

*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



Our Gospel this morning speaks of forgiveness of sins and reminds me of a story that recently circulated on Facebook:

"I was at the grocery store this morning and heard a loud crash and something shattering. Being nosy, I walked towards the sound and saw some people whispering and looking back to the end of the next aisle. When I walked down that aisle, I saw an older lady had hit a shelf containing dishes with her cart and many had fallen to the ground and broke. She was kneeling on the floor embarrassed, frantically picking up the shattered pieces, while her husband was peeling off the bar code from each broken dish saying "Now we will have to pay for all this!"

I felt so bad for her, and everyone was just standing there staring at her!! I went and knelt beside her and told her not to worry and started helping her pick up the broken pieces. After about a minute, the store manager came and knelt beside us and said, "Leave it, we will clean this up. Let's get your information so you can go to the hospital and have that cut on your hand looked at."

The lady, totally embarrassed said, "I need to pay for all this first." The manager smiled, helped her to her feet and said, "No ma'am, we have insurance for this, you do not have to pay anything!" For you who have read this so far, I would like you to give me a minute. Wherever you are, close your eyes, and imagine God doing the same for you! Collect the pieces of your broken heart from all the blows life has thrown at you. God will heal all your wounds, and I assure you that your sins and mistakes will be forgiven.

You see, we all have the same insurance, and it's called Grace. When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior and ask for forgiveness, the Manager of the universe, GOD, will say to you "Everything has already been paid for, now go on your way, all is forgiven!"

We are blessed that God forgives everything and shows us how to extend this forgiveness to those who have hurt us! This week take time to praise God with joy for His love and forgiveness.

Peg Orzel



Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, May 26, 2019



Regular Collection: Envs: \$2,855. Loose: \$214. **Total Regular Collection: \$3,069.**
Other Income: Ascension-\$10. *Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:*
SchoolSbsdyPymt: \$1,165. **Donation:** \$100. (Sr.Kathleen) **Phone:** \$281. **DioAssess:** \$1,455. **Utilities:** \$140.
Salaries: \$1,300. **Total Bills Paid: \$4,441.**

Thank you for your time, talents and treasure!

Bills To Be Pd Next Week: \$



HOPE APPEAL 2019 - This annual appeal helps to fund many diocesan programs and ministries, helping thousands of people in our seven county diocese.

Our parish goal this year is \$18,984.05.

Please prayerfully consider a generous donation to this annual diocesan appeal. Thank you to those who have.

Today, June 2nd, we are taking up the Diocesan Collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in the Diocese of Syracuse to support communication efforts across our seven-county diocese. Thank you for your continued support. Please put your gift envelope in with the regular collection basket.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity By Fr. Shannon Collins

Renew your Relationship with the Spirit Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition,

Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he wants to work in the lives of believers. **Parish Code: CFMRYY**



FORMATION FOR MINISTRY INFORMATION SESSION - St. Mary's Church, Cortland - Tuesday, June 18th, 6:30-7:30pm

Come and learn how Formation for Ministry can help you grow in faith (End service to your parish. Formation for Ministry is a two-year program that prepares men and women of mature faith to assist pastors to serve the needs of a parish or pastoral area. Students take a series of required courses, workshops, and retreats and serve in ministry in their parishes. Completion leads to certification and commissioning by the bishop as a Lay Ecclesial Minister. Formation for Ministry is a prerequisite for Deacon Formation.

Those discerning the permanent diaconate are encouraged to attend this session. **Register at formationforministrysyrdio.org** or call 315-470-1479 for more information. The next information session will be Sunday, Sept. 22, 1:00pm at Holy Cross Church in DeWitt.

PERMANENT DIA CONA TE INTRODUCTORY MEET & GREET SESSION - St. Mary's Church, Cortland

Tuesday, June 18th, 7:30 -8:00 p.m.



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 introductory meet and greet session 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 Sunday, September 22, 2:00 pm at Holy Cross Church in DeWitt. 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.

