

Catholic Community of St. Stephen - St. Patrick

October 20, 2019

The Catholic Community of St. Stephen --- --- --- St. Patrick

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time/World Mission Sunday

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Marathon Campus

16 Academy St. - Marathon, New York



Whitney Point Campus

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CONFESSIONS

As announced or by appointment

MARRIAGE / BAPTISMS

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." – 2 Timothy 4:1-2. This statement is a pretty powerful challenge. Not only is Paul challenging us to proclaim the word, he is challenging us to do so when it is not convenient for us! How many times do we find ourselves in a situation where we totally disagree with the conversation or actions that are going on around us, but we don't do or say anything because we don't want to "rock the boat?" I know it happens to me more than I would like. Very few people enjoy conflict, but we know in the back of our minds that is what may happen when we speak out against those around us. But what happens if we don't speak our minds? Are we being true to God? If we were in that same situation and the people around us were making false accusations about our spouse, children, parents, siblings, etc, would we say anything? I believe in that situation the vast majority of people (if not everyone) would have the love they feel for the person being attacked greatly outweigh the fear of conflict and they would speak out. They would defend their family regardless of the cost. So why don't we defend God the same way? Why do we feel differently about a God who loves us so much that he sent his only son to die on a cross so we could be with him forever? Not because HE made a mistake, but because WE made a mistake. WE messed up and HE paid the price. Yet, we still sit back and let him get thrown under the bus because we don't want to make waves. This comparison, at least for me, made me realize something. When I asked myself why I would go to great lengths to defend my family, the answer was simple, I love them and would do anything for them. So, if I ask myself the same question about why I sometimes don't defend God, the answer scared me a little. Does that mean that I don't love God? But if I do love God, then why do I back down when I know my friend is being attacked? I think the answer will be a little different for each one of us, but I think it comes down to how much we know God vs how much we know our family. We have watched our kids grow up, have watched our parents care for us, have witnessed our family love us, but much of the time we don't have those same tangible experiences with God. That doesn't mean that God loves us any less than our family, He actually loves us more than any human being ever could. I think the difference is we haven't taken the time to understand how much God truly loves us, so we don't appreciate it like we should. You can't love something that you don't know, so the more we know God, the more we will be able to love him. The more we read scripture, pray, experience the Sacraments, and have fellowship with other believers, the more we will be connected to God, the more we will be able to love God. Then we will truly want to defend God, not out of a sense of responsibility, but out of a sense of love. "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" I believe he will, all we need to do is make the time to truly know the God who loves us. Then when he comes, we will hear those sought-after words: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Pax Christi,
John D. Mihalko

Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, October 13, 2019



Regular Collection: Envs: \$2,258. Loose: \$435.Total Regular Collection: \$2,693.

Diocesan Collection: RespLife-\$60. WorldMissionSun-\$5. **Other Income:** Fuel-\$100. Hospitality-\$190. Sanctuary-\$20.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: Utilities: \$244.

Altar: \$165. Dumpster: \$72. ChHallExps: \$28. Salaries: \$1,400. **Total Bills Paid This Week: \$1,909.**

Your continued generosity is so greatly appreciated! Bills To Pay Next Week: \$4,019.



2019 Hope Appeal - We need to hear from you now!

The campaign ends November 30th. If we fall short the balance to reach our goal (assessment) will come from regular income. There are many services the diocese provides to our parishes, schools, and to all Catholics that would be difficult for even the most prosperous parishes to undertake on their own. This includes support for educating seminarians, Catholic Charities, campus ministry, parishes and schools, formational ministries, pastoral assistance, evangelization and communications.

→ Each gift brings us closer to our goal!

Our parish goal this year is \$18,984.05
Pledges to date: \$13,015.00
Balance remaining: \$ 5,969.05

We are looking for several people to form a new **Liturgical Music Committee** for our parish. It would be a fairly small commitment, meeting approximately every 3 months, to work as a team to choose the music for our Sunday Liturgical settings. There will be guide information provided, but we need input from YOU to make it happen! If you are interested, please contact John Mihalko (jdmihalco@gmail.com or 607-760-1437.)



