

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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BULLETIN

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8am & after 8:30am Mass

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

From Our Pastor:

Brothers and sisters, how appropriate that in the midst of the Octave of Christmas, the whole Church interjects the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God! This truth is announced in the prophecies of the Old Testament, proclaimed in the Gospels of the New Testament, defined throughout history by several Councils of the church, and beloved always by the faithful.

More importantly, we know her Son, Jesus Christ, and hopefully are in personal relationships with Him. We know He is God made man, that Mary is his mother; thus, she is the Mother of God, Mother of the Church (the Body of Christ) and our Mother, given to us from Christ Himself, from the Cross!

No wonder the church celebrates her in the midst of Christmas; she's like the star on top of our Christmas trees. After all, we all need a loving powerful mother, and we certainly have one in Mary, the Mother of God! God Bless and May Mary keep us always in His love!

Fr. Corey



CARMELITE STUDY GROUP - The inaugural gathering of the Carmelite Study Group will be on Saturday, 01/08/22, 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.

Last week we left off with St. Teresa's Discalced reform. This week we see how the Discalced Carmelites have grown over four-plus centuries and how their ranks include several illustrious saints and doctors of the Church.

CARMELITE SAINTS-Three Carmelite saints are Doctors of the Church: Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, and Therese of Lisieux. Other Carmelite Saints include Elizabeth of the Trinity, Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein) and Louis and Zelig Martin among others.

This is the 20th article in our Carmelite series. Please be sure to look for our next topic.





Weekly Stewardship Report: Christmas & Last Sunday, December 26, 2021

Christmas Collection: Envs: \$ 2,031. Loose: \$ 947.

Total Christmas Collection: \$ 2,978.

Regular Collection: Envs: \$ 2,625. Loose: \$492.

Total Regular Collection: \$ 3,117.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **Dumpster:** \$152. (2mos.) **Office:** \$174.

ChExps: \$58. **RectExp:** \$221. **MoDioAssess:** \$2,160. **Missals:** \$253. **Utilities:** \$717. **Ph/Int:** \$123.

Salaries: \$1,500. **Bills Pd This Week:** \$5,358.

Bills to be paid next week: \$2,697.

Thank you for your time, talent and treasure to your parish!



HOPE Appeal 2021

Thank you to Kathy Bensley for doing the bookkeeping for our HOPE Appeal.

2022 Boxed Contribution Envelopes are now available at the entrances of our churches. If you are an envelope user please look for your 2022 box. Thank you for your ongoing generosity that keeps our parish running smoothly.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Picks of the Week: God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper <https://watch.formed.org/god-s-doorkeeper-st-andre-of-montreal> per, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

FORMED Now! How to Pray -Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kick start your prayer life this year!

<https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/formed-live-how-to-pray>

Prepare the Way of the King by Dr. Scott Hahn -As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord! <https://watch.formed.org/videos/prepare-the-way-of-the-king-by-dr-scott-hahn> Visit [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org), select our parish

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



St Elizabeth Ann Seton-Feast day January 4

Who was the first person born in the United States to be declared a saint? Who opened the first American Catholic parish school and established the first American Catholic orphanage? Who founded the first native American religious community of women? The answers to all these questions are the same: Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton.

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

St. John Neumann - Feast day January 5

Fr. John started Catholic schools in his diocese, for he believed it was very important for children to be educated and taught the ways of Jesus. In eight years Philadelphia's two Catholic schools grew to one hundred schools. John brought many teaching orders to his diocese. He published two catechisms and many articles.



Give the Gift of Life! You can save up to 5 lives with just one donation of blood. Our community blood drive is on Saturday, January 15th, from 8AM- 1PM at St. Mary's Church Hall, 46 N. Main St., Cortland. Call the Red Cross at 753-1182 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins welcome!

From Christ the King Retreat House:

Winter Blues and Barbecue-Thursday Jan. 27, 6 pm- 8 pm

Beat the winter Blues and enjoy a barbecue in the middle of winter to lift your spirits. To further recharge your spiritual life, enjoy inspirational speaker Adam Eichelberger.

We will renew our promise to God this winter by learning from St. Paul how to change our minds to match our hearts.

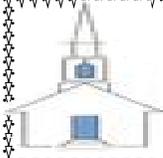
Offering: \$30 includes barbecue dinner. Registration required. Call 315-446-2680 or register at www.ctkretreat.com



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, SFC 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

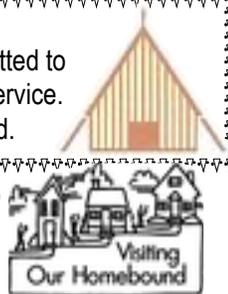
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.



