

The Catholic Community of St. Stephen St. Patrick

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

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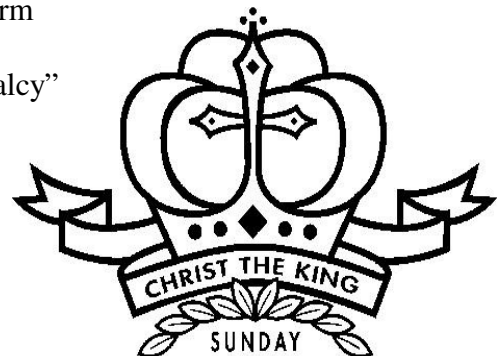
Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

When we celebrate “Christ, the King,” we might want to have a neat, exhaustive idea of what that means. Not because we would then go all out to celebrate it, but because we would want to know what we are up against. Understanding clearly its meaning would give us some sense of control: we would know how far Christ’s claims on us might go and we could devise a system of “checks and balances” to protect ourselves. We almost spontaneously think in terms of familiar structures of political power.

What we are called to celebrate today is not a concept, but our recognizing Christ as the rule/norm of our daily living, our letting his values/preferences/choices be also our values/preferences/choices. Obviously, this is not the rule/norm of our society, as the craze of Black Friday and the shopping season show us. But if, contrary to how we desire to be ruled, this is how our society is in fact ruled, the question could occur to us: are we normal? Of course, the answer to such question will depend on what we mean by “normal.” If we understand “normal” statistically as the most frequent occurrence in our society, then **no**, we are not statistically “normal”... just look around. By the way, it should be clear that in his own society Jesus was also statistically ab-normal. As it happens, though, the word “normal” already existed long before statistics became a discipline. According to its strict etymology, “normal” meant –and still means– “according to a norm.” Whatever is done according to a norm of acting is normal. If we declare Christ’s teachings to be the norm of our living, then everything done according to that norm is totally, absolutely normal, regardless of frequency of occurrence. This “normalcy” is what we celebrate today: Christ as the norm of our living.

by Luis Rodriguez, S.J.

Creighton University's Jesuit Community



Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, November 18, 2018

Regular Collection: Envs: \$3,163.50 Loose: \$305. Electronic: \$ 120.**Total Regular Collection: \$3,588.50**

Diocesan Collections: CathCampHumDev-\$267. Seminary-\$50. **Other Income:** ChristmasFlowers-\$46.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **Donation:** \$277. (Jamaica:2mos.)

CathSun: \$114. **Salaries:** \$1,300.**Total Bills Pd This Wk: \$1,691.**

Thank you for your time, talents and treasure! Bills To Be Pd Next Week: \$1,800.

Our deadline: November 30th,

Thank you to our generous parishioners who have made a pledge to the Annual HOPE Appeal. There are extra envelopes at the entrances of our churches. **→Also, if you've made a pledge and are making payments and have a balance left to pay, please get that paid to the Diocese this week.**

2018 HOPE Appeal Goal: \$18,570.02

Pledges To Date: \$13,235.02

Balance Remaining: \$ 5,335.00

Thank you for your generous support last Sunday to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. As a parish, we raised \$267.00 to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the U.S. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on "How to Give" on the left.

In November we especially remember: Deceased Members of the Gersbach Family, Deceased Members of the Joseph Family, Elsie Carroll, Michael Carroll, Shawn Carroll, Collyer Family, Atwood Family, Wilber Family, Keith Mosier, Don Taylor, John Ryan, Ryan Family, Horner Family, Frank & Mary Zelsnack, Frank Zelsnack, Jr., James Zelsnack, Stephen & Martha Zelsnack, Victor & Josephine Havran, Anthony & Joseph Havran, Mike Zelsnack, Joseph & Charlotte Zelsnack, Thomas & Ethel Zelsnack, Samuel Christaldi, Margaret O'Donnell, Jack & Helen Fordman, Emmett & Patricia O'Donnell, Ed & Dor O'Donnell, Leo Patrick O'Donnell, Patricia Ellen O'Donnell, Douglas Smith, Lois Herold, John Ryan, Ryan Family, Horner Family, Mabel Carr, Lucy Wells, Jaime Canfield, Robert L. Keene.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Jesus the Bridegroom By Dr. Brant Pitre

The Greatest Love Story Dr. Pitre applies his knowledge of the Jewish roots of Christianity to the very heart of the Gospel: the love of Christ. You will learn what it really means to have a "personal relationship" with Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and Bridegroom. Listen on Formed.org, Parish Code: CFMRY

WP Food Pantry - During the month of October we were able to help 395 individuals. Thank you for your ongoing financial support as we reach out to help local families during the holidays.