For further information, contact: Office of Deacon Formation at 315-470-1479

ST. ANTHONY'S FESTIVAL - JUNE 8TH & 9TH

Saturday: 4-7 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner **5:30 p.m.**-Mass in Italian
6:30-10 p.m.-Festival (Select Italian & Ethnic Foods, Dolci & Music)
9:30 p.m. -Fireworks

Sunday: 9:30a.m -Traditional Mass & Benediction followed by
featuring the Old Timer's Band

12:30 p.m.-Festival Begins w/Music, Children's Games, Italian & Ethnic Food, Silent Auction, Cake Wheel, Raffle, Dolci, Gelato, Traditional Keepsakes, Italian Novelties. **Festival ends 8:30pm**

**"THRIVE" - Music, Inspiration
& Fellowship Worship**

is for everyone who longs for God – believers and seekers. Join us for "THRIVE!" A meaningful evening of Music, Inspiration & Fellowship, every First Friday beginning Friday, June 7th, 7:00-8:00pm @ St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church, Vestal. Join with Worship Leader, Jeremy Bobak & Band, for powerful Worship, Prayer, Scripture, Insightful talks and Adoration. THRIVE will be offered regionally and each THRIVE is different but is always followed by food & fellowship! Plan to come and bring a friend, ALL are invited! Don't just survive....THRIVE!

Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry

During the month of **June** we are collecting **baby needs** 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.



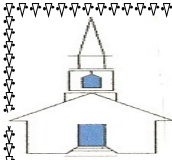
**→Please notice additional announcements on
our church bulletin boards.**

Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:

PVT2 Averil Hull, Major Corrine Miller, A2C Derek Lescord,
Joshua Lilley, PV2 James McGill, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC,
Sgt Heather Fox, Captain Caleb Miller, Sgt Megan Ballard,
A1C Brendan Schneider, Daniel Morehouse USMC, Devon McGill,
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, Sgt Jacob Rau,
OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Brett Hayes, 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.**

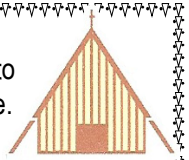




Mission Statement for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen - St. Patrick

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 ill, hospitalized or homebound, please let the Parish Office know so our Hospitality Groups can provide contact with them through visits and cards, or any spiritual needs such as communion, and perhaps they would like to receive a copy of our bulletin.



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 & OLPH's can be viewed online at www.ccssp.com



Our face book page: www.facebook.com/ccssp

Parish Council

Chairperson - John Mihalko

Vice-Chairperson - Don Barry

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

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation - Cecelia Carstens, 323-5114

Ministry Coordinator-Peg Orzel, porzel10@yahoo.com

Church Organist/Music Director - Jennifer Cafferty

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday June 2

8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Helmut Melzer**...by Vella Melzer

10:30 AM Marathon...for **Marge Carroll**...by John Carroll

12:00 PM OLPH...for **Antonia Buttigieg**...by Josephine Kellogg

Tuesday June 4

8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Harriet Hand**...by Joe & Sue McDonald
for **Josephine McConnell**

Sunday June 9

8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Lyle Tredo**...by Joe & Sue McDonald
for **Nola McDonald**...by Ken & Sylvia Bates

10:30 AM Marathon...for **Edwin & Mary Jane DuBrava**...by Roseann Sculley

12:00 PM OLPH...for **Nazzareno Buttigieg**...by Josephine Kellogg

Readings for the Week of June 2 through 9, 2019:

Today: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19



Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

The readings for today, The Ascension of the Lord, begin with #936, 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)



**SERVING
THIS
WEEK**



Whitney Point

Greeters: Anne Ballard, Ingrid Jordak

Next Sunday: Peggy Kemp, Cathy Cummings

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

Altar Servers: Matthew Jordan, Isaac Jordan

Next Sunday: Nora Jordan, Josiah Lynch

Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Don Atwood

Dawn Odinek, Don Barry

Lector: Linda Caminiti **Next Sunday:** Kathy Cusick

Angela Barry, Ryan Eaton

Stephen Eaton, Seamus Nolan

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe & Sue McDonald, Kathy Bensley

Next Sunday: Roger & Ann Calice, Peg Orzel

Children's Liturgy Leader: Cecelia Carstens

Next Sunday: Sherry Dee

Cindy Barry, Dawn Odinek, Don Barry

Mike Thayne, Eric Barry, Geoff Tyrrell

June Ushers: Steve Zelsnack, Tony Zelsnack

June Cleaners: Gary & Kathleen Allen

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY TO OUR PARISH!

