

# The Catholic Community of St. Stephen St. Patrick

**Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator**

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/Respect Life Sunday

October 07, 2018

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As announced or by appointment

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

In today's gospel the Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus by asking him about divorces in marriage. Keep in mind that John the Baptist was beheaded when he spoke out against Herod divorcing his wife for Herodius who was his brother's wife. But Jesus answers by telling them about God's original plan of man and women marrying and becoming as one, and stressing that what God has joined, let no man put asunder.

Divorces cause much pain and suffering to the partners involved and mostly to their children but also affects the community. We have all seen or heard about marriages that must be ended for the safety of one of the partners or both, and most importantly the safety of the children. Surely God approves of this. It is the divorces of convenience that are displeasing to God.

Jesus came on earth to show us the way to eternal life. For sure there are some rules to follow including the ten commandments given earlier. If you desire to lead a happy life on earth, then you must follow the rules of God and the teachings of Jesus. We are created with free wills and you may choose to ignore any of the rules. But if you are not happy with your life on this earth it is possible you are neglecting to obey the teachings of Jesus Christ and the rules of happiness God has given us. God is always there to forgive us when we repent and strive to become closer to Him. Jesus is our Good Shepherd, He knows the way. Let us follow his teachings. Read the New Testament in the Bible. This is the owner's manual of how to be pleasing to God. A piece of advice I picked up in the book "Joy" by Matthew Kelly. "I encourage you to train your body to allow your soul to be the master of your body, for the soul is eternal and that which is eternal should lead that which is temporal.

Thanks be to God

Lloyd Lapierre





**Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, September 30, 2018**

**Regular Collection:** Envs: \$2,356. Loose: \$567.

**Total Regular Collection: \$2,923.**

**Diocesan Collection:** RespectLife-\$10.

**Other Income:** Hospitality-\$5.

*Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:* **Salaries: \$1,300.**

**Mo.Dio.Assess.:** \$1,455.

**SpiritualPublications:** \$61.

**Total Bills Paid This Week: \$2,816.**

**Thank you for your time, talents and treasure!**

**Bills To Be Pd Next Week: \$1,400.**



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.

**If we all participate, we will surely meet our goal. Deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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**



Today, October 7<sup>th</sup>, is the diocesan collection for **Respect Life**. This collection helps fund programming resources for the diocesan offices of Respect Life Ministry, Social Action Ministry, Public Policy, and Disabilities Ministry. Please place your Respect Life envelope donation in with the regular collection.



**Project Rachel Ministry-**Do you have

unresolved feelings about an abortion? You are not alone. Contact Project Rachel Ministry. It is a confidential ministry offered to help begin your healing process. God loves you and offers hope and reconciliation. Call toll free: 855-364-0076 or email: [hopeandhelaing@syrdio.org](mailto:hopeandhelaing@syrdio.org).



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**Parish Membership Code: CFMRYY.**

**Hospitality Holiday Bazaar - Clean out your closets...**

**what may be trash to you, may be someone else's treasure.**

Please begin saving items for our White Elephant Sale for our Holiday Bazaar on **Sat., November 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-4pm, at our Whitney Pt. Church Hall.** New or gently used Items (no clothes, please) can be brought to our Whitney Pt Church Hall Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Along with the White Elephant Sale, we'll have a Bake Sale, lunch, and raffles. Hopefully you've received the annual letters with raffle tickets. → There are extra raffle tickets at the entrances of our churches.



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

is in memory of **Helmut Melzer and Daina Freimanis**

*In Memory of...*

**Volunteers Needed for the Fall Festival**

We will once again have a table at the Whitney Point Fall Festival. We need four volunteers to give away books, materials, answer any questions and invite people to join us for worship. If you have three hours on Sat., October 27<sup>th</sup>, between 9am-12pm or 12-1pm, please sign up.



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday for 1 or 2 hours. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry**

During the month of **Oct** we are collecting **Ramen Noodles & Jello.**

**We are in need of any food donations.**

There are marked baskets at the entrances of our churches. Thank you for all your food & monetary donations.



**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.

If you would like to send Fr. Doug a card, his address is: 203 Lockwood Rd., Syracuse, NY 13214.

**We just wanted to let everyone know that Fr Doug's recovery is progressing well. We have been keeping him informed of the activities at the church and he is looking forward to coming back to say Mass with us again (hopefully soon!) Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he progresses down the road to recovery.**

**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.

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

### Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday	Oct. 07	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>Jack Lantry</b> ...by Margaret Hammill & Family <b>10:30 AM</b> <i>Marathon</i> ...for <b>Marge Carroll</b> ...by John Carroll <b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH...for <b>James Drury &amp; Nora Hain</b> ...by Jean & Katrina Drury
Tuesday	Oct. 09	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b>
Next Sunday	Oct. 14	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>Jack Lantry</b> ...by Jim & Lora Hammill <b>10:30 AM</b> <i>Marathon</i> ...for <b>Dorothy Griep</b> ...by Jerry Griep <b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH...for <b>Margaret &amp; Francis Pratt</b> ...by Bernie & Sharon Massar for <b>James Drury &amp; Nora Hain</b> ...by Jean & Katrina Drury



### Readings for the Week of October 7 through October 14, 2018:

**Today:** Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24; Mt 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Lk 11:1-4



**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

**Next Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

The readings for today, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, begin with #1027, 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)



