

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
ST. STEPHEN – ST. PATRICK**



**CHRIST THE KING  
SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

# The Catholic Community of St. Stephen St. Patrick

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

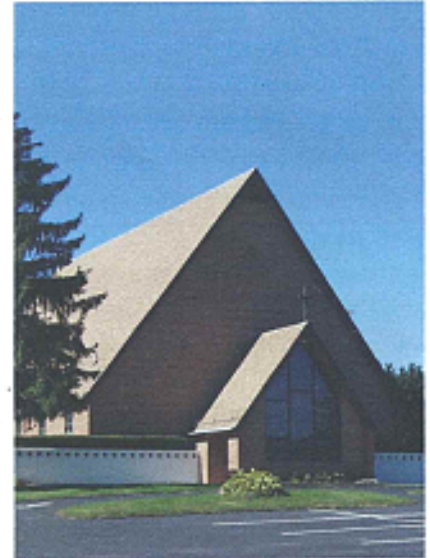
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24, 2019

Marathon Campus  
16 Academy St. - Marathon, New York



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



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Website: [www.ccsssp.com](http://www.ccsssp.com)

## CONFESSIONS

As announced or by appointment

## MARRIAGE / BAPTISMS

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.



## Jesus is King of the Universe!

Did you ever think about how many scriptural references there are to the Kingdom of God? The Kingdom of God was hailed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures long before Christ was born. The Psalms reference it over and over. Remembering that these were the prayers of the Jewish people, the Angel Gabriel in his announcement to the young Mary said: "He shall be great and shall be called Son of the Most High...and of His Kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1:32-33)

John the Baptist proclaimed: "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel." (Mark 1:15)  
Jesus, Himself, taught the apostles "Our Father who are in heaven...May your Kingdom come."

And finally the discussion between Jesus and Pilate: "Are you a king?" "My kingdom is not of this world." "So you ARE a king?" "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." (John 18:37). Jesus does NOT deny His kingship!

For us Americans Kings and Kingdoms have a bit of a Fairy tale ring to them. But kings were of great importance in the time of Christ and had been for years. People paid allegiance to them.

If we think of Christ as our King, do we give HIM the allegiance that we should? Is He our leader and guide? Do we make our daily decisions with allegiance to Him in mind?

As Hitler rose to power and took over the occupation of Denmark, he declared that all Jews must identify themselves by wearing yellow armbands with the Star of David. King Christian said this was not right—one Danish person was the same as the next. He put on the first Star of David and let it be known that every loyal Dane should do the same. The next day almost every Dane in Copenhagen was wearing a yellow arm band with the Star of David! Consequently, much of the Jewish population was saved. He went on to form a resistance that smuggled thousands of Jews into Sweden. For this he was imprisoned. The Feast of Christ the King asks us to whom and to what do we pay our allegiance and what guides our life. For King Christian it was justice and charity—the very things preached by Christ!

It stands to reason that on this great feast where we give full thought and praise to Christ our King that the magnificent reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians is read. Sit for a few quiet minutes, re-read it, really think about it: "He is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation. For him all things were created in heaven and on earth...."

May Glory and Praise, Dominion and Power be His forever and ever! AMEN.

Linda Caminiti

**Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, November 17, 2019**



**Regular Collection:** Envs: \$2,997. Loose: \$424. Electronic: \$120. ....Total Regular Collection: **\$3,541.**  
**Diocesan Collections:** Archdio for Military Service-\$15. **Other Income:** AllSaints-\$40. Flowers-\$155. HymnMemorialDonation-\$15.  
*Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:* **Utilities:** \$341. **MoDioAssess:** \$1,477. **Altar:** \$100.  
**Donation:** \$763. (WPF Pantry) **RectExps:** \$11. **SpiritPubl:** \$31. **ChMaint:** \$99. **Salaries:** \$1,400. **Total Bills Paid This Week:** **\$4,222.**  
**Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE!** Bills To Pay Next Week: \$3,641.



**2019 Hope Appeal - The Diocese has extended the deadline to December 30<sup>th</sup>. 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!

➔➔➔**Balance remaining: \$ 4,110.00**



THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND.



