

The Catholic Community of St. Stephen St. Patrick

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, 2018

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As announced or by appointment

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Sowing the Seeds of Faith

We all know that the words Jesus told to a few people grew exponentially to become the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church that it is today. He planted “the seed of faith” to a few. Many of that “few” listened and heard and they took that seed, nurtured it and spread it until the message was heard in every corner of the world.

WE have accepted that faith! What does it mean to us? Do we continue to nurture it so that it will grow and continue to spread to be accepted by hearts near and far? Do we sow the seed in our everyday life?

First, we must nurture it in our own life through prayer and the sacraments. Then we can sow the seed, tend the seed to help it grow in those around us by our example of faith, hope and love. We need to SHOW that our faith is important to us! That the Church is important to us!

Sometimes it may seem like our efforts are fruitless. Do we pray, receive the sacraments, etc., hoping to come closer to Christ and find the same old sins and problems cropping up again and again in our lives? Do we try to provide examples to our children and grandchildren to no avail? God can sometimes work in subtle and frustratingly slow fashion. But if we let Him, he is always at work in our lives. He can work through our weakness and limitations and accomplish what is way beyond what we can imagine. We need to develop patient endurance, and unflinching trust. As the seed takes root and flourishes in our own life, we can attempt to transplant it into others. (I remember as a little girl, my dad would get us kids up for school, then go back downstairs to get himself ready for work. Invariably, when we arrived in the kitchen, the coffee was brewing, the oatmeal bubbling and dad would be standing in the middle of the floor, head bowed saying his prayers. No time to go off to a private corner, but God came first!. It must have had some impact on me to remember it all these years later, but I’m sure he wasn’t thinking of my “religious upbringing” while he was doing it. But he WAS sowing a seed!)

A Thoughtful Exercise: I was at a workshop once when the presenter used “Seeds of Faith” as her topic. At the end of the day, she gave us time to (privately) set up a “Board of Spiritual Directors” of those people who were influential in our faith development through the years. She explained that when an organization forms a Board of Directors, they chose people who will bring a certain skill set to the organization: lawyer, accountant, leadership, etc. She wanted us to form “our Spiritual Board of Directors” each of whom brought a certain seed (or nurtured the seed someone else planted) that brought our faith to where it was at that time. Of course we should pray for them—and if they were still living, thank them! Try it! It was fun, revealing, thought provoking and indeed, it did make me grateful to them!

When you have done this, think about who might put YOU on their “Spiritual Board of Directors!”

Linda Caminiti

Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, June 10, 2018

Regular Collection: Envs: \$2,542. Loose: \$273. **Total Regular Collection: \$2,815.**

Stewardship Report

Diocesan Collections: CCC-\$180. Total Rice Bowl-\$217.27 **Other Income:** MemDayEnvs.-\$5.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: Dumpster: \$72. RectMaint: \$27.

Mo. Tithing: \$712. (CCSS-SP'sHumDev) **Salaries:** \$1,300. **Total Bills Pd: \$2,111.** **WPChLot-\$3,000.** (CapitalAcct)

Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated! Bills To Be Paid Next Week: \$3,110.

Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. Your support will help the CCC connect millions of people with Christ and spread the gospel message. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.



Thank you to our generous parishioners who have made a pledge to the Annual HOPE Appeal so far. Here is a partial list of programs funded by the HOPE Appeal: Hospital Chaplains, Evangelization, Catholic Outreach Ministries, Academic Development, Faith Formation, Family Life, Catholic TV, Catholic Charities, Tuition Assistance Parish Services, Office of Disabilities, & Vocations. **2018 HOPE Appeal Goal:** \$18,570.02
Pledges To Date: \$ 5,816.59
Balance Remaining: \$12,753.43

A Family Perspective
Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process. In fact, the farmer does not even understand it, for the seeds grow even when he sleeps. As parents, we influence our children but nothing we do can guarantee results.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

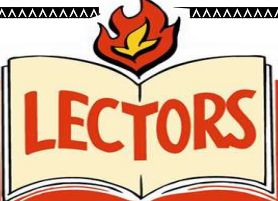
a visible reflection of God the Father. In this inspiring talk, Devin Schadt draws upon the example of Saint Joseph to encourage fathers to understand and embrace their privileged role in the family and Church today.

