

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

March 31, 2019



Church Bulletin

Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick

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Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

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Marathon Campus
16 Academy St. - Marathon, New York



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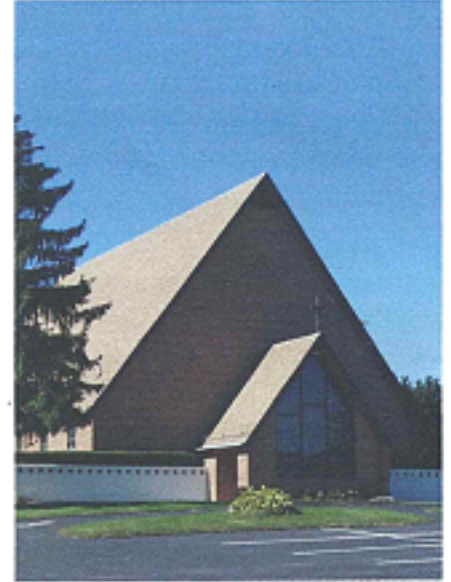
CONFESSIONS

As announced or by appointment

MARRIAGE / BAPTISMS

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Whitney Point Campus
51 Keibel Rd. - Whitney Point, New York



I remember reading the gospel of the prodigal son in times past and feeling it was very unfair. I could understand why the older son was very upset. The message here is that God the father is always there to welcome us with love and open arms when we repent of our sinful ways and return to Him. As a parent, I can relate as to why he is so happy that his son has come back to him, realizing the error of his ways and begging forgiveness. But the oldest son is angry at both his father and his brother. His feeling is that while he has done everything the father asked of him, his brother has been leading a very sinful life. Yet the father welcomes him home without so much as a rebuke and to add insult to injury he throws a huge celebration for him.

How would you react if you were in the older brother's shoes? How would you feel if you found out God just forgave someone who once wronged you, or someone you simply don't have much respect for? Would you be acting a bit self righteous like the Pharisees were? Is it possible that many of us are going thru life with all the talents that God has given us and we are not using them according to the way God wants us to use them. Are we using these talents only for personal gain possibly? Are we not then squandering our inheritance like the younger brother was doing?

We have to remember that God's love is without limit, there is enough love to share fully with everyone, and hatred and anger will have no place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus is telling us that God wants us to love our brothers and sisters as He loves us, and to forgive others as He forgives us even if it isn't easy. We must strive to improve ourselves by reading and studying the Word of God and asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten and encourage us to become who God wants us to be.

Thanks be to God
Lloyd Lapierre

F O U R T H
Sunday in Lent



Weekly Stewardship Report: Sunday, March 24, 2019



Stewardship Report

Regular Collection: Envs: \$3,053. Loose: \$911.Total Regular Collection: \$3,964.

Diocesan Collection: CathReliefSrvs-\$5. Blk&NatAmer-\$5. **Other Income:** Flowers-\$105.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **Salaries:** \$1,200. **Bills Paid This Week: \$1,200.**

Thank you for your time, talents and treasure! Bills To Be Pd Next Week: \$3,857.

Today, March 31st, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise.** This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. Please put your gift envelope in with the regular collection.



The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the month of March in our Whitney Pt Church is In Memory Of:

Dara Courtney Baxtz
by Wayne & Mary Ann Wood

Stations of the Cross By Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Journey with Christ to Calvary. Personally follow Christ and His Sorrowful Mother on their journey to Calvary with the Stations of the Cross. Moving meditations by Saint Alphonsus Liguori accompanied by the beautiful Latin hymn, Stabat Mater, draw you into a more intimate experience of the Church's powerful Lenten prayer. **Parish Code: CFMRYY**



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

FORMATION FOR MINISTRY INFORMATION SESSION: St. Mary's Church, 59 N. Main Street, Cortland, on **Sunday, April 14th, 1:00-2:00pm**

FORMATION FOR MINISTRY is a two-year program for lay adult Catholics who wish to grow in faith and service in response to their Baptismal call to share the Gospel. The program leads to certification in a specialized area of ministry and Commissioning by the diocesan Bishop.

Formation for Ministry is a pre-requisite for applying to the Deacon Formation program. Come and learn more about Formation for Ministry by attending this information session! Register at formationforministrysyrdio.org or call 315-470-1491 for more information.

