

*The Catholic Community of  
St. Stephen ===== St. Patrick*

**Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator**

## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018

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As announced or by appointment

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

As I read through this week's readings, the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from St Paul to the Ephesians really spoke to me. As I read St Paul's description of the love God has for us, and the lengths he has gone through to allow us to be with him, I was humbled. The God of the universe, creator of all things, loves ME (and YOU) so much that he put together a plan to allow us to be with him. To find our way home to him knowing we would stumble and fall. Knowing we would turn our backs on him at times. Knowing, at times, we would choose the pleasures and riches of this life over him. How often do I think of going to church, or taking time out of my day to read scripture, reflect, and pray as a burden or "work?" How often do I neglect to thank God for the blessings he has bestowed on me in this life? How often do I put myself and my needs above everything else? Even knowing these things would happen, he still chose ME (and YOU) to be with him and to provide a means for that to happen, the sacrifice of his son, Jesus Christ. God loves us more than we can possibly imagine, yet we don't always appreciate that love or truly understand the depth of that love. If we could truly understand the depth of his love for us, truly know how much he longs for us to be with him, we would be shouting God's praises from the rooftops, telling everyone we know of his love, for us, and for them. Yet we don't always (if ever) do that. We let the worries and busyness of this world take over our lives. Church becomes just something we do, God becomes just someone we think about on Sundays. But God and Church need to be something more. They need to be a part of who we are, a part of what defines us, a core part of our lives. Deep down in our hearts we have that longing. A longing to be with God, a longing to accept Jesus as our savior, a longing for his truth, a longing for his Church. My prayer for all of us is that we take some time this week to focus on that longing. Focus on the gifts God has given us, try to imagine the depth of God's love for us, a longing so great that he would sacrifice his only son, so we can be with him. Close your eyes and just know that you are loved, feel the radiance of God's love on your faces like a warm summer sun, rest in knowing that regardless of what you do or have done, God's love for you remains unchanged and greater than you can possibly imagine. A love that is always there, waiting for you with open arms, a neatly wrapped gift just waiting to be accepted. If you never have, I pray that this week, today, this very second, you would accept it, truly accept Jesus as your lord and savior, accept God's grace and rest in his love and peace.

John Mihalko

## Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, July 8, 2018

**Regular Collection:** Envs: \$3,347. Loose: \$618.80.

**Total Regular Collection: \$3,965.80**

**Diocesan Collection:** Peter's Pence-\$145. **Other Income:** Hospitality-\$145. Rental-\$135.(AA) Donation-\$50.

*Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:* **Phone:** \$77. **FaithFormation:** \$150.

**Ch&RectGrounds:** \$25. **Dumpster:** \$20. **Salaries:** \$1,300. **Total Bills Pd: \$1,572.**

**Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!**

**Bills To Be Paid Next Week: \$2,371.**



Thank you to our generous parishioners who have made a pledge to the Annual HOPE Appeal so far. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge. Each gift brings us closer to our goal! It is our HOPE that you will choose to participate in the Annual Diocesan HOPE Appeal Campaign. With the participation of each and every parish family we should be able to meet our parish goal. (assessment)

**2018 HOPE Appeal Goal: \$18,570.02**

**Pledges To Date: \$ 6,136.59**

**Balance Remaining: \$12,433.43**



**A Family Perspective** - Jesus sent out His apostles without many "things" because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our "things." Garage sales only transfer "things." We even ignore each other because we have "things" to do. What "things" are separating you from your family?

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**Parish Membership Code: CFMRYY**



**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.



**Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry** - During the month of **July** we are collecting **potatoes**(instant or canned) 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.

### The Council of Churches

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** is being held on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Elm Tree Golf Course with an 8:30AM shotgun start. This year's honoree is the late James Yaman, noted real estate agent.

**Chatauqua** will take place on the Homer Green with 3 events this year. On Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be an Interfaith Panel at 5:30PM, on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at noon there will be keynote speaker, Dr Gigi Peterson of SUNY Cortland History Department and on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be Sunday Worship at 11AM with Rev Steph Brown. All events will be held on the Homer Green. For more information: email cortlandchurches@gmail.com or call 753-1002.



### San Gennaro Festival

One Day Trip to New York City

Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy the feast, shopping and the sight seeing!

For more information please call Lorraine at 753-7959



### The Brown Scapular and St. Simon Stock

Where Does the Brown Scapular Devotion Come From?

### National Natural Family Planning (NFP)

**Awareness Week** is July 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.

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You can contact us at 315-472-6754 or [nfp@syndo.org](mailto:nfp@syndo.org).

See folder with more information at entrances of our churches.



### St. James Church Holy Hour

is held every first Monday at 7:00pm at St. James Church, 147 Main St., Johnson City. The Holy Hour includes Exposition, Vespers, and Benediction. For more information, please call 607-729-6147. Please come and share in devotion to our Lord.



**Judy McDonald - Catholic Comedian**

**Coming to Our Lady of Sorrows Church,**

**801 Main St. Vestal on October 20-21, 2018**

**She will speak at Masses and 7 pm Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Judy McDonald has been a professional comedian for the past 22 years and a Catholic all her life.

She has shared her unique way of evangelizing on television, radio, military bases, conferences, comedy clubs, and parishes all over the United States and the world.

Judy's comedy and talks resonate with young and old alike and for groups as big as 20K to as little as 12 (worked for Jesus).



