful to me a Sinner*. As usual there are 3 tremendous speakers that will challenge all who attend. You can be part of it on Saturday, March 30th, at the SRC Arena & Event Center for an amazing day that will have a tremendous impact on you. You can register for the Conference online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org, see forms at entrances of our churches, or speak with John Mihalko or Don Barry. Sign up now. Limited seating available.

Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: *Major Corrine Miller, A2C Derek Lescord, Devon McGill, Joshua Lilley, PV2 James McGill, LCpl John Larkin,Jr., USMC, Sgt Heather Fox, Brett Hayes, Captain Caleb Miller, Sgt Megan Ballard, A1C Brendan Schneider, Daniel Morehouse USMC, Sgt Jacob Rau, SSG Steven Gross, USMC SSgt Dan Votra, Sgt Nicholas Stone, Lt Paul McDonald, Major John Thomas, Major Joy Thomas, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, 2nd Lt. Emily Steele USAF, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, SSgt Michael Hetzler, LCDR Maria Lescord, and our pastor, LtCol 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.**

As we think about the gospel for today and the Lenten season we are in, let us ask God to transform our lives into a blessing for others. Maybe by loving each other the way God loves us, we will also be given a little foretaste of heaven.

Sylvia Bates

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 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.

Parish Council

Chairperson *- John Mihalko*
Vice-Chairperson *- Don Barry*
Secretary *- Brittney Penrose*

PARISH STAFF

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Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday	Mar. 17	**8:30 AM** Whitney Point…for **Patricia Campbell,** ***Birthday***…by Buck Campbell for **Betty Czebiniak**…by Paul O'Donnell
		10:30 AM *Marathon…for* ***The People Of Our Parish***
		12:00 PM OLPH…for **Antonia Buttigieg**…by Josephine Kellogg for **Nola McDonald**…by Betty Potter
Tuesday	Mar. 19	**8:30 AM** *Marathon…for* ***The People Of Our Parish***
Sunday	Mar 24	**8:30 AM** Whitney Point…for **Emma Jean Mattern**…by Al & Colleen Parsells, Jr. for **Elsie Zelsnack**…by Elsie Poyer for **Betty Czebiniak**…by CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee
		10:30 AM *Marathon…for* ***Local Members of the clergy who have abused & for those who have been harmed****…by a participant in the Independent Reconciliation Compensation Program*
		12:00 PM OLPH…**Celebration Mass for Ellie Auberger's 80th Birthday**

Readings for the Week of March 17 through March 24, 2019:

Today: Gn 15:5-12,17-18; **Phil** 3:17--4:1; **Lk** 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; **Lk** 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; **Rom** 4:13,16-18,22; **Mt** 1:16,18-21,24a
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; **Mt** 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; **Lk** 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; **Mt** 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; **Lk** 15:1-3,11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15; **1 Cor** 10:1-6,10-12; **Lk** 13:1-9

The readings for today, Second Sunday of Lent, begin with #908, 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: 1st Friday of Month at WP Church parking lot. Truck arrives around **10:00am** (unless holiday)

SERVING THIS WEEK

	Whitney Point	Marathon
Greeters:	Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker	Marie Joseph, Colleen Brown
Next Sunday:	Ingrid Jordak, Peggy Kemp	Garret & Joyce Van De Weert
Lector:	Jason Somers	Kathy Cusick
Next Sunday:	Justin VanTassel	Roseanne Holland
Altar Servers:	Aidan Lynch, Lucca Lynch	Angela Barry, Ryan Eaton
Next Sunday:	Ian McMullen, Grace Russell	Alex Votra, Seamus Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers:	Peg Orzel, Cathy Shoemaker, Pat Walter	Eric Barry, Dawn Odinek, Cindy Barry
Next Sunday:	Mary Jo Whitehead, Pat Walter, Cecelia Carstens	Kathy Cusick, Mike Thayne, Geoff Tyrrell
Children's Liturgy Leader:	Patty Clements	**March Ushers:** Wayne Niggli, Bob Barry
Next Sunday:	Jackie Wright	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY SERVICE TO OUR PARISH!