Pure Fatherhood By Devin Schadt Celebrate Father's Day!

Every father has been entrusted with a lofty vocation—to serve as

Kids's Korner: *The War of the Vendee* A Story of Sacrifice and Martyrdom Featuring an exuberant and gifted cast of over 250 young Catholics (playing all the roles,) this movie tells the story of France's little known religious civil war in the years following the French Revolution.

Parish Membership Code: CFMRYY



The Lector's Corner
Lay Ministers, Lay Disciples: Evangelizing Power in the Parish (p. 80)
"Proclamation remains just the movement of lips unless it includes discipleship, witness, invitation, care for others and humility before the Word of God."
Contact: Michael Thayne, Lector Ministry Coordinator, thaynem@earthlink.net.



Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry - During the month of **June** we are collecting **baby needs** 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.

VINES Farm Share is a weekly subscription to a box of local veggies for families in our community. Members sign up ahead of time and pick up their weekly share at the same time and location. Different size shares and flexible payment plans are offered. Farm Share proudly accepts EBT/SNAP benefits, as well as offers up to a 50% discount price to income eligible members! In addition to your weekly share, recipes using the items in your box and other educational materials will be provided to our members!

If you're interested, please visit www.vinesgardens.org/farmshare or call/text (607)-238-3522 for more information.



Express your congratulations to **Eileen Peters** at an Open House in honor of her 80th BIRTHDAY!

Come Saturday, July 7th, from 1:00-4:00pm, at 232 Pease Hill Rd., Whitney Point.
No gifts, please.



Additional donations for the Whitney Point Cemetery made in memory of.....Halloran Family

Happy Fathers' Day to all the men in our lives!
May our most loving and heavenly Father bless you all.
Enjoy your day!



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, AF2nd 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 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 - Don Alexy & Don Barry

Vice-Chairperson - John Mihalko

Secretary - Brittney Penrose

Ministry Coordinator-Peg Orzel

Parish Business/Office Manager-Mary Wied **Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday, Noon - Phone, Mail or Email, 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.ccssp.com.



Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday	June 17	8:30 AM Whitney Pt...for Ruth Treu ...by Mary Jo Whitehead
		10:30 AM Marathon...for Deacon Joseph Caminiti ...by Linda Caminiti for Rosemarie Braman ...by Patty, Syd & Anne McEvoy
		12:00 PM OLPH... for Francis & Margaret Pratt ...by Bernie & Sharon Massar
Tuesday	June 19	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for John Turna ...by Paul O'Donnell
Next Sunday	June 24	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Elsie Zelsnack ...by Elsie Poyer for Patricia Campbell ...by Buck Campbell
		10:30 AM Marathon...for Rosemarie Braman ...by Jerry Griep for Patricia Campbell ...by Fr. Jerry Katz
		12:00 PM OLPH...for The People Of Our Parish



Readings for the Week of June 17 through 24, 2018:

Today: Ex 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

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Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1,6-14; Mt 6:1-6,16-18



Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80

The readings for today, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, begin with #979, 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 **9:30am** (unless holiday)



SERVING THIS WEEK



Whitney Point

Greeters: Cathy Cummings, Anne Clerkin

Next Sunday: Earl Markham, Chris Broderick

Lector: Sue McDonald **Next Sunday:** Don Alexy

Altar Servers: Isaac Jordan, Aidan Lynch

Next Sunday: Josiah Lynch, Lucca Lynch

Marathon

Dawn Odinek, Don Barry

Marie Joseph, Alice Sliter

Lector: Linda Caminiti **Next Sunday:** Kathy Cusick

Seamus Nolan, Brandon Tyrrell

Alex Votra, Gunner Tyrrell

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe McDonald, Cecelia Carstens, Jerry Rothenberg

Next Sunday: Margaret Fabrocino, Cathy Shoemaker, Pat Walter

Patty Thon, Geoff Tyrrell, Shelley Warnow

Cindy Barry, Don Barry, Eric Barry

June Ushers: Jerry Griep, Tony Zelsnack

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY SERVICE TO OUR PARISH!

