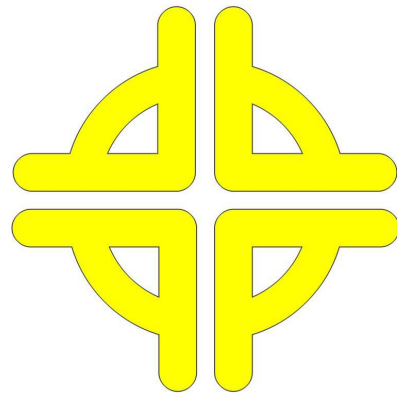


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Sunday
Oct 27, 2019

The Catholic Community of St. Stephen St. Patrick

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2019

Marathon Campus

16 Academy St. - Marathon, New York



Whitney Point Campus

51 Keibel Rd. - Whitney Point, New York



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CONFESSIONS

As announced or by appointment

MARRIAGE / BAPTISMS

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

“God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.”

When Jesus told the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican he directed it to some who trusted in themselves, to those who considered themselves to be righteous, and who treated others with contempt. The Pharisee and the tax collector were symbolic of typical attitudes that are common even in our age today. One man was full of pride and was quite self-righteous. The other was humble; he recognized his sins and asked for God’s mercy and was justified. As I thought about this passage of Luke’s gospel, I thought about the lesson on the significance of humility which is the obvious lesson. But, as with all parables Jesus used, there are many lessons to be learned and from this parable, I sensed the Pharisee’s contempt for others. Contempt of the other can lead to a denial of the very humanity of other people. This disdain is very apparent today in the fear of immigrants and refugees, the distorted views of white supremacists, those who take part in bullying of any sort including cyber bullying, etc.

Even St. Francis of Assisi had a fear and abhorrence of lepers. One day, however, he met a man afflicted with leprosy while riding his horse near Assisi. Though the sight of the leper filled him with disgust, Francis got off his horse and kissed the leper. Then the leper put out his hand, hoping to receive something. Out of compassion, Francis gave him money. But, when Francis mounted his horse again and looked around, he could not see the leper anywhere. It dawned on him that it was Jesus whom he had just kissed. From that encounter, reaching out to the leper colony near Assisi became part of St. Francis’s ministry.

In the Jubilee year 2000, Pope John Paul II made a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in order to walk where Jesus walked. At each of his stops along this very spiritual journey, he kissed the soil of the land he was in to show a sign of respect and love for the country and its people. There was a minor flap among the Jewish people when he kissed a bowl of Palestinian soil, but John Paul II, following in the footsteps of Jesus, knew that we are all children of the Creator and that true humility comes in recognizing the goodness in others.

Both St. Francis and St. John Paul II’s self-evident human decency and respect for others was what true faith gives rise to. The Pharisee was so blinded by “The Law” and so self-absorbed, that he missed the one law that really matters – Jesus’ Command to “Love one another as I have Loved you.”

Sylvia Bates

Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, October 20, 2019



Regular Collection: Envs: \$4,597. Loose: \$261. Electronic: \$120.Total Regular Collection: \$4,978.

Diocesan Collection: WorldMissionSun-\$235. **Other Income:** Flowers-\$30. Hospitality-\$5. Sanctuary-\$40.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **Donations:** \$815. (Sr.Kath,WPPPantry)

Mo.Dio.Assess: \$1,478. **Phone:** \$314. **Chr&M:** \$27. **Salaries:** \$1,400.**Total Bills Paid This Week:** \$4,034.

Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE! Bills To Pay Next Week: \$1,535.



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

The campaign ends November 30th. THANK YOU to those who have made a pledge. 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: \$13,574.00

Balance remaining: \$ 5,410.05

Next Sunday, November 3rd, is the **Diocesan Seminary Collection.**

Please place your gift envelope in with the regular collection. Thank you.



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.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

The Ultimate Goal: Why I Left Pro Soccer to Answer God's Call

by Sr. Raffaella Cavallin

Sister Raffaella Cavallin, a consecrated lay person with the Apostles of the Interior Life, shares her inspiring spiritual journey. At the height of her professional soccer career, while attending a parish mission, she discovered that the ultimate goal in life is to become a saint. Sister Raffaella's story illustrates how holiness and happiness go hand in hand, and that through prayer, the Sacraments, and spiritual direction, we can live a Christ-centered life and become the person God wants us to be. Watch on Formed.org. **Parish Code: CFMRYY**

Thanksgiving Donations-On Sunday, Nov. 17th, we will hold a second collection at the Masses for funding the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. We will be distributing approximately 50 'baskets' to local families. Catholic Charities will donate the turkeys, the local Methodist church will contribute boxes of pie crust and stuffing, and our parish will give a monetary donation to the Food Pantry Treasury to purchase other items. Our Faith Formation Students and Families will help pack the boxes for the families to pick up. Thank you for your donation to reach out to those in need.

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.



During the month of September we were able to provide food for 267 individuals: 87 children, 141 adult age 18-64, and 39 age 65 and over. Thank you for your support.



Vocation View: "And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat, and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom." St. Paul trusted in the Lord above all else, in Jesus Christ who gave him strength to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles. God will give you the strength to carry out his plan in your life, whatever that may be. To find out more, visit www.vocations-syracuse or contact the Vocations Office at 315-470-1468.



A Family Perspective

Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "he who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime.

NO MASS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.

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

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.

What is the Relationship Between Grace and Faith? How do we reach up with faith and pull down the gift of God's grace when we are going through tough times? Joanne Rainbow-Wafer is once again offering a two night session. If interested in the gift of grace and faith please come on October 30th and November 6th.

This two night program will be offered at St Anthony's & St Mary's Parish Center, Cortland, from 7:15-8:30 PM both nights.