(Note: A second session will be offered on Sunday, June 2, at 1 pm at St. Mary's Church in Hamilton, NY 13346.)

INFORMATION SEMINAR ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: St. Mary's Church, 59 N. Main Street, Cortland, on **Sunday, April 14th, 2:00-4:30pm.**

A Permanent Deacon is ordained as a Sacramental Sign of the Church, as servant in active love and justice in society, in heralding the Word of God and in celebrating the Sacraments. If you have any interest in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Syracuse or about the Deacon Formation Program, this Information Seminar will assist you in your discernment.

Eligibility Requirements: Men wishing to apply to enter the deacon formation program (next class beginning September 2020), must attend an Information Seminar together with their spouse. → The next following seminar will be June 2nd which will meet at St. Mary's in Hamilton, NY. Male applicants (who have discerned a call to service and who have parish or agency sponsorship) must have completed the Diocesan Formation for Ministry Program or its equivalent and completed the Safe Environment Training Program. Contact: Fr. Louis F. Aiello, Diocesan Director, Office of the Permanent Diaconate, The Chancery, 240 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13202 Phone: (315) 470-1479.

PROMOTING VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE.

→ **VISIT VOCATIONS-SYRACUSE.ORG FOR EVENT DETAILS**

coming up **APRIL 16: SEMINARIAN MEET & GREET/CHRISM MASS**

APRIL 27: TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION

APRIL 29: SAINT ANDREW DINNER

MAY 12: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS/GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

JUNE 1: ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

JULY 17: FISHERMAN'S CLUB SUMMER COOKOUT & HOLY HOUR

JULY 28: MEN IN BLACK SOFTBALL GAME

AUGUST 7: THE TENTH HOUR - DISCERNING WITH THE BISHOP



Vocation View - In the story of the Prodigal Son, we see a father who runs to his son with mercy and love. Today, God is calling men to be merciful and compassionate as priest for his people. For information on vocations to the priesthood and religious life, contact the vocation office at 315-470-1468.



Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry

During the month of **March** we are collecting **pasta** for the Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry. **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.

PRAYING FOR YOUR



Please pray for a speedy recovery for Dick Barry.

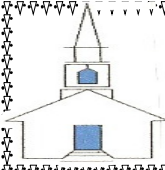
If you would like to send him a card, please mail to:

RECOVERY P.O. Box 122, Marathon, NY 13803-0122

Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: Major Corrine Miller, A2C Derek Lescord, Devon McGill, Joshua Lilley, PV2 James McGill, LCpl 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.**

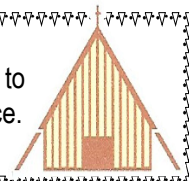


Remember Our Veterans



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.

Parish Council

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

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation - Cecelia Carstens, 323-5114
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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

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| Sunday | Mar. 31 | 8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Lyle Tredo ...by Pat Tredo for Evelyn Halloran ...by Jack Halloran & Family for Carl Wennerod ...by Ingrid Wennerod |
| | | 10:30 AM <i>Marathon</i> ...for Louis Odinek, 2nd Anniv. ...by Dawn & Sweet Pea |
| | | 12:00 PM OLPH...for Jennie Ricca ...by Pat & Terri Fedele for Carmella Leszczynski ...by Pat & Terri Fedele |
| Tuesday | Apr. 02 | 8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Nola McDonald ...by Cathy & Bill Cummings |
| Sunday | Apr. 07 | 8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Sunnie Leitner ...by Champney Family for Nola McDonald ...by Ray & Gladly Nolan |
| | | 10:30 AM <i>Marathon</i> ...for Dorothy Griep ...by Jerry Griep for Marge Carroll ...by John Carroll for Catherine Perfitt, 3rd Anniv. ...by Dawn & Sweet Pea |
| | | 12:00 PM OLPH...for Buttigieg Aunts & Uncles ...by Josephine Kellogg |



Readings for the Week of March 31 through April 7, 2019:

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| Today: Jos 5:9a,10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32 | Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47 |
| Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54 | Friday: Wis 2:1a,12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30 |
| Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16 | Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53 |
| Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30 | Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 |

The readings for today, Fourth Sunday of Lent, begin with #914, 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 **10:00am** (unless holiday)



Whitney Point

Greeters: Cathy Cummings, Anne Clerkin
Next Sunday: Colleen Mihalko, Ingrid Jordak
Lector: Don Alexy **Next Sunday:** Dot Hathway
Altar Servers: Noah Somers, Hannah Somers
Next Sunday: Joslyn Wright, Nora Jordan