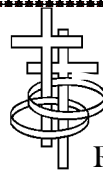
Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry-During the month of November we are collecting canned vegetables.

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.

To all my friends in St. Patrick's Church,
Thank you for caring and all your prayers.
Thank you for you cards and your visits.
All my love, Rita Suma
P.S. I'm home and as well as possible.

Please check the lost and found (to the right of exit door) at St. Stephen's for your lost items. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of on Dec.1st.

Thank you to David & Chris Brandstadt for donating back to our church their 50/50 winnings of \$67.50. **Thank you to Fran Decker** for donating back her Holiday Bazaar raffle winnings of \$100.00 to the Whitney Point Food Pantry.



World Marriage Day

On Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 2:30pm, The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. **He will specially honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th, and beyond 50th anniversary in 2019.** Couples celebrating 25, 50, or 50+ years, please contact our parish office, 692-3911, to register for the event.

Attention Please: If anyone notices any kind of church maintenance need from needing a bulb or battery for something, if something has fallen or is broken, to any major need, please call our parish office asap, 692-3911, so it can be taken care of asap. Thank you!

→Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.

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, Daniel Morehouse USMC, Sgt Jacob Rau, SSG Steven Gross, USMC SSgt Dan Votra, Sgt Nicholas Stone, Lt Paul McDonald, Major John Thomas, Major Joy Thomas, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, 2nd Lt. Emily Steele USAF, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, SSgt Michael Hetzler, LCDR Maria Lescord, and our pastor, LtCol 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.**



Remember Our Veterans

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.ccssp.com.



Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick

Parish Council

Chairperson - John Mihalko
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Parish Business/Office Manager-Mary Wied **Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday, Noon - Phone, Mail or Email, ststephenstpat@syrdio.org

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday	Nov. 25	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Elsie Zelsnack...by Elsie Poyer for Joe Sculley...by Mary Sculley
		10:30 AM Marathon...for The People Of Our Parish
		12:00 PM OLPH...for The People Of Our Parish
Tuesday	Nov. 27	8:30 AM OLPH...for The People Of Our Parish
Next Sunday	Dec. 02	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Jack Lantry...by Jim & Lora Hammill for Ruth Foster...by Mary Sculley
		10:30 AM Marathon...for Marge Carroll...by John Carroll
		12:00 PM OLPH...for The People Of Our Parish



Readings for the Week of November 25 through December 2, 2018:

Today: Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Rv 14:1-3,4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19



Thursday: Rv 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,91; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36

The readings for today, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, begin with #1048, 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: Clements Family

Next Sunday: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker

Lector: Ingrid Jordak **Next Sunday:** Gene Jordan

Altar Servers: Aidan Lynch, Lucca Lynch

Next Sunday: Ian McMullen, Grace Russell

Marathon

Kristin Kashuba, Don Atwood

Kathleen Allen, Don Barry

Lector: Shelley Warnow **Next Sunday:** Linda Caminiti

Ryan Eaton, Stephen Eaton

Breyden Silva, Arianna Silva

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Walter, Kathy Bensley, Roger Calice

Next Sunday: Ann Calice, Cecelia Carstens, Mary Jo Whitehead

Eric Barry, Linda Caminiti, Kathy Cusick

Dawn Odinek, Chris Brandstadt, Mike Thayne

Nov Ushers: Mike Reilly, Jim Holland

Dec Cleaner: Carol Niggi

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY SERVICE TO OUR PARISH!