THRIVE, Evening of Music, Inspiration & Fellowship
Come join us for THRIVE! **Friday, November 8th, 7-8pm at St. Joseph's Church, 207 Hayes Ave, Endicott.**

Enjoy a wonderful evening of music, scripture, inspiration and prayer. We would like to give a warm THRIVE welcome to Worship Leader, Bethenie Hrehor and her Apalachian Alliance Band. Our theme for this November THRIVE will be "Gratitude!" Join us for Food & Fellowship to follow! All are welcome, come and bring your family and friends! Don't just survive...THRIVE!

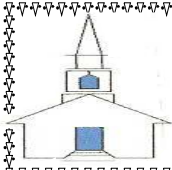
Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:

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

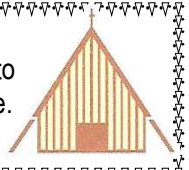
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.



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.ccsssp.com

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

Parish Council

Chairperson - John Mihalko
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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

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
Tuesday	Oct. 29	NO MASS TODAY
Friday	Nov. 01	8:30 AM Marathon...for All Saints
Sunday	Nov. 03	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for The People Of Our Parish 10:30 AM Marathon...for Marge Carroll ...by John Carroll 12:00 PM OLPH...for Nazzareno & Antonia Buttigieg ...by Josephine Kellogg



Readings for the Week of October 27 through November 3, 2019:

Today: Sir 35:12-14,16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18; Lk 18:9-14	Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35
Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16	Friday: Rv 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21	Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30	Next Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10



The readings for today, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, begin with #1037, in our Journeysongs Hymnals
The readings for Friday, All Saints' Day, begin with #1062.

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: Ingrid Jordak, Anne Clerkin
Next Sunday: Earl Markham, Chris Broderick
Lector: Joe McDonald **Next Sunday:** Gene/Matthew Jordan
Altar Servers: Aidan Lynch, Lucca Lynch
Next Sunday: Isaac Jordan, Nora Jordan

Marathon

Don Atwood, Dawn Odinek
Don Barry, Bob Barry
Lector: Shelley Warnow **Next Sunday:** Kathy Cusick
Arianna Silva, Brandon Tyrrell
Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue McDonald, Roger & Ann Calice
Next Sunday: Peg Orzel, Cecelia Carstens, Margaret Fabrocino
Children's Liturgy Leader: Amy Burke **Next Sunday:** Jackie Wright

Cindy Barry, Don Barry, Karen Standish
Mike Thayne, Eric Barry, Karen Barry
Oct Ushers: Kody Barry, Don Atwood
Nov Ushers: Mike Reilly, Jim Holland

Thank you for your ministry to our parish! **Nov. Cleaners:** John & Kim McCrory

This Week In Our Parish

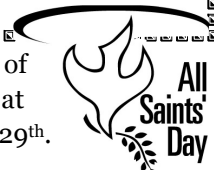
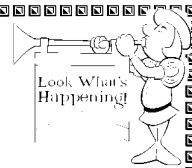
NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday, Oct. 29th

Thursday, Oct. 31st 7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church

Friday, Nov. 1st 8:30am - All Saints' Day Mass - Marathon Church

Sunday, Nov. 3rd 9:20-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney Point Church Hall



Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1 - Sirach 35:12-14,16-18

God hears the prayer of the poor

Reading 2 - 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

Gospel - Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

Adults: When have you felt self-satisfied in observing the mistakes of others? What should we remember at such times?

Children: Have you ever thought you were better than someone else?

What is the problem with such thoughts?

All Saints' Day- Friday, November 1st, is All Saints' Day, a holy day of obligation. We will have Mass on Friday, November 1st, at 8:30am, at our Marathon Church. There will be no Mass on Tuesday, October 29th.



All Souls Day- November 2nd, All Souls Day, is observed by the Catholic Church to commemorate all the Faithful Departed. This year we will observe All Souls Day at the Sunday Masses during November, starting November 3rd. The names of individuals buried from our parish during the past year will be announced. There will be a table of remembrance at each church.

Coat, Sweater and Blanket Distribution- Distribution began yesterday at our Whitney Point Clothing Bank and will continue during the regular open hours during the winter months. **We are in need of all items (especially children's jackets) so please check your closets and drop off any items at the Clothing Bank box. If you need items picked up from your home please call Peg at 372-7036.**



Marathon Bereavement Luncheon- Thank you to those who contributed food and helped out at the recent luncheon. We are in need of additional volunteers to provide food and/or help set up, serve and clean up at future luncheons. We are also in need of one or two people to coordinate this ministry at Marathon. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Peg Orzel, Parish Ministry Coordinator, at 607 372-7036 or porzell0@yahoo.com. Thank you for reaching out to serve those families who have lost a loved one.

Hospitality Holiday Bazaar

Clean out your closets... what may be trash to you, may be someone else's treasure.

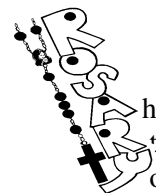


Please save items for our White Elephant Sale for our Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 16th, 8:30am-4pm.

New or gently used items (no clothes, please) can be brought to our Whitney Point Church Hall November 11th-15th.

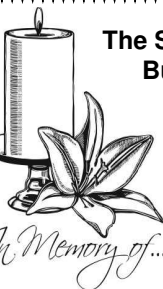
Along with the White Elephant Sale, we will have a Bake Sale, lunch, and raffles. Hopefully you've received the annual letters with raffle tickets. → There are extra raffle tickets at the entrances of our churches.

See sign up sheets for help needed!



Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said: Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said.

When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the center of each "Hail Mary."



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



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 Pt Church.

TRUST IN GOD

"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him." Proverbs 30:5