This Week In Our Parish

Today, June 17th Blessing of 2018 Whitney Point Graduates - 8:30am Mass at Whitney Pt.
Thursday, June 21st 7:00-8:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church
Saturday, June 23rd 7:00-8:30am - Christian Men Of Faith Meeting - Whitney Point Church Hall



Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1 - Ezekiel 17:22-24

I, the Lord, bring low the high tree and lift high the lowly tree.

Reading 2 - 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

The lives of all are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ

Gospel - Mark 4:26-34

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

Adults: What is the "good soil" that allows my faith to grow like a mustard seed?

Children: What can help my faith grow like the mustard seed?



2018 Whitney Point Graduates' Blessing by Fr. Doug
Congratulations, best of luck and may the Holy Spirit guide you in your future endeavors.

Faith Formation Program 2018-19

Cecelia Carstens has been named the Director of Faith Formation for the Parish. Classes will remain on Sunday mornings and will be held in both locations. Cecelia will be present during all class times at both locations with the classes meeting alternate weeks.

Faith Formation Handbooks, being distributed late Summer, will include the class schedule and additional information.

Come join the Diocese of Syracuse Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry on a special summer pilgrimage for middle school students!

We will visit Niagara Falls, ride the Maid of the Mist or see the Cave of the Winds, visit Our Lady of Victory Shrine for Mass, and end the day with pizza and games! This event is open to boys and girls entering grades 6 through 8. Contact Don Barry at 607-423-6584.

Come to our Parish Senior Citizen Luncheon

On Tuesday, June 26th, 12 noon, seniors age 65 and older, from The Catholic Community of St. Stephen -St. Patrick and OLPH are invited to be our guest for lunch at Ford Hill Country Club. The meal will include

your choice of marinated baked chicken breast, beef tips or baked haddock as entrees, rolls, dessert and a beverage. → Signup sheets are at each church locations or RSVP to Anne Clerkin, 760-0473, by June 18th. → We can help with transportation if needed. We hope you can join us for fun, food and door prizes.

Sponsored by our Parish Social Committee.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

THEOLOGY ON TAP - JUNE!

Cortland: Young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to join us on Wednesday, June 20th, at Hairy Tony's, 7PM, for free food, fellowship, and a talk by Lisa Lickona, "See What God Can Do: Modern Saints With Shocking Lives." For more info, contact Tricia Halstead, 315-414-7139, thalstead@syrdio.org.

Binghamton: Young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to join us on Thursday, June 21st, at Galaxy Brewing Company, 7PM, for free food, fellowship, and a great talk by Fr. Daniel Quinn, "Jonah, Jeremiah, and Isaiah: God Sent Them and He Sends You!" For more info, contact Tricia Halstead, 315-414-7139, thalstead@syrdio.org.



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, June 21st, is at our Whitney Pt. Church. On Thursday, June 28th, we will have Dcn. Ken Money with us again to celebrate the true meaning of Adoration. He will guide us that evening through a special way to ADORE Jesus Christ with song, prayer and meditation. Please join us for this special Adoration.



Sanctuary Candles Burning for the month of June
at our Marathon Church is in loving memory of **Deacon Joseph Caminiti, Ben & Betty Kriger**

given by Linda Caminiti

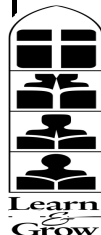
at our Whitney Point Church is in loving memory of **Theresa & Everett Burroughs, Grace & Einer Erickson**

given by Ron & Jackie Burroughs

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.

We are in need of several Parish Council Members from both Church Council locations who would start a 3 year term in September. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested (please verify it with them first) contact the parish office, 607-692-3911 or ststephenstpat@syrdio.org with the information.

→ Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.



Are you looking to learn more about your faith this summer? The Office of Formation for Ministry is offering summer courses in Advanced Scripture and RCIA. Courses are open to anyone interested in learning more about these topics. Advanced Scripture will be held Monday 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, from 6-9 pm at St. Augustine's in Baldwinsville. RCIA will be held Wednesday, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, from 6-9 pm at All Saints Parish in Syracuse. Please contact the Office of Formation for Ministry at 315-470-1491 for more information or go to our website at formationforministrysy.org.