Marathon

McEvoy Family
Kathleen Allen, Don Atwood
Lector: Mike Thayne **Next Sunday:** Volunteer
Stephen Eaton, Seamus Nolan
Angela Barry, Arianna Silva

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Fabrocino, Dot Hathway, Emily Jordan
Next Sunday: Peg Orzel, Cathy Shoemaker, Pat Walter
Children's Liturgy Leader: Amy Burke **Next Sunday:** Carrie Brickner

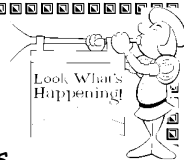
Shelley Warnow, Chris Brandstadt,, Karen Standish
Cindy Barry, Kathy Cusick, Eric Barry

March Ushers: Wayne Niggli, Bob Barry/**Apr:** M.Barry,D.Atwood

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY SERVICE TO OUR PARISH! **Apr. Cleaners:** Kim McCrory, Kathy Eaton

This Week In Our Parish

Today, Mar. 31st First Eucharist Last Supper - All Three Masses
Thursday, Apr. 4th 7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church
Friday, Apr. 5th 3:00pm - Stations of the Cross - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnatus
Saturday, Apr. 6th 4:00-7:30pm - CCSS-SP's Annual Maplefest Italian Dinner - Marathon Church Hall
Sunday, Apr. 7th 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**

Reading 1 - Joshua 5:9a,10-12

The Israelites celebrate the Passover in the promised land.

Reading 2-2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul preaches our reconciliation with Christ.

Gospel - Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Adults: When have you been generous enough to forgive someone who hurt you deeply?

Children: Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness of?

Today, March 31st, our First Eucharist Students will participate in the Last Supper during each of our Masses.



A Family Perspective-We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?

The Stations of the Cross-We are not having Stations of the Cross this year at either Whitney Point nor Marathon → Our nearest churches praying Stations on Fridays are Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cincinnatus at 3:00pm, St. Mary's/St. Anthony's, Cortland, at 6:30pm (alternating) & Most Holy Rosary, Maine at 7pm



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, April 4th, is at our Whitney Point Church, 7pm.

CCSS-SP's Maplefest Italian Dinner and Bake Sale is this Saturday, April 6th, at our Marathon Church Hall.



Pasta Dinner

The sign up sheets are at the entrances of our churches. Dinner will be served 4-7:30pm and there are more times available as we will be doing lunches for vendors this year also. If you would like to help but are not available for that weekend, we have other options available for your help and for that you can contact Brittney Penrose at rosecenara@gmail.com.



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl - Encounter Kumba

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Penance

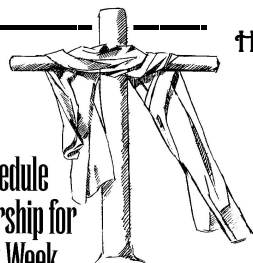
CCSS-SP's Lenten Penance Service will be Wednesday, April 10th, 7:00pm, at our Marathon Church. Fr. Doug and other priests will be available to hear confessions. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this meaningful experience, as we prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

"The Light is on for You" Opportunities for Confession

Priests throughout the Diocese will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, April 15th for "The Light is on for You" program. The CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick and OLPH will not be participating. Our nearest churches participating are, in Cortland: St Anthony's Church, from 4-5:30 PM and again, after the 5:30 PM Mass, from 6 7 PM. Fr. Joe Zareski will also be available for confessions on: Tuesday, April 16th, 1 PM at St Mary's, and Wednesday, April 17th, 1 PM at St Anthony's and 6:30 PM at St Mary's. In Maine: Most Holy Rosary, 4-5:30PM.



Please see signup sheets for ministers needed at our Whitney Point and Marathon Churches for Holy Week. Thank you!



Schedule of Worship for Holy Week

Holy Week at The Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Churches

April 18th, Holy Thursday: 7pm Mass of The Last Supper w/ The Washing of Feet at our Whitney Point Church

April 19th, Good Friday: 7pm Veneration of the Cross at our Marathon Church

No Easter Vigil Mass

April 21st, Easter Sunday: Regular schedule

TRUST IN GOD

"To trust God in the light is nothing, but trust him in the dark—that is faith."
 Charles Spurgeon.