



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
ST. STEPHEN - ST. PATRICK



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Tuesdays at Whitney Point Church,
8am & after 8:30am Mass

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

From Our Pastor: A D V E N T  M E S S A G E

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Last weekend we spoke about the call to WAIT. But as troublesome as that can sometimes be, it doesn't mean to be idle or passive in our waiting.

The Scriptures are today calling our waiting to be ACTIVE! Active in announcing what we are waiting for. The Coming of the Messiah will usher in peace, justice and charity. And that is what we can and must be about in our Advent Season.

Be at peace with yourself, with others, with your God. Work for peace where you see turmoil.

Deal justly with your family members, fellow neighbors and parishioners. Speak out against injustice when you encounter it.

Give charitably to others, thinking of yourself last and others first.

Our waiting cannot be passive, as we are challenged to be the Messengers announcing the Kingdom of God is at hand!

May god bless us and may Mary keep us always in His love!

Fr. Corey

Immaculata Award Winners

Congratulations to our Immaculata Award Recipients. Thanks for all you do for us!

**Ingrid Jodak - Whitney Point / Carol Niggli - Marathon
Bob & Linda Crowley - Cincinnatus**

They will receive their awards today at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse, 2:30pm.

It will be live streamed via Catholic Television:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/syrdio> .

CARMELITE STUDY GROUP - The inaugural gathering of the Carmelite Study Group will be on Saturday, 01/08/22 at 10AM in St. Joseph's Church Hall, Endicott. The Group's first study will be Lectio Divina and the Practice of Teresian Prayer by Sam Anthony Morello, OCD. For questions and book orders, please call 729-5982 and leave a message with best time to return call.



This next event in Carmelite history is truly "a big move." It precipitates several significant changes, including their living conditions, their means of support, their rule, and their habit.

MOVING ON

By about 1238, the Saracen slaughter forced the surviving Carmelite hermits to escape to Western Europe where unfavorable conditions necessitated their becoming mendicant friars (that is, itinerant begging preachers.)



This is the 16th article in a series. Please stay with us on our Carmelite journey.

To access our 8:30am Sunday Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>

Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, November 28, 2021

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,926. Loose: \$910. Total Regular Collection: \$2,836.
Diocesan Collections: HumDev-\$130. WorldMission-\$10. **Other Income:** Flowers-\$105. MiscDonation-\$200.
Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **Fuel/Oil:** \$1,028. **Phone/Int:** \$123.
Utilities: \$184. **Office:** \$400. **Salaries:** \$1,500. Bills Pd This Week: \$3,235.
Thank you for your time, talent and treasure to your parish! Bills to be paid next week: \$4,932.



Collection for Retired Religious - This year, the Diocese of Syracuse will take part in the National Collection for Retired Religious.

The collection will be held today, December 5th, and donations go to the National Religious Retirement Office to assist religious communities of both men and women as they care for their elderly members who have given their lives in service to the Church in schools, hospitals, parishes and many and varied works of mercy.

We have a few envelopes at the Church entrances. Please be as generous as you are able. You may place your gift envelope in with the regular collection.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/guadalupe-the-miracle-and-the-message>

WATCH: FORMED Now! Do We Make Too Much of Mary? Throughout our Marian feast days, you might wonder why Catholics think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.

<https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/formed-live-do-we-make-too-much-of-mary>

WATCH: Marian Dogmas with Brant Pitre - Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/pints-aquinas-mariandogmas-pitre> **Visit Formed.org, select our parish**



Vocation View: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths". In this Advent season, how are you preparing your heart and soul for Christ? What path is Christ calling you down? Call Fr. Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or vocations@syrdio.org.

Whitney Point Clothing Bank - The clothing bank is in need of winter coats, (especially children's) hats, gloves and blankets. Items can be dropped off in outside bin at clothing bank or when opened: Mon, Tues & Sat, 10am-12pm. Thank you!

Divine Treasures - Put Christ Back In Christmas!

Please call Divine Treasures for all your inspirational gift needs. We have advent candles, nativities, ornaments, boxed Christmas cards and much more! We will be offering a 15% discount on all Christmas items and 10% on all other inventory from Small Business Saturday through December. We are located at the St Anthony's & St Mary's Parish Center, 59 N. Main St., Cortland.

Please Note: Due to Covid safety precautions, we are asking that you call Sue at 607-423-5871 for curbside pickup. Sue is available at the Parish Center Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Pray and See the Mystery Unfold: A Virtual Advent Retreat

With Dr. Caroline Farey-Slow down and nourish your soul this Advent. Come and listen to the psalms from midday prayer while contemplating Sacred Art from the ages. See in a new way, the momentous mystery of God becoming man for our sake, in images that will be deep and inspiring, offering you a moment of God's loving presence beautifully portrayed.