**SERVING THIS WEEK**



### Whitney Point

**Greeters:** Earl Markham, Chris Broderick

**Next Sunday:** Clements Family

**Lector:** Joe McDonald **Next Sunday:** Sue McDonald

**Altar Servers:** Joslyn Wright, Josiah Lynch

**Next Sunday:** Luke Czebiniaik, Elizabeth Czebiniaik

### Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Don Atwood

Kristin Kashuba, Bob Barry

**Lector:** Joyce Van De Weert **Next Sunday:** Linda Caminiti

Seamus Nolan, Volunteer

Gunner Tyrrell, Volunteer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Roger & Ann Calice, Cecelia Carstens

**Next Sunday:** Margaret Fabrocino, Peg Orzel, Cathy Shoemaker

Shelley Warnow, Cindy Barry, Linda Caminiti

Kathy Cusick, Dawn Odinek, Mike Thayne

**Oct Ushers:** Don Barry Family

**Oct Church Cleaners:** Becky Merihew & family

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

## This Week In Our Parish

Today, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

9:20-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney Point Church Hall

12:00-2:00pm - Confirmation Class - Whitney Point Church Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm - Parish Council Meeting - Whitney Point Parish House ←

Thursday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00-8:00pm - Adoration - Marathon Church



### Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

#### Reading 1 - Genesis 2:18-24

God creates woman from Adam's rib

#### Reading 2 - Hebrews 2:9-11

Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

#### Gospel - Mark 10:2-16

(shorter form Mark 10:2-12)

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

*Adults: What keeps me from embracing the Kingdom of God?*

*Children: How do I feel when I hear the stories of God's love?*

### FOCUS STATEMENT

To strengthen and grow in our faith, we as a parish, are developing a focus for the new Liturgical Year which begins on December 2, 2018. We are asking for your input (youth and adults) in selecting our focus statement. Our focus statement will not replace our mission statement. It will be our theme for the year that can help us emphasize trusting in God as we continue to become the best people and church we can be. Please think and pray about the following four possibilities and on October 21<sup>st</sup> we will have a ballot available for you to indicate your choice.

Walking in Trust, Faith and Hope

- Walk with God, Live in God, Trust in God
- Trust and Return to the Lord
- Trust in God and all else will follow

### Helping the Animals-On October 4<sup>th</sup>

we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi who is the patron saint of animals. Next Sunday will be our last collection day for the Cortland Animal Shelter. Specific items needed are: laundry detergent, bleach, & pate style cat food. They also accept cash donations. Items can be put in marked boxes at church entrances.



### FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

As everyone knows by now all Faith Formation classes are now being held at Whitney Point only. Below is a list of our Catechists and the grades they teach.

K-1: Mrs. Sherry Dee      2 Grade (First Communion): Mrs. Jackie Wright

3, 4 & 5: Mrs. Loretta Husner      6 & 7: Mrs. Chris Broderick      8 & 9: Mr. Earl Markham

10 & 11 (Confirmation Class): Mr. Don Barry & Mr. Don Alexy

As always parents are welcome to stay and socialize with other parents or can find a quiet area to read or get some work done. The coffee is always on and there is usually something tasty to eat. If anyone has any questions and/or comments please direct them to me, Cecelia Carstens, 323-5114 or my email is [chc4962@aol.com](mailto:chc4962@aol.com)

**No Women's Faith Group Meeting on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, our next meeting will be Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Ministry Contact List**-Our new ministry contact list is inserted in our bulletin this week. If you would like to join a ministry or have any question, please contact the listed person. You might want to keep this list in a handy place at home. If you signed up for a ministry you should be contacted within the next few weeks. Call the contact person if you don't hear from them! We always welcome new volunteers!

*Over the next several weeks we will be sharing information from the Diocese concerning the sexual abuse scandal. We know that our faith is based on our relationship with God and that the wrong that has been committed is by humans...but with those humans being trusted members of our church it has had an impact on many of us. We hope that reading this document will help in understanding what the church is doing in regard to this situation.*

### Information Regarding the Current Sex Abuse Issues in the Catholic Church From the Office of Communication of the Syracuse Diocese

The revelations of abuse involving Cardinal McCarrick and the grand jury report from the Attorney General of Pennsylvania has reopened a wound that we had hoped had begun to heal since the 2002 revelations of past clergy sexual abuse and the mishandling of those cases. For most Catholics and non-Catholics alike, it has rightfully resulted in anger, distrust, shame, embarrassment and a sense of "where do we turn?" "Who can we trust?" We thank those who have been impacted by this abuse for having the courage to tell and retell their stories. It is through their stories that we begin to understand the devastation of this issue and truly begin to examine the Church's and the community's failure in handling this issue decade ago. The grand jury report is an investigation and a reporting of over 70 years of six dioceses. The allegations are horrific. Many of the allegations are of abuse that took place decades ago and some more recent. The Church has made changes and continues to make changes to prevent abuse. The Church has began an open conversation about the mistreatment of victims of abuse, mishandling of cases, misinformation and misunderstanding of the sickness of child sexual abuse. Victims in large part can now come forward to their loved ones, the authorities, the church and the public and know that there is a better understanding of these terrible circumstances and that they will be heard and believed. This was not the reality before the Church's crisis. Since the crisis first broke with the stories of clergy sexual abuse in the Archdiocese of Boston, the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People was implemented in dioceses across the country. In the Charter, it was mandated that a set of policies and procedures must be implemented in every diocese in the United States to protect children and hold people accountable for their abusive behavior.

Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **Dcn. Larry Brickner** who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven. May he rest in peace.



*Thank you to the community for all your outreach and support during this very difficult time. The service will be private.  
The Brickner Family.*