This Week In Our Parish



Thursday, June 6th 7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church
Saturday, June 8th 8:00am - Christian Men Of Faith Meeting - Whitney Point Church Hall
Sunday, June 9th Emma May Chung Baptism - Following the 8:30am Mass

Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1 - Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the Apostles.

Reading 2 - Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel - Luke 24:46-53

Jesus is taken to heaven and the disciples remain in Jerusalem awaiting his sending of the Spirit.

Adults: Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use this gift?

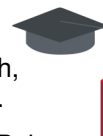
Children: Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?

Are you new to the Parish? Welcome to our church. We are glad you are here!!! Feel free to ask questions, introduce yourself, pick up a Welcome Bag at the church entrance and read through our Volunteer Ministry Booklet. We have a lot going on for different age groups. We are looking forward to getting to know you better and have you participate in worship and events.



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, June 6th, Adoration is at our Whitney Point Church, 7:00pm

SAVE THE DATES: June 27th - A **Baccalaureate Service** for all Whitney Point seniors and their families will be held at our Whitney Pt Catholic Church, 7pm.. All parishioners are welcome to join in this joyful celebration.



August 18th - Our parish picnic will be held on our Whitney Point Church lawn. We will begin with Mass presided by Fr. Doug and continue with food and friendship.

Grow closer to God this Easter season!


Pick up a copy of the devotional publication **The Word Among Us** and spend 5 to 10 minutes each day reflecting on the word of God for your life. Copies are located at the entrances of our churches.

The Word Among Us features uplifting and thought-provoking meditations based on the daily Mass readings.

- The June issue will help you understand the truth of who you are and who God is—and the truth will set you free.
- The July/August summer issue speaks of God's faithful, covenant love—and why it matters to you.
- The September issue on the Beatitudes shows how you can be poor in spirit, merciful, and a peacemaker in your daily life.

Please pick up a copy as each issue becomes available and experience the joy of hearing from God each day!

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, if available, and memorial name(s) will be printed in bulletin.



The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the month of June in our Whitney Point Church is In Memory Of:
Helmut Melzer & Daina Frzimanis by Vella Melzer
in our Marathon Church:
Garret & Ella Van De Weert
 by Garret & Joyce Van De Weert



A Family Perspective: Jesus tells us today, "you are my witnesses" and guarantees the "promise of the Father" to "clothe us with the power to accomplish this mission. It is not worldly power which dominates and manipulates. It is the power of the Kingdom of God to live in peace, forgiveness, compassion, service to others, love of enemies and care for the poor and defenseless.

Adult Faith Formation Day: Please join Most Holy Rosary's (Main St., Maine) *Direction for Our Times Prayer Group* and Anne, a lay apostle from Ireland, on Sat., June 15th, 9am-4pm. Our Adult Faith Formation Day will have enlightening content and fresh graces. Join us for the whole day, part of the day or even one talk to transform your thinking about your faith, your relationship with God, and what you can offer Him in a fast world. Lunch will be offered for \$10. A love offering for attending the event is encouraged. To register, call Renee at the parish office – 862-3216. Questions? Call Matt Karp – 760-2748.

Thank you to Anitra Murphy for the beautiful flowers she planted at our WP Church and Parish House.



Vocation View: Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness wither as a Priest or religious. For more information on Vocation, please visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.



Gospel Reflection - If you are interested and willing to share your thoughts on the Gospel passage for the front page of the bulletin, please contact Peg at porzel10@yahoo.com. We write on a rotation basis about once every six weeks. Dates are scheduled well in advance so you have time to prepare.

TRUST IN GOD

"And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee."
Psalm 9:10