December 9th from 12pm -1:30pm

Register for Zoom Meeting @ bit.ly/joyfulhope2021



Hope Appeal 2021-"You Are The Salt Of The Earth"

HOPE Appeal

Many thanks to those who have pledged already!

You have helped fund many services the diocese provides to our parishes, schools, and to all Catholics that would be difficult for even the most prosperous parishes to undertake on their own. If you have not already pledged, please do so by simply filling out the form mailed to you or fill out a form from the pews at church and return them via the collection basket or by mail. Make checks payable to: HOPE Appeal. You may also make a secure gift online at www.syrdio.org. The official end of the campaign is December 31st.

Our parish goal this year is \$17,661.84

Pledges to date: \$15,875.84

Balance remaining: \$ 1,786.00

Picks of the Week: WATCH: Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE

May God help us prepare the way of the Lord by acting with tenderness and compassion, especially toward the most vulnerable among us; *We pray to the Lord:*



CCSS-SP's 50/50 - There were 15 participants in our 50/50 for November and the winner was Christine Hurlbut, winning \$37.50. Congratulations! Thank you to all who participate. Proceeds are split between winner and our parish's capital building fund account. There are extra 50/50 envelopes at the entrances of our churches. Cost is \$5.00 per envelope.

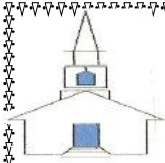
Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.



Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:

- 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, Sgt Megan Ballard, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, SSG Jacob Rau, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Major John Thomas, Major Joy Thomas, Daniel Morehouse USMC, Sgt Nicholas Stone, Sgt Heather Fox, LCDR Paul McDonald, USMC SSgt Dan Votra, SSG Steven Gross, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, LCDR Maria Lescord, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, A1C Brendan Schneider, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF & Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC

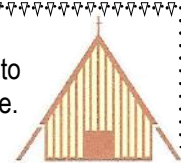
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.



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 ill, hospitalized or homebound, please let the Parish Office know so our Hospitality Groups can provide contact with them through visits and cards, or any spiritual needs such as communion, and perhaps they would like to receive a copy of our bulletin.



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 & OLPH's can be viewed online at www.ccssp.com



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

Parish Council

Chairperson - Dan Burke, dburke1114@gmail.com
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PARISH STAFF

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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

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, Dec. 05	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Catherine & Leslie Holden ...by Ann Thayne for John Cronin ...by Mary Ann Wood	
	10:30 AM Marathon...for Bill Sliter ...by Roanna Askew for Marge Carroll ...by John Carroll	
	12:00 PM OLPH...for Joe Auberger ...by Andy & Peg Bogdanski for Antonia Buttigieg ...by Josephine Kellogg	
Tuesday, Dec.07	8:30 AM Whitney Point... Ann Ryan ...by Orzel & Jordan Families	
Wednesday, Dec. 08	8:30 AM Whitney Point... The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Thursday, Dec. 09	8:30 AM Marathon...for Vladislav Andreyev ...by Paul & Luda Zelsnack	
Sunday, Dec. 12	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Green & Lee Families ...by Family for Ann Ryan ...by Mike & Mary Lou Heller for Charles Putnum ...by Mary Jo Whitehead	
	10:30 AM Marathon...for Jean Mayer ...by Patricia & Ralph Canfield	
	12:00 PM OLPH...for Joe Auberger ...by Chris Klein for Maria & Salvu Buttigieg ...by Josephine Kellogg	

Readings for the Week of December 5 through 12, 2021:

Today: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38



Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

WP Ecumenical Food Pantry: M-Th & Sat, 10am-Noon, Closed Fridays, Holidays, & when school is closed for inclement weather.

Food Pantry Chairperson: Roger Calice **Dec's Pantry Need:** Peanut Butter & Jelly **WPClothing Bank:** M,T & Sat, 10am-Noon

The Mobile Food Truck is at Fairgrounds the **2nd Wednesday of each month**. Registration is required (begins the day before the truck) and is on line or by calling the Southern Tier Mobile Food Truck Food Bank of the Southern Tier - NY (foodbankst.org) 607.796.6061

SERVING THIS WEEK



Whitney Point

Greeters: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker
Next Sunday: Peggy Kemp, Cathy Cummings
Lector: Gene/Matthew Jordan
Next Sunday: Ingrid Jordak

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Peg Orzel

Next Sunday: Cathy Shoemaker, Margaret Fabrocino

Tabulators: Orzels **Next Sunday:** Bensleys

Marathon

Garret & Joyce Van De Weert
McEvoy Family
Kathy Cusick
Rose Ann Holland
Don Barry, Eric Barry
Cindy Barry, Geoff Tyrrell

Atwoods **Next Sunday:** Atwoods

Dec Ushers: Don Atwood, Jim Holland

For Jan-March ministry schedule please sign up through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/9dd83s8m> If you have any questions, please contact Justin VanTassel at jvantassel@gmail.com or 607-343-9577.