There are copies of new ministry schedule if you need one in the sacristies and signup sheets for Christmas Eve on bulletin boards at the entrances of our Whitney Pt. & Marathon

This Week In Our Parish

Today, Nov. 25th Korbin Bennett Baptism - Following the 12pm Mass at OLPH
Monday, Nov. 26th 7:00pm - Women's Faith Group Meeting - Whitney Point Parish House
Thursday, Nov. 29th 7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church
Saturday, Dec. 1st 10:00-11:30am - First Penance Student/Parent Meeting - Whitney Point Church Hall
Sunday, Dec. 2nd 5:00-8:00pm - Youth Group Night - Whitney Point Church Hall
 6:00pm - Annual Christmas Caroling in Marathon - Beginning at St. Stephen's Church



**Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion**

Reading 1 - Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man

Reading 2 - Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of all.

Gospel - John 18:33b-37

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him, that he is "King of the Jews."

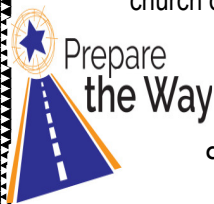
Adults: How is Jesus the King and ruler of my life?

Children: How can I honor Jesus, my King and God?

Attention 7th-12th Graders: Come to our **Youth Group Night** at our Whitney Point Church Hall, on **Saturday, Dec. 1st**, from 5-8pm. Dinner will be provided. There will be music, dinner, games, and fun. →→→ Please take note that last Sunday's bulletin date was incorrect.



Women's Faith Group-We have begun a study of the Holy Spirit by viewing and discussing the Formed.org series, titled the Wild Goose. We would love to have you join us at the church office at our next meeting tomorrow evening, November 26th, 7PM



ADVENT READING MATERIAL - A variety of booklets are available on the church tables for your use during Advent. Please select one that appeals to you, take it home and read it during the Season. May we all have a wonderful Advent!!

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM-Christmas Stars are available at the church entrance. If you are able to purchase a gift please, take a star, wrap that ONE item and place the star on the outside. All gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 16th, after Mass. There are also local programs in Marathon and Whitney Point reaching out to other families. If you are able to help them, please contact the local libraries. Your generosity is much appreciated.



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, Nov. 29th, is at our Whitney Pt. Church, 7pm.



Annual Community Christmas Caroling in Marathon on **Sunday, December 2nd**, Everyone please join us with your voices for Christmas caroling at the Marathon Churches. We will begin at our **Marathon Church at 6pm** and our final stop will be at the Marathon Presbyterian Church. We welcome carolers to bring some snacks for when we are finished. Thank you!



PARISH MISSION - Please join on us Monday, December 3rd, and Tuesday, December 4th, at 7 PM in Marathon for our Parish Mission.

Deacon Ken will help us spiritually celebrate the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Sure hope to see you there. Light refreshments will be served.

CANCELLATIONS: If events at the Church need to be cancelled the event sponsor will contact the office and the phone message will indicate the cancellation. Please check the phone message and church Facebook Page if things look 'iffy.

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

Helmut Melzer and Daina Freimanis
by Vella Melzer

In Memory of... in our Marathon Church:
Deacon Joseph Caminiti
by Linda Caminiti



Christmas Memorial Flowers - If you would like to donate toward our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, a Christmas Flower envelope is included in your envelope packet, or you may use a blank envelope at the entrances of our churches and mark "Memorial Flowers" and who in memory of and place in collection basket.



Vocation View: "My kingdom is not of this world," Jesus told Pilate. So daily, we pray, "Thy Kingdom come." We are in need of generous and courageous workers who labor to bring the peace and justice of God to this world. Continue to pray that young people will have the courage to follow this call in Religious Life. For more information, contact Joe O'Connor at 315-470-1468.

CCSS-SP's Advent Penance Service will be announced in next bulletin.

A Family Perspective - When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point, we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "are you the King? Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

"Crisis in the U.S. Catholic Church: Clericalism or the Gospel" is an advent reflection presented by Fr. Roy Bourgeois, founder of the School of the America Watch (SOAW) to be held on **Wed., Dec. 5th, 7 pm, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Binghamton.** All are invited and welcome. For more info call Fr. Tim Taugher at 722-4388.