**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.

**Solemnity of Christ the King**

**Study:** Lectio: Philippians - All Things in Christ  
**Study:** YDisciple: Session 3 - Is Jesus Really Divine?  
**Read:** Who Do You Say That I Am?  
*Watch on Formed.org. Parish Code: CFMRY*

Today, November 24<sup>th</sup>, our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. More than 46 million people in the U.S. live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the CCHD at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection). Please put your gift envelope in with the regular collection. **This is a diocesan collection and separate from CCSS-SP's Human Development Committee.**

**Advent and Formed.org** - Looking for ways your family can enter into the Advent season together? Grow closer to Christ this season with reflections. Sign-up at [formed.org/advent](http://formed.org/advent) to receive a daily message to dive into the depths of God's Word. You can also opt in to receive children's reflections with new Brother Francis episodes to include the whole family.



**FOOD TRUCK HELP-** We are in need of three people to help unload and distribute food from the Mobile Food Truck. The truck comes the first Friday of each month. Volunteers arrive around 9am at the Whitney Point Church Parking Lot. We usually serve around 90 families and it takes approximately 2 hours. Be sure to dress warm. Please email Roger at [rhcalice@twc.com](mailto:rhcalice@twc.com) or call Peg (372-7036) for further details and/or to let us know you can help out. Some of our 'regular' volunteers head south for the winter....so we really need you!



**World Marriage Day Celebration**

35<sup>th</sup> Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia will celebrate Mass and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will specially honor couples who will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and beyond in 2020. If celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or beyond in 2020, please contact our parish office, 692-3911, to receive a special invitation from Bishop Lucia. ALL married couples and their families are welcome!

**Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry**

Thank you for your canned vegetables and monetary donations this month for the Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry. During the month of **December** we are collecting **peanut butter & jelly**. **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.

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

**2020 Calendars** are now available at the entrances of our churches for parishioners to take.

We are still 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 ([jdmihaliko@gmail.com](mailto:jdmihaliko@gmail.com) or 607-760-1437.)

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving by counting your blessings with family and friends.



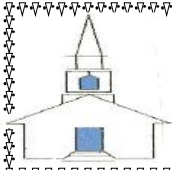
**Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. 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, Major 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Emily Steele USAF, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC, LCDR Maria Lescord, and our pastor, LtCol Douglas Cunningham.



**Remember Our Veterans**

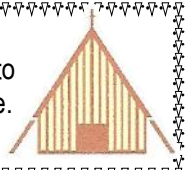
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.



### 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](http://www.ccssp.com)  Our face book page: [www.facebook.com/ccssp](http://www.facebook.com/ccssp)

#### Parish Council

**Chairperson** - John Mihalko  
**Vice-Chairperson** - Dan Burke  
**Secretary** - Peg Orzel


#### PARISH STAFF

**Director of Faith Formation** - Cecelia Carstens, 323-5114  
**Ministry Coordinator**-Peg Orzel, [porzel10@yahoo.com](mailto:porzel10@yahoo.com)  
**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](mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org)

### Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday	Nov. 24	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>Elsie Zelsnack</b> ...by Elsie Poyer <b>10:30 AM</b> <i>Marathon</i> ...for <b>Mary "Maisy" Mackrell</b> ...by CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee <b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH...for <b>Clara Kiefer, Anniv.</b> ...Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church	
Tuesday	Nov. 26	<b>8:30 AM</b> OLPH...for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b>	
Sunday	Dec. 01	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <i>Marathon</i> ...for <b>Marge Carroll</b> ...by John Carroll <b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH...for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b>	

### Readings for the Week of November 24 through December 1, 2019:

**Today:** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6,8-20; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Lk 21:12-19



**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

**Next Sunday:** Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

The readings for today, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, begin with #1049, 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:** Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker  
**Next Sunday:** Ingrid Jordak, Peggy Kemp  
**Lector:** Justin VanTassel **Next Sunday:** Dot Hathway  
**Altar Servers:** Grace Russell, Noah Somers  
**Next Sunday:** Isaac Jordan, Hannah Somers

#### Marathon

McEvoy Family  
Kathleen Allen, Don Atwood  
**Lector:** Shelley Warnow **Next Sunday:** Brandon Tyrrell  
Volunteers  
Angela Barry, Seamus Nolan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Bensley, Dot Hathway, Emily Jordan

**Next Sunday:** Peg Orzel, Cecelia Carstens, Margaret Fabrocino

**Children's Liturgy Leader:** Emily Jordan **Next Sunday:** Amy Burke

Don Barry, Mike Thayne, Eric Barry

Cindy Barry, Geoff Tyrrell, Karen Standish

**Nov Ushers:** Mike Reilly, Jim Holland/**Dec:** M.Reilly,D.Atwood

→If you would like to be on the ministry schedule and have received training or would like to receive training, please contact Justin VanTassel at [jvantassel@gmail.com](mailto:jvantassel@gmail.com) or 607-343-9577.