→→The new Lector Workbooks are in our church sacristies.



This Week In Our Parish

Today, Dec. 5th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church
9:30-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney Point Church Hall
10:30am Mass at Marathon Church / 12:00pm Mass at OLPH Church, Cincinnati

Tuesday, Dec. 7th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

Wednesday, Dec. 8th

8:30am Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - WP Church

Thursday, Dec. 9th

8:30am Mass at Marathon Church
7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church

Sunday, Dec. 12th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church
10:30am Mass at Marathon Church / 12:00pm Mass at OLPH Church, Cincinnati

**Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion**

Reading 1 - Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem shall see the splendor
of God's glory

Reading 2 - Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Paul prays for the Philippians.

Gospel - Luke 3:1-6

John preaches repentance and baptizes
in the region of the Jordan.

Adults: *In what areas of your life do you
need God's forgiveness right now?
What Advent practice would assist you
in expressing your repentance?*

Children: *What do you want to ask God
to forgive you for? What can you do
during Advent to show you are sorry?*

More Opportunities For Reconciliation with

Fr. Corey: **Advent Penance Service** next
Sunday, December 12th, at 4 PM at St Mary's
Church, Cortland. A number of priests will be
available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Light Is On For You -Monday,
December 20th, between 4:00pm and
7:00pm at our Whitney Point Church only.



**Christmas Season
Schedule**

Friday, December 24th,
Christmas Eve:
4:00pm Vigil Mass
at our Marathon Church
6:00pm Vigil Mass
at our Whitney Pt Church

Saturday, December 25th, Christmas Day:
10:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Church, Cincinnati

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: This week we celebrate two important feasts of Mary—the Immaculate Conception on December 8 and Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. Even though she was conceived without sin and became the Mother of God, Mary never ceased to be an advocate for the poor. In her Magnificat, she praised God for lifting up the meek and the lowly. And she told Juan Diego, a poor indigenous Mexican man, that he had dignity and that she loved him. This week's challenge is to pray in solidarity with those of Mexican descent who have a special devotion to Our Lady. If your parish doesn't have a special celebration the morning of December 12, find one that does and join in serenading this special woman.

Second Week of Advent - The Candle of Peace
*Heavenly Father, Lord of All, come and fill this world with your peace.
May there be an end to hatred and division among your people..
Heal the bitterness and hurt in my own heart.*

*In this season of Advent, prepare my heart for the coming of Jesus, our
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!



*"The child to be born
will be holy;
he will be called
Son of God."* Luke 1:35

**The Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
is Wed., December 8th.

It is a Holy Day of
Obligation. Fr. Corey
will say 8:30am Mass
at our Whitney Point Church only.

Other Churches: Vigil Masses: Dec. 7th,
5:30 PM at St Anthony's & St. Mary's, Cortland
Masses: Dec. 8th, 12 PM/St Margaret's, Homer
12:10 PM/St Mary's, Cortland



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

**Helmut Melzer &
Daina Freimanis**
by Vella Melzer

In Memory of...

in our Marathon Church:
George Hinman, Bill & Helen Appleby
by Claire Hinman



A Family Perspective-Today's
gospel shows John the Baptist and
parents have similar vocations. Like the
Baptist, parents are asked to make
"rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the
way of the Lord" for their families.
This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or
help my family to know Jesus?"



Christmas Stars

Our Christmas Stars are available
at the church entrances. We have been
asked to provide gifts for 55 children this
year. Each child will have a star for a shirt,
jeans, pajamas, a toy or game and then
Human Dev. funds will be used to purchase
socks and underwear for each child.
If you are able to help out please take as
many stars as you can, purchase and wrap
the gifts and return them to church **on or
before next Sunday, Dec. 12th. Please
only put the requested item in the box or
bag so that all children in the family will
receive the same number of presents.**

EWTN Advent Gift-Does Advent
sometimes pass by too quickly without
you preparing your heart for Christmas?
If we take the time to pause and reflect
during Advent, we will be able to better
appreciate the celebration of His birth
during the Christmas season. Our Lord
came to earth for each one of us - this
is glorious news that we shouldn't take
for granted! This is why Fr. Joseph
Mary Wolfe, EWTN's chaplain,
prepared a series of Advent reflections
that will guide you through both Advent
and Christmas. Our hope is that these
reflections will help you turn your gaze
to the Infant in the manger. To get this
free series of weekly Advent reflections
from Fr. Joseph, along with an eBook
that features all of the reflections,
please visit ewtn.com/adventreflections.
May you grow in the love of Jesus
this Advent and Christmas.

The 2022 calendars are now available
at the entrances of our churches.
Please take one for yourself and for
any homebound person you know.