

The Catholic Community of St. Stephen St. Patrick

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

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Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?” As I read through this week’s readings this verse from the second reading jumped out at me. As we heard Peg Orzel speak to us last week about our parish ministries, this verse really drove the point home that we all need to be involved. Not just because our parish needs us, not just because there are needs in our community, region, country, and world, but because it is the only true way to allow our faith to show. After this initial verse in the reading James goes on to give examples that drive home the point that faith without works is dead. Yes, we should pray that our brothers and sisters who are lacking basic necessities will get what they need. But if we can provide them with what they need, why not physically give them what they need so our works can prove our faith. Give your time, talent, and treasure to our community. Volunteer to help at the food pantry, bring in some donations to help those less fortunate to eat. Volunteer to work with the hospitality committee and help our parish in times of grief as well as celebration. Don’t just pray that we meet our Hope Appeal goal, make a sacrifice and do something to help us meet it. There are so many things that we all can do to help. Every person in this parish, in fact, every person in existence, 100% of humanity, is gifted to do SOMETHING. God has placed in us a talent that we are called to share in order to help those around us. I know we are all busy, that our schedules are full, and our budgets are tight, but that is also why it is called a sacrifice. In order to do anything, you are sacrificing something else. If you spend time or money doing A, you aren’t spending that same time or money doing B. We all have the same, limited 24 hours in a day and we all have limited budgets, what we do within those limitations is up to us. I urge you to pray and ask God where He can use you, then listen and act. Do what God is calling you to do. Sacrifice some time or treasure, or both. We are all at different places in our lives, but I would be willing to bet that we can all do a little more to show our faith by our works. Help us make a difference in our community and beyond. God Bless.

Pax Christi,
John Mihalko



Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, September 9, 2018

Regular Collection: Envs: \$3,215.50 Loose: \$478. Total Regular Collection: \$3,693.50
Diocesan Collection: CathUniv of Amer-\$57. **Other Income:** FaithFormationEnv-\$106.
Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: Dumpster: \$72. Phone: \$77.
Faith Form: \$633. **Tithing:** \$197.(2mos:Jamaica) **Salaries:** \$1,300. **Total Bills Pd:** \$2,279.
Thank you for your time, talents and treasure! Bills To Be Pd Next Week: \$2,978.



Thank you to our generous parishioners who have made a pledge to the Annual HOPE Appeal so far. If you have not, please prayerfully consider making a pledge. The HOPE Appeal funds so many needed programs that serve many in our communities. It is important to meet our goal every year. There are extra envelopes at the entrances of our churches. Thank you.

2018 HOPE Appeal Goal: \$18,570.02
Pledges To Date: \$ 8,026.59
Balance Remaining: \$10,543.43



Hear the Gospel Come Alive. You'll feel truly present at the events of the earthly life of Jesus with this dramatized audio version of the Gospel of Matthew. This presentation will move the Good News of the Incarnate Lord from your head to your heart.

KID'S CORNER: Hildegard's Gift Discovering the Hidden Talent Within In this video version of the beloved picture book, St. Hildegard (feast day Sept. 17) receives a very special gift. It takes a lifetime to understand it, but when she does, this gift changes her whole world. **Parish Membership Code: CFMRYY.**



A Family Perspective - If we want to be happy at home, we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves,") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

CCSS-SP's 50/50 Envelope Raffle for August was won by John Carroll, winning \$70.00. and he donated it back to our parish. Thank you, John!

Thank you to Michael Brickner for volunteering to be an intercessory writer for our parish and thank you to those who have been writing them.



Truth and Life Audio Bible The Gospel of Matthew

Vacation View : After asking what the crowd thinks of him, Jesus asks his followers to decide for themselves who He is. Your parents and teachers have taught you a lot, but you have to decide if you will call Jesus the Lord. That decision gives context to any decision about your future. Call 315-470-1468.

An exciting **Theology on Tap** is coming to Cortland this month! Come join us at the basement room at **Hairy Tony's** at 7pm on Wednesday, September 19th, for great food, a drink, conversation and great talk by our speaker this month: **Kate D. Mahoney**. Kate's story is one of recovery from multi-system organ failure through the intercession of now Saint Marianne Cope. The miracle of Kate's healing was responsible for elevating Marianne Cope to the status of "blessed" in the Catholic process of the canonization of a saint. Kate will also have copies of her book retelling this amazing story available for sale for \$17 cash or credit. For more information on St. Marianne and the role she played in our local hospitals check out this website:

<http://www.saintmarianne.org/>

Fr. Doug is recuperating at home.