This Week In Our Parish

Today, Mar. 17th **St. Patrick's Day Brunch** - Whitney Point Church Hall, following 8:30am Mass
First Eucharist Presentation of the Word - Marathon and OLPH Masses
Tuesday, Mar. 19th **9:30am - CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee Meeting** - Whitney Point Church Hall
Thursday, Mar.21st **7:00pm - Adoration** - Whitney Point Church
Friday, Mar. 22nd **3:00pm - Stations of the Cross** - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnatus
Saturday, Mar. 23rd **8:00am - Christian Men Of Faith Meeting** - Whitney Point Church Hall
Sunday, Mar. 24th **9:20-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes** - Whitney Point Church Hall
12:00-2:00pm - Confirmation Class - Whitney Point Church Hall

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

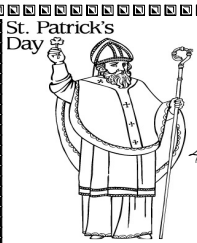
Reading 1 - Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
God makes a covenant with Abraham, promising him many descendants.

Reading 2 - Philippians 3:17-4:1
(or shorter form, Philippians 3:20-4:1)
Paul encourages the Philippians to remain firm in their faith that Christ will subject all things to himself.

Gospel - Luke 9:28b-36
Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, John, and James

Adults: *How are your priorities affected by your faith in Jesus Christ?*

Children: *When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?*



Join Us Today for Brunch
Come on down after the 8:30am Mass to enjoy live music by the 4 Corners String Band, good food, door prizes and fun conversation.

Today, at the 8:30am Mass, 1st Eucharist students will receive their bibles during

The Presentation of the Word.

Lenten Resources - We have several choices of booklets for your Lenten reading available at the church entrances. Browse through and take home what looks good to you. Also, there are MANY resources on Formed.org. Book, movies, and studies to enhance your Spiritual journey during Lent. Remember our parish bought Formed .org as a gift for each of us to use through out the year.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl - *Encounter Annet*
In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family who are forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

The Stations of the Cross-We will not have Stations of the Cross this year at either Whitney Point nor Marathon ➔Our nearest churches praying Stations on Fridays are Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cincinnatus at 3:00pm, St. Mary's/St. Anthony's, Cortland, at 6:30pm (alternating) & Most Holy Rosary, Maine at 7pm

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, March 21st, is at our Whitney Point Church, 7pm.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S/ ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE meets on the third Tuesday of every month in our Whitney Point Church Hall. The next meeting is this Tuesday, March 19th, 9:30am. All are welcome to attend.

Do you need occasional help
……..with yard work, shopping, paying bills, transportation to an appointment, etc. We have volunteers who might be able to help. Call Karen Barry, 423-6584 or email Karen at kmb286@cornell.edu.

Additional Volunteers needed for our Neighbor to Neighbor Program.
If you are able to occasionally assist someone who needs help with one of the following: drive someone to an appointment, help write checks, do yard work, grocery shop, or provide a cooked meal during a time of sickness or hospitalization, please contact Karen Barry at 423-6584 or kmb286@cornell.edu. You will be contacted by email when a need arises and if you can help you respond 'yes'. If you can't help that time, you do not need to respond.

Living Stations of the Cross - *Presented by youth from Blessed Trinity/St. Patrick Parish, St. Margaret Mary Church, Tioga County.* All are invited to the 43rd annual Living Stations of the Cross. This prayerful and moving re-enactment will be presented at St. Anthony's Church, Pomeroy St., Cortland, on **Friday, March 29th at 7 PM.** The performance is free and open to all. Youth will be accepting a free-will offering after the performance to help defray program costs.

CCSS-SP's Lenten Penance Service will be on Wednesday, April 10th, at 7:00pm at our Marathon Church. Fr. Doug and other priests will be available to hear confessions. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this meaningful experience, as we prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

A Family Perspective
Jesus "went up the mountain to pray" and was "changed." Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend 5 minutes in prayer together.

TRUST IN GOD
Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.