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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

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As announced or by appointment

*For God so loved  
the world, that he gave  
his only begotten Son.*

John 3:16, KJV



Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. Read that slowly and let it sink in for a minute. Did it scare you a little bit? It scared me a little when I really reflected on it. It's something we don't like to think about, being condemned. That's a pretty strong word, especially when we think about a loving God. It's easy to slip into a mindset that God is a loving God and would never allow anyone to be condemned. But the truth is He would never choose to have someone condemned, but He respects us enough to allow it. He gave us this pesky thing called Free Will so we have the power to choose how we live our lives. Another way to look at it is that He respected us so much He gave us freedom to do what we want, love Him or reject Him. So, does that mean God wants us to deny Him and be condemned? Absolutely not! We see example after example throughout scripture where He continues to give us chance after chance, always waiting for us to choose Him. Even if we choose to reject Him, He honors our wish, but I believe it is not with an angry resentment but rather with a tear in His eye. We are, after all, his children and He desires the absolute best for us, and His best is better than anything this world has to offer. He wants it so bad he sent His only son to die for us, so we could be with Him forever, if we choose to be.

Lent is a perfect time to reflect on this gift, to reflect on the pain that Jesus went through, so we could have the privilege of spending eternity with a God who loves us more than we can ever imagine. A time to walk through the valley that leads to the summit of Easter. I encourage you to spend some time this week reflecting on what God and Jesus have sacrificed for you and how you are responding to that sacrifice. Below are a couple questions to help you along the way:

1. Am I taking steps to carve out time for daily prayer?
2. Am I doing anything during Lent to help me draw closer to Christ?
3. If I died right now would God say "Well done, good and faithful servant" or "I never knew you."

You can't love what you don't know. You get to know God through Prayer and Scripture. It's not too late, God is waiting with open arms. Run to him.

Pax Christi,  
John Mihalko

**Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, March 4, 2018**



**Regular Collection:** Envs: \$2,495. Loose: \$433. Electronic: \$440. ....Total Regular Collection: \$3,368.

**Stewardship Report**

**Other Income:** Fuel-\$21.50 Flowers-\$195.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **FaithFormation:** \$275. **FuelOil:** \$793.

**Donation:** \$365. (2mos-Jamaica) **CathSun:** \$114. **Salaries:** \$1,300. .... **Total Bills Paid This Week:** \$2,847.

**Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!** Bills To Be Paid Next Week: \$2,300.

Today, March 11<sup>th</sup>, our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC and *help Jesus in disguise*.

Please call or email the Parish Office if you would like your 2017 contribution statement: 607-692-3911, ststephenstpat@syrdio.org.

**Year of the Family - Did you know?** Sunday Mass for the ill and homebound is available each week on TV and the Syracuse Catholic Television You Tube channel. For a complete list of channels and air times, visit [facebook.com/syracuseCTV](https://www.facebook.com/syracuseCTV). Televised Mass is made possible by your generous donations to the HOPE Appeal.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

**The Trials of Saint Patrick:** There's More to Saint Patrick than Shamrocks and Snakes

Follow Saint 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 most recent audio drama featuring award winning actors, cinematic sound effects and music.

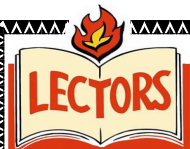
The altar cloth that will adorn the sanctuary at Easter at our Marathon Church was purchased in memory of **Marge Carroll by her loving husband, John.**



**Time's Running Out: The IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference is Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>!** See flyers in our churches for who the 3 amazing speakers will be. You can register online: [www.ignitecatholicmen.org](http://www.ignitecatholicmen.org) or contact our parish office, 692-3911. **Our parish has 7 tickets available if you're able to go.**

**Next CCSS-SP's:** Parish Council meeting Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at our Marathon Church Hall  
Hospitality Ministry Committee meeting Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am. at our Whitney Point Church Hall.

CCSS-SP's 50/50 had 28 participants for February and the winner was Mary-Margaret Smith, winning \$70.00. Congratulations! Thank you to all who participates, proceeds are split between winner and our parish's Capital Account.



**The Lector's Corner**

Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word 2018, page v

**Proclaiming Effectively: The Art of the Storyteller**

Jesus was an excellent storyteller. The evidence of his skill is right there in the Gospels. Everyone was "astonished" at his "gracious words" which had authority and impact (Matthew 7:28, Mark 11:18, Luke 4:22, 32). You don't attract more than 5,000 people to a hillside if you don't know how to tell a good story. His skills allowed the **Word** that he preached to touch the hearts and minds of those gathered. *Isn't that what we hope to do with our proclamation?*

Contact: Michael Thayne, Lector Ministry Coordinator, [thaynem@earthlink.net](mailto:thaynem@earthlink.net).



**Easter Memorial Flowers** - Thank you to the generous donations so far. You can still donate toward our Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, an Easter Flower envelope is included in your envelope packet, or you may use your own envelope marked "Memorial Flowers." Names will be listed in Easter bulletin.

**Memorial 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 in bulletin.

**The WP Ecumenical Clothing Bank** is in need of volunteers.

It is currently only open, Mon, Tues, & Sat., 10am-12pm.

If we get more volunteers, more days can be open.

Please call our parish office, 692-3911, if you are interested and available for this ministry.



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

**Cancellation Notice**-If we need to cancel Sunday or Tuesday morning Mass, or any scheduled event in our parish due to the road conditions, there will be a recorded message on the office number. Please call 692-3911

**Please Pray For Our Following Friends**

**and Family in the Military:** Major Corrine Miller, Sgt. Jacob Rau, 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, Kris Carstens, LC USMC Daniel Morehouse, SSG Steven Gross, UMC Staff Sgt. Dan Votra, Sgt. Nicholas Stone, Lt. Paul McDonald, Lt. Commander Marvin Joel Scott III, AF2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Emily Steele, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt. Zachary Reardon USMC, Staff Sgt. Justin Blaisdell, Staff Sergeant Michael Hetzler, A2C Derek Lescord, 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.