**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, AF2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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. 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

**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](mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org)

### PARISH STAFF

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

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



Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick

### Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday	July 15	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>Bernice Whipple</b> ...by Cathy & Bill Cummings <b>10:30 AM</b> Marathon...for <b>Dorothy Griep</b> ...by Jerry Griep <b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH... for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b>
Tuesday	July 17	<b>8:30 AM</b> Marathon...for <b>The Healing of Fr. Doug</b> ...by your parish
Saturday	July 21	<b>1:00 PM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>Michael &amp; Dora Silvanic, Richard &amp; Frances Lynch, and Michael Samuel Silvanic</b> ...by Joe & Donna Silvanic
Next Sunday	July 22	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>Joseph Sculley, Anniv. &amp; Bday</b> ...by Mary Sculley <b>10:30 AM</b> Marathon...for <b>Rosemarie Braman</b> ...by Mike & Marie Joseph <b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH...for <b>The Healing of Fr. Doug</b> ...by your parish



### Readings for the Week of July 15 through July 22, 2018:

**Today: Am** 7:12-15; **Eph** 1:3-14; **Mk** 6:7-13

**Monday: Is** 1:10-17; **Mt** 10:34--11:1

**Tuesday: Is** 7:1-9; **Mt** 11:20-24

**Wednesday: Is** 10:5-7,13b-16; **Mt** 11:25-27



**Thursday: Is** 26:7-9,12,16-19; **Mt** 11:28-30

**Friday: Is** 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; **Mt** 12:1-8

**Saturday: Mi** 2:1-5; **Mt** 12:14-21

**Next Sunday: Jer** 23:1-6; **Eph** 2:13-18; **Mk** 6:30-34

The readings for today, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, begin with #991, 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:** Ingrid Jordak, Peggy Kemp

**Next Sunday:** Cathy Cummings, Anne Clerkin

**Lector:** Roger Calice **Next Sunday:** Gene Jordan

**Altar Servers:** Joslyn Wright, Danika Tasber

**Next Sunday:** Nora Jordan, Lana Jordan

### Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Don Atwood

Dawn Odinek, Kristin Kashuba

**Lector:** David Thon **Next Sunday:** Brandon Tyrrell

Seamus Nolan, Brandon Tyrrell

Alex Votra, Gunner Tyrrell

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ann Calice, Peg Orzel, Cecelia Carstens

**Next Sunday:** Jerry Rothenberg, Margaret Fabrocino, Pat Walter

Mike Thayne, Patty Thon, Cindy Barry

Don & Karen Barry, Eric Barry

**July Ushers:** John & Kim McCrory

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY SERVICE TO OUR PARISH!**

## This Week In Our Parish

**Today, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

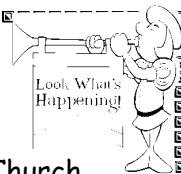
**Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**CCSS-SP's Mission Trip Students Depart for Pittsburg, PA**

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

**1pm - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for Joe & Donna Silvanic - Whitney Point Church**



### Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

#### Reading 1 - Amos 7:12-15

The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel.

#### Reading 2 - Ephesians 1:3-14

(shorter form Ephesians 1:3-10)

Paul teaches that we were chosen for Christ before the creation of the world.

#### Gospel - Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

**Adults:** Jesus wanted the disciples to have a "no frills attached" attitude—"no food, no sack, no money in their belts."

Pope Francis says that the gospel "must be proclaimed in poverty."

How does this kind of detachment and trust in God help disciples (us) heal the "wounded and oppressed?"

**Children:** Which of Jesus' stories can I tell this week? Who should I share it with?



Today, July 15<sup>th</sup>, we welcome and thank **Fr. Joe Phillips** as our Celebrant at our 8:30am and 10:30am Masses and to **Fr. Krzys Boretto**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Cincinnati.

**Save the Date: Vacation Bible School** will be on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00PM to 8:30PM. Light snacks will be provided along with lots of fun!



Please keep our students and chaperones who have left this morning for Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in your prayers. They are going there this week on a mission trip to help those in need in that area. We thank them for giving their summer time to help serve other communities.

**Theology on Tap** - We hope you (and/or young adults you know) will join us at Theology on Tap in Cortland on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>! We will be in the downstairs room at Hairy Tony's at 7pm for good food, drinks, conversation and a talk by our speaker about the unique graces God gives for conversion. Hope to see you! *Theology on Tap* is an event hosted by the Diocese of Syracuse Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and is for all young adults between the ages of 18-39. → See big posters at each of our churches.

**Thank You!** I wish to Thank all of the parish for the prayers and cards sent my way while in the Hospital and Rehab. Also, the Hospitality ladies that have been close at hand since coming home. I am still taking therapy and hope to see you all soon. Miss you. Nola McDonald.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for Joe & Donna Silvanic** on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00pm, at our Whitney Point Church. All the parish is invited!



### We are in need of several Parish

**Council Members** from both 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, 692-3911 or [ststephenstpat@syrdio.org](mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org) with the information.



### 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, July 19<sup>th</sup>, is at out Whitney Point Church, at 7pm.

### Welcome Visitors and New Members!

We welcome all visitors and new members to our parish. Be sure to ask any questions or things you wonder about our parish.



**Church Picnic**  
There will be one Mass at 10:30am at our Whitney Pt Church, outside, weather permitting. The Tyrrells (Fat Jack's Barbecue) will be doing the grill again this year. It was a great time 2 years ago of drawing closer together with one another and lingering a little longer around great food and fellowship. We are hoping for even a fuller participation this year with wonderful dishes to pass again. There are sign up sheets at each church, please sign up as soon as possible so we know how many will be coming to plan accordingly.

**Vocation View :** In today's first reading, the Prophet Amos speaks of how he was called by the Lord to go and prophesy and proclaim God's message to Israel. Could it be possible that you are called, like Amos, to proclaim God's prophetic message to others as a priest or religious? If you feel this call, call the Vocations office at 315-470-1468.

### The Ecumenical Peace Garden

The second order for peace bricks has been sent to the engraver. Applications 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.