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

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Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, Jan. 02	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for John Patrick Mackey, 1st Anniv. ...by Joe & Donna Silvanic
	10:30 AM Marathon...for Marge Carroll ...by John Carroll
	12:00 PM OLPH...for Josephine & Michael Buttigieg ...by Josephine Kellogg for James Drury ...by Jean & Katrina Drury
Tuesday, Jan. 04	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for The People Of Our Parish
Thursday, Jan. 06	8:30 AM Marathon...for Josephine McConnell ...by CCSS-SP
Sunday, Jan. 09	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for John Vassil ...by Ray & Gladly Nolan
	10:30 AM Marathon...for Jean Mayer ...by Susan & Lauren Canfield for Mike Reilly, 1st Anniv. ...by Don & Terrie Atwood
	12:00 PM OLPH...for Bernie Massar, Birthday ...by Sharon Massar



Readings for the Week of January 2 through 9, 2022:

Today: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52



Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22

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

Food Pantry Chairperson: Roger Calice **Jan's Pantry Need:** Canned Soup **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



Whitney Point

Greeters: Earl Markham, Chris Broderick
Next Sunday: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker
Lector: John Mihalko
Next Sunday: Marcus Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Peg Orzel
Next Sunday: Emily Jordan, Ingrid Wennerod
Tabulators: Bensleys **Next Sunday:** Orzel, Cummings

Marathon

Don Atwood, Colleen Brown
Garret & Joyce Van De Weert
Rose Ann Holland
Carol Niggli
Carol Niggli
Mikayla DeGraw
Atwoods Next Sunday: Atwoods
Jan. Ushers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli

If you would like to be on the ministry schedule and have received training or would like to receive training, please contact Justin VanTassel at jvantassel@gmail.com or 607-343-9577.

Our new secretary of parish council is Emily Barry. Thank you, Emily, for taking on this position and thank you to Justin VanTassel for being our former secretary.

→→→New Ministry Schedules in our church sacristies.



This Week In Our Parish

Today, Jan. 2nd

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

Tuesday, Jan. 4th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

Thursday, Jan. 6th

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

Sunday, Jan. 9th

**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**

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

Reading 1 - Isaiah 60:1-6
Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Reading 2 - Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12
The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Adults: *When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?*

Children: *When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?*

Epiphany of the Lord - January 2nd - The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest" or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1- 12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).



Daily Message from Pope Francis: "Very often, each one of us look inside, when we are working on something and when we finish, immediately we look for our telephone to make another call... we are always like this. And this does not help, this makes us slip into superficiality. Profoundness of the heart grows with silence, silence that is not mutism..., but which leaves space for wisdom, reflection and the Holy Spirit. We are afraid of moments of silence. Let us not be afraid! It will do us good. And the benefit to our hearts will also heal our tongue, our words and above all our choices... Silence, speaking in the right way, and biting your tongue a little, which can be good at times instead of saying foolish things." ~Pope Francis

Note: Sign-up for daily messages from Pope Francis at Missio.org.



A Family Perspective

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way" to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."



Join Us For Breakfast

The men's group will be putting on a breakfast Sunday, January 30th, after our 8:30 am Mass, downstairs in hall. Free will offering. Let's come together as a church and spend some time together.



The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the month of **January** in our Whitney Pt Church is In Memory Of: **Michael Thayne** by Ann Thayne



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. Every Thursday, 7pm, in our Whitney Point Church.

Mass Intentions -If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a loved one, please call our parish office. Donation is \$10.00 and if by check please make payable to CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church.

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.

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

Months available: July-Oct @ WP
Jan-Dec @ Marathon



Vocation View: "They prostrated themselves and did him homage." The magi not only brought Christ gifts, they also brought themselves and worshiped. What part of you is asking you to leave at his feet, in worship? Call Fr. Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or vocations@syrdio.org.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord this week. This feast reminds us that Jesus was a universal savior—for all people, not just the Jews. The Magi who brought special gifts to the infant Jesus came from distant lands. They recognized the Messiah in the tiny baby more than most of Jesus' own people did. Sometimes it's easy to forget that our Catholic faith is open to everyone. But the word "catholic" means universal—for everyone, everywhere, all the time. Your challenge this week is to give a special gift to someone who has been left out, someone who hasn't been invited into the inner circle of friendship, someone who really needs an unexpected gift. It might be something material, but it could also be the gift of conversation, listening, paying attention.

Please Take Note: For our weekday Masses, if the school is closed for bad weather there will be no morning weekday Mass at either Whitney Point or Marathon. For Sundays or other events, please always check our answering machine and face book page for any cancellations or updates.