Remember Our Homebound Members

**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. Dottie will lead the Prayer Chain we have at The CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick. Supporting each other with the Power of Prayer is the best medicine.

### Parish Council

**Chairperson** - Don Alexy & Don Barry

**Vice-Chairperson** - John Mihalko

**Secretary** - Brittney Penrose

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

### PARISH STAFF

**Directors of Faith Formation** - (WP)Cecelia Carstens, 323-5114

(Marathon)Helen Mathews, 423-7656

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

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

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

## Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday	Mar. 11	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>The People of our Parish</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Marathon...for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH... for <b>In Thanksgiving</b> ...by The Warner Family
Tuesday	Mar. 13	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
Wednesday	Mar. 14	<b>8:30 AM</b> Marathon...for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b>
Next Sunday	Mar. 18	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>The People of our Parish</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Marathon...for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH...for <b>Antonia Buttigieg</b> ...by Josephine Kellogg



### Readings for the Week of March 11 through 18, 2018:

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:3-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15 ; Jn 5:17-30



**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

The readings for today, Fourth Sunday of Lent, begin with #913 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:** Clements Family

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

**Lector:** Jason Somers **Next Sunday:** David Thon

**Altar Servers:** Lana Jordan, Josiah Lynch

**Next Sunday:** Aidan & Lucca Lynch



### Marathon

Dawn Odinek, Kristin Kashuba

Bob & Don Barry

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

Angela Barry, Camdyn Kashuba

Ryan & Stephen Eaton

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dot Hathway, Emily Jordan, Mary Jo Whitehead

**Next Sunday:** Kathy Bensley, Cecelia Carstens, Peg Orzel

Shelley Warnow, Cindy Barry, Don Barry

Eric Barry, Linda Caminiti, Kathy Cusick

**March Ushers:** Wayne Niggli, Bob Barry

Thank you for volunteering your ministry talent to our parish!



**This Week In Our Parish**



**Today, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Last Supper Liturgy** - During the Whitney Pt. Mass  
**Tristano Candela Baptism** - After our 10:30am Mass at Marathon  
**9:20-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes** - Whitney Point Church Hall  
**12:00-2:00pm - Confirmation Class** - Whitney Point Church Hall  
**No Faith Formation Classes** at Marathon

**Monday, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**No Mass Today**

**7:00pm - Parish Council Meeting** - Marathon Church

**Wed., Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am Mass at Marathon Church**

**7:00pm - Youth Activities Committee Meeting** - Whitney Point Parish House

**Thursday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00-8:00pm - Adoration** - Whitney Point Church

**Friday, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm - Stations of the Cross** - Whitney Point Church

**Sat., Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00-11:30am - 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Student/Parent Meeting** - Whitney Point Church Hall

**Sunday, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Patrick's Day Brunch** - After our 8:30am Mass at Whitney Point

**No Faith Formation or Confirmation Classes at Whitney Point**

**9:00-10:30am - Faith Formation Classes** - Marathon Church Hall

**Whole Community Catechesis**

**Readings and Questions for Discussion**

**Reading 1 - 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

The causes for the Israelites' captivity in Babylon are described.

**Reading 2 - Ephesians 2:4-10**

In grace we have been saved, so that we may do the work of the Lord.

**Gospel - John 3:14-21**

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life.

*Adults: We sometimes have moments of interior blindness. How can we open ourselves to the light of the Lord?*

*Children: What are some of the ways that God shows his love for me? How can I show God my love?*



**FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION:**

We are collecting individually wrapped candy for the next few weeks for **CCSS-SP's Annual Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Sunday, after the 8:30am Mass, on the Whitney Point Church grounds. Please drop off any candy donations in the marked baskets at the entrances of our churches. *Thank you for your generosity.*

The **Faith Formation and Confirmation classes at Whitney Point** are cancelled next Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Instead, everyone can join us for brunch after Mass in honor of our Patron Saint.

The **Marathon Maplefest** is upon us; this year it's on April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets for our annual pasta dinner are at the entrances of our churches. Please consider signing up, we need many for preparing, cooking, serving, etc.



*Pasta Dinner*



**A big thank you to our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes** for making and selling pine cone feeders. They made \$43.00 that was donated to the Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry.

**Local Youth Service Meeting**-Our first planning meeting for local youth service projects will be held on Wed., March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, at our Whitney Point Parish House. Please join us as we look at local opportunities for our youth to live their faith. This was a topic discussed at our Parish Vision Meeting. If you are unable to attend, but have ideas you would like presented, please contact Cecelia Carstens or Peg Orzel.

**Formed.org**-There are many fantastic Lenten videos & books on [formed.org](http://formed.org) that can enhance your spiritual journey. Go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) and register using code, CFMRY. Y.

Today, March 11<sup>th</sup>,

we welcome

**Tristano Candela**

to the Waters of Baptism at our Marathon Church

May he be blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit all the days of his life.



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**St. Patrick's Day Brunch**

will be next Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, following our 8:30am Mass in Whitney Point. Bring

a dish to pass and come enjoy some good Irish music, fun and fellowship as we celebrate our church's patron saint.

**Stations Of The Cross**

is prayed every Friday at 6:30pm, during Lent. They rotate between our Whitney Point and Marathon Churches. Please see "This Week In Our Parish" for location.

**Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl:**

**Encountering Andrise** We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



*Penance*

**CCSS-SP's Lenten Penance Service**

is Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm, 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.



St. Patrick's Day