Please pray for a good and speedy recovery. If you would like to send Fr. Doug a card, his address is: 203 Lockwood Rd., Syracuse, NY 13214.

Saint Andrew Dinner "Come After Me and I Will Make You Fishers of Men" Bishop Cunningham and the Vocations Team of the Diocese of Syracuse invite you to learn more about the priesthood and hear the stories of priests in our diocese. The evening will feature prayer, dinner, conversations and Q&A. Open to young men between the ages of 15 and 18. All dinners begin at 6:30pm, ending at 8:30pm.

OCTOBER 1: St. Joseph's at Christ the Good Shepherd, Oswego
NOVEMBER 5: St. James, Johnson City
FEBRUARY 5: Our Lady of Lourdes, Utica
APRIL 29: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse
 For more info, contact Fr. Ken Kirkman at 607-756-9967.(see flyer)



Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry-During the month of **Sept.** we are collecting **Jiffy Corn bread mix** for the Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry. There are marked baskets at the entrances of our churches. Thank you for all food & monetary donations.

9th Annual Syracuse Catholic Women's Conference will be held Saturday, October 27th, at the Oncenter in Syracuse. Go to www.SyracuseCatholicWomen.org to read about the speakers. The Conference registration includes a plated lunch for \$55 through October 12, at the door \$70. Transportation will be provided by Shafer Bus, \$15 in advance. To be assured of a bus seat early bus reservations are highly recommended. For more information about the conference including registration and bus reservations call Cindy, 754-4149.

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.

Our bulletin and OLPH's can be viewed online at www.ccsssp.com.



Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick

Parish Council

Chairperson - John Mihalko
Vice-Chairperson - Don Barry
Secretary - Brittney Penrose

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation - Cecelia Carstens, 323-5114
Ministry Coordinator-Peg Orzel, porzel10@yahoo.com
Church Organist/Music Director - Jennifer Cafferty

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	Sept. 16	8:30 AM Whitney Point... Maureen Zimmerman, 50th Anniv. ...by Paul O'Donnell 10:30 AM Marathon... for Doug Smith, 12th Anniv. ...by The Family 12:00 PM OLPH... for Matthew Ricca ...by Pat & Terri Fedele
Tuesday	Sept. 18	8:30 AM Marathon... Communion Service
Next Sunday	Sept. 23	8:30 AM Whitney Point... for Elsie Zelsnack ...by Elsie Poyer 10:30 AM Marathon... for Francis Zelsnack, Jr. & James Zelsnack <i>for Margery Lewis</i> <i>by Aggie, Cathi, Martha, Bill, Paul & Luda Zelsnack</i> 12:00 PM OLPH... for Mary Mauro ...by Pat & Terri Fedele



Readings for the Week of September 16 through 23, 2018:

Today: Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26,33; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13; Lk 7:31-35



Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49; Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12,17-20; Jas 3:16--4:3; Mk 9:30-37

The readings for today, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, begin with #1018, 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)



Whitney Point

Greeters: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker
Next Sunday: Ingrid Jordak, Peggy Kemp
Lector: Roger Calice **Next Sunday:** Don Alexy
Altar Servers: Lana Jordan, Isaac Jordan
Next Sunday: Josiah Lynch, Aidan Lynch

Marathon

Marie Joseph, Alice Sliter
Garret & Joyce Van De Weert
Lector: Brandon Tyrrell **Next Sunday:** Shelley Warnow
Stephen Eaton, Volunteer
Brandon Tyrrell, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Calice, Peg Orzel, Emily Jordan
Next Sunday: Roger Calice, Sue McDonald, Mary Jo Whitehead

Linda Caminiti, Kathy Cusick, Dawn Odinek
Mike Thayne, Patty Thon, Geoff Tyrrell

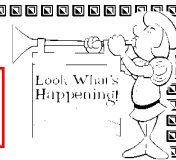
→→→ **NEW SCHEDULES IN OUR CHURCH SACRISTIES**

Sept Ushers: Garret Van De Weert, Don Atwood

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY SERVICE TO OUR PARISH!