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
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True Reformers with Christopher Blum

Episode 5: Teresa of Avila Nobly-born, wealthy, captivating, and headstrong, Teresa de Avila was an unlikely timber for a great work of renovation. After many years of complacent living in a fashionable convent, Teresa was drawn into a mystical embrace and learned directly from Divine Inspiration what a life more pleasing to God would be. She spent the last twenty years of her life in a whirlwind of activity as the founder of the Discalced or reformed branch of the Carmelites in Spain. 43m. Watch on Formed.org. **Parish Code: CFMRYY**



Today, October 20th, is **World Mission Sunday**, we are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters & Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. As Catholics around the world gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us... **PRAY** for the Church's worldwide missionary work and **OFFER** financial help through a special collection for The Society for the PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

Your generosity gives hope to vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Please put your donation envelope in with the regular collection.

Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry

During the month **October** we are collecting **Ramen Noodles & Jello Mix** for the Whitney Pt. 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 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.

Vocation View: "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." God is calling you today to proclaim His word, to tell others of what great things He has done for you and through you, to teach others about His power to save, and to preach the message of His Son, Jesus. But He reminds us that it is not always easy, or convenient. But it is always a challenge worth accepting. To find out more, visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

Headstone Cleaning Available
Call Tom at 607-244-8116 for more information.



A Family Perspective - The widow in today's gospel is praised for her **PERSEVERANCE**. In our homes perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences and teaching lessons and skills to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith in the goodness of the other person.



St. Margaret's Annual Harvest Dinner
Wednesday, October 23rd.

Seatings at 5 & 6:15 PM. Advance Sale Tickets by calling Elaine Kozub at 749- 7456. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 4 - 12 or under 3 is free. Take-Outs Available. Pick up promptly at 4:45 PM. Come join us for a great meal!

7th Annual Catholic Women's Conference

Join hundreds of women for a day out on Saturday, October 26th, at the Oncenter Convention Center in Syracuse. For more information or to register online visit syracusewc.com.

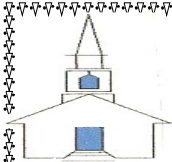
Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:

2ndLt. Trevor Jones, PVT2 Averi Hull, Major Corrine Miller, Devon McGill, Sgt Megan Ballard, Joshua Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Sgt Heather Fox, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Captain Caleb Miller, A2C Derek Lescord, Sgt Jacob Rau, Major Joy Thomas, SSgt Michael Hetzler, A1C Brendan Schneider, Daniel Morehouse USMC, SSG Steven Gross, Sgt Nicholas Stone, Major John Thomas, USMC SSgt Dan Votra, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, LCDR Paul McDonald, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, Brett Hayes, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC, LCDR Maria Lescord, and our pastor, LtCol Douglas Cunningham.



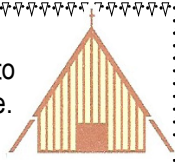
Remember Our Veterans

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 - Dan Burke
Secretary - Peg Orzel


PARISH STAFF

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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	Oct. 20	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Joanne Cunningham ...by Dick & Kathy Bensley 10:30 AM Marathon...for Jerry & Dorothy Griep ...by Mike & Marie Joseph 12:00 PM OLPH...for Sharon Nelson ...by Josephine Kellogg	
Tuesday	Oct. 22	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Josephine McConnell	
Sunday	Oct. 27	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Elsie Zelsnack ...by Elsie Poyer 10:30 AM Marathon...for Jerry Griep ...by David & Patty Thon 12:00 PM OLPH...for Carmella Leszczynski ...by Pat & Terri Fedele for Roberta Stephens Powers ...by Pam Maroney	

Readings for the Week of October 20 through 27, 2019:

Today: Ex 17:8-13; **2 Tm** 3:14--4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14,16-18; **2 Tm** 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14



The readings for today, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, begin with #1034, 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: Peggy Kemp, Cathy Cummings
Next Sunday: Ingrid Jordak, Anne Clerkin
Lector: Ingrid Jordak **Next Sunday:** Joe McDonald
Altar Servers: Noah Somers, Hannah Somers
Next Sunday: Aidan Lynch, Lucca Lynch

Marathon

McEvoy Family
Don Atwood, Dawn Odinek
Lector: Mike Thayne **Next Sunday:** Shelley Warnow
Volunteers
Arianna Silva, Brandon Tyrrell

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Joe McDonald, Mary Jo Whitehead
Next Sunday: Sue McDonald, Roger & Ann Calice
Children's Liturgy Leader: Cecelia Carstens **Next Sunday:** Amy Burke

Dawn Odinek, Shelley Warnow, Kathy Cusick
Cindy Barry, Don Barry, Karen Standish
Oct Ushers: Kody Barry, Don Atwood

Thank you for your ministry to our parish!

