

***Catholic Community Of  
St. Stephen – St. Patrick***



***January 12, 2020***

**Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator**

Baptism of the Lord

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As announced or by appointment

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

**“...you are coming to me?”**

John the Baptist was surprised that Jesus would come to him. Jesus, was one of many waiting to be baptized and John was hesitant ...he knew he was just a messenger. To baptize the holy one did not seem right to John. But, Jesus reassured him, ‘allow it now, for it is fitting.’

We too are surprised that Jesus would come to us. Do we ask ourselves is it really true that God is present in me and that I am loveable no matter what I do? Don’t I have to earn God’s love by doing good deeds and spending hours in prayer? Actually, we don’t. God is with us. We need to ask God to help us become more aware that the Divine is within us and allow that love, that divine spirit, to show forth in our words and action.

We each need support to become aware and to act on our awareness. Sunday Liturgy can provide that support. We come together to pray, to learn, to strengthen each other and to be strengthened. In one sense the Liturgy is the beginning of our spiritual life. It calls us and encourages us to go out and live the Gospel. It is the first step, not the only step.

The vastness of this call was recently brought to my attention by Joan Chittister in her book, The Time is Now, A Call to Uncommon Courage, in which she states “We are called to live the Word ourselves...so that others may live better lives because of us. Otherwise, we use a standard that does not really describe the spiritual person in the Judeo-Christian tradition. It is little more than camouflage for religious comfort, for making a spa out of the religious (spiritual) life, for confusing a feel-good following of Jesus with the hard work of tending to the world. After all, God did not finish creation. God created us to do that. To abandon and discard the very people, ideals, creation, and commitment we