This Week In Our Parish

NOTE - NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES AT MARATHON. ALL Faith Formation Classes will be held at the Whitney Point location only.



Today, Sept. 16th

Tuesday, Sept. 18th

Thursday, Sept. 20th

Sunday, Sept. 23rd

- 8:30am - Communion Service - Marathon Church
- 9:30am - Hospitality Committee Meeting - Whitney Point Church Hall
- 7:00-8:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church
- 9:00am - RCIA Informational Meeting - Marathon Church Hall
- 9:20-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney Point Church Hall
- 12:00-2:00pm - Confirmation Class - Whitney Point Church Hall

Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion



COUNCIL UPDATES

Parish Council News: Sincere thanks to Don Alexy, Kathy Bensley and Anne Ballard for their many years of serving on the Council. Their insights and input have been a real plus for our parish. We welcome Ann Thayne, Justin Van Tassell, and Dan Burke as new members of the Council. When you see them, please thank them for 'stepping up' to this role in our parish. At our organizational meeting this past week the following individuals accepted leadership roles: John Mihalko, Chairperson, Don Barry, Vice Chairperson and Brittney Penrose, Secretary. Your willingness to serve is very much appreciated!!

Reading 1 - Isaiah 50:5-9a

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God's help

Reading 2 - James 2:14-18

James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one's works.

Gospel - Mark 8:27-35

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

Adults: What 'crosses' do you have to "take up" in your life right now? Will you ask God for help?

Children: What good work can you do to show your faith?

RCIA



Interested? Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? If so, contact our parish office, 692-3911, for Kathy Cusick. **Our first informational meeting is next Sunday, Sept. 23rd, 9am, at our Marathon Church Hall.**



PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Christian Men of Faith Meetings will be 1st and 3rd Saturdays, effectively immediately.

Christian Men of Faith -The Christian Men of Faith is an organization of men from our three parishes that meet twice a month on Saturday mornings. Our purpose is to get to know each other, to serve those in need and to discuss spiritual topics as they arise. All men of the parish are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please see Don Barry, John Mihalko, or Lloyd Lapierre. **Next CMOF meeting is Saturday, October 6th, 8:00am, in our Whitney Pt Church Hall.**

Ministry Chairpersons - We will hold an organization meeting on Saturday, September 29th, at our Whitney Point Church at 9:30am for all those serving as Ministry Coordinators. The purpose of this meeting will be to develop a calendar to plan parish activities for the year that would include worship and spiritual events, social events and outreach events, to receive the names of those who have signed up for ministries and to address any concerns you might have. It is important that we be rooted in Gospel teachings as we continue to serve others.



The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the month of September in our Whitney Point Church:

the candlelight tells me that the blessed sacrament is in the tabernacle in memory of Jesus.

In Memory of...

Volunteer Opportunities Signups- In the pews today you will find signup forms for ministry opportunities. Hopefully, you had an opportunity this past week to read through the booklet, discern where you are being called to serve **this year** and are ready to sign up. Please take a few minutes to complete the form today and return it at the end of Mass as you leave Church. If you did not receive a booklet there are additional ones at the church entrances.

Bishop Cunningham has asked that today, Sept. 16th, be a day of prayer and fasting for all Catholics as suggested by our Holy Father with the intention of The Church asking for forgiveness and for the healing of victims of abuse, "to open our eyes and our hearts to other people's sufferings and to overcome the thirst from power and possessions that are so often roots of evil. May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and disabled."

Fasting Often, we show our love by sacrificing, by giving something up. Sacrifice, in its various forms, out of love for the Lord Jesus is a powerful action that can yield great graces.

Prayer Various forms of prayer are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2623-2649). These various forms include prayer of blessing or adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of intercession, prayer of thanksgiving, and prayer of praise.



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, Sept. 20th, is at our Whitney Pt Church, at 7pm.

CCSS-SP Hospitality Ministry Committee is always in need of new people, retired or not, from all three church locations, to join our meetings every 3rd Tuesday for 1 or 2 hours. Our next meeting is this Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 9:30am, in our Whitney Point Church Hall and we look forward to seeing you. Please join us!



THE GOOD SHEPHERD 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.