This Week In Our Parish

Today, Oct. 20th 9:20-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney Point Church Hall

Thursday, Oct. 24th 7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church

Saturday, Oct. 26th 8:00am - Christian Men Of Faith Meeting - Whitney Point Church Hall



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

Reading 1 - Exodus 17:8-13

Joshua and the Israelites defeat Amalek with the help of God and his servant, Moses.

Reading 2 - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Paul exhorts Timothy to continue to preach the word Timothy received from his teachers.

Gospel - Luke 18:1-8

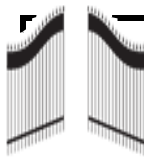
Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.

Adults: Whose needs might you be failing to listen to right now?

Children: How often do you put off chores until you are forced to do them?

Who is hurt by such a decision?

Coat, Sweater and Blanket Collection-We are collecting gently used or new coats, sweaters and blankets at both our church locations. Please look for the bins near the church entrance or place your donations in the collection box at the Clothing Bank. Distribution will begin Saturday, October 26th and continue during regular clothing bank hours. Please check your closets and share with those in need.



WELCOMED HOME

Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary "Maisy" Mackrell** who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven. May she rest in peace.

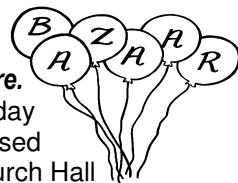
Hospitality Holiday Bazaar-Clean out your closets...

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 Saturday, November 16th, 8:30am-4pm. New or gently used items (no clothes, please) can be brought to our Whitney Point Church Hall November 11th-15th. Along with the White Elephant Sale, we will 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.

→ → Signup sheets for help will go up next Sunday.



Sunday Prayer Intentions

The Parish Council discussed the change in presenting the

Sunday Prayer Intentions and are grateful to parishioners who expressed their opinions in writing or attending the meeting. It has been decided that for the next six months we will continue writing intentions in the book and the book will be placed open on the altar before Mass. In six months the Parish Council will revisit the topic.



Come and Visit with Jesus - Did you know that every Thursday evening for one hour, you can come and spend sometime 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. Every Thursday, unless indicated, at 7pm, in our Whitney Point Church.

The Rosary and the Liturgical Year

The Rosary had its origin in the liturgical mentality of former ages. Even at the present time it is called "Mary's Psalter." There still are Catholics who consider the 150 Hail Marys a substitute for the 150 psalms for those persons who neither have the time, the education, nor the opportunity to pray the Hours of the Divine Office. Thus "Mary's Psalter" is a shortened, simplified "breviary" — alongside the common Hour-prayer of the Church.— *The Church's Year of Grace*, Dr. Pius Parsch

The Rosary is Christocentric setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honors and contemplates Mary too, and rightly so, for the same reason that the Liturgical Year does likewise: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she" 142 (Mediator Dei). Meditation on this cycle of Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries makes the Rosary not only "a breviary or summary of the Gospel and of Christian life," (Ingravescentibus malis) but also a compendium of the Liturgical Year.

Therewith the Rosary stands revealed as a dynamic teacher and nurturer of Christian faith, morality, and spiritual perfection, fostering in various ways faith, hope, charity, and the other virtues, and mediating special graces, all to the end that we may become more and more like unto Christ. — *Mariology*, Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M. (to be continued)



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

Joe Scully
by Mary Sculley

Our Marathon Church:
Liz Slocum Anon

**Thanks to the
Big Cortland Women of Faith
Thank You!** for the large donation they gave to our food pantry.

A Note To Our Parish:

St. Stephen Parishioners,

Thank you all for everything you did for our family after Dad's passing. Your kindness is appreciated.

Gerald Griep Family

TRUST IN GOD

"As we trust God to give us wisdom for today's decisions, He will lead us a step at a time into what He wants us to be doing in the future." Theodore Epp