**Dec Cleaner:** Carol Niggli

**2020 Lector Workbooks are in our church sacristies.**

**This Week In Our Parish**

Today, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> 9:20-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney Point Church Hall  
12:00-1:00pm - Thanksgiving Baskets Distribution - Whitney Point Food Pantry  
1:00pm - CCSS-SP/OLPH Annual Harvest Dinner - OLPH's Seton Hall, Cincinnati  
Tuesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnati  
(this is last Tuesday Mass at OLPH until April 2020)  
9:45am - Women's Faith Group Meeting - Whitney Point Church Hall  
Thursday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Parish Office & WP Food Pantry Closed  
7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church  
Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:00pm - Annual Community Christmas Caroling in Marathon - Beginning at our Marathon Ch.

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

**Reading 1 - 2 Samuel 5:1-3**

David is anointed king.

**Reading 2 - Colossians 1:12-20**

Hymn to Jesus as the first-born of all creation.

**Gospel - Luke 23:35-43**

Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

*Adults: Following the example of Jesus, what is the best way to exercise your authority over others?*

*Children: What qualities would a good leader have? Which of these are you trying to develop?*

**Faith Formation News:**

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM at Whitney Point with a dish to pass dinner following.

All are welcome and invited. This year we would love to have you showcase your talent. If you would like to perform either singing or playing an instrument or something else please contact Cecelia Carstens at 323-5114 or email [chc4962@aol.com](mailto:chc4962@aol.com).



**A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and love of one's enemy.



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

**Everett & Theresa Burroughs**

by Ron & Jackie Burroughs

**Our Marathon Church: Deacon Joe Caminiti**  
by Linda Caminiti



**During the month of November we especially pray for the following loved ones that have gone to our Holy Father:**

*Margaret O'Donnell, Jack & Helen Fordham, Sr. Maureen Burns, Kate Hartnett, Marjorie Carroll, Elsie Carroll-Zelsnack, Michael Carroll, Shawn Carroll, Keith Mosier, Don Daylor, The Atwood Family, The Collyer Family, Thomas Collins, John Holland, Sr & Jr, Dan & Grace Holland, Walter Hess, Don & Midge Preston, Emanuel & Janet Lepro, Jean & Luman Allen, Mabel Carr, Lucy Haight, Jaime Canfield, Katie Bensley, Joshua Somers, Joseph & Christine Cahill, Donald & Peg Bensley, Patricia Palmer, John Ryan, Ryan Family, Horner Family*



**CCSS-SP/OLPH Harvest Dinner TODAY, November 24<sup>th</sup>**  
1pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall, Cincinnati  
We hope to see everyone there!



**Christmas Stars** - We are starting our Christmas Star Program today for those who like to take advantage of the sales that begin.

If you are able to participate, please select a star from the basket or tree, purchase that item, wrap it putting the star on the outside of the package and **return it to church by December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please put only the 'requested' item in the package so that each child in the family receives the same number of gifts. If you are unable to shop, but wish to donate towards the purchases please put your donation in a marked envelope and place it in the offertory basket or mail it to the office. In addition to the items on the stars, our church purchases socks and underwear for each of the 32 children. Once again, we appreciate your response to this request that will make the Christmas Season a bit 'brighter' for our local families.



**Annual Community Christmas Caroling in Marathon** next **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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.



**THANKSGIVING COLLECTION**

Thank you for your generous response to the second collection last weekend. We received \$852.00 that will be used to purchase items for the Thanksgiving Baskets that we will provide for 50 area families.

Our Faith Formation students with their families are helping to make up the baskets and have worked on their Christmas cards for our homebound parishioners. It is great to see that our church is living the Gospel message of 'feeding the poor.' May we continue to be open to meeting the needs of our community!

**TRUST IN GOD**

During this church calendar year our parish has focused on Trust with our main theme: "Trust in God and all else will follow" We hope that these weekly quotes have helped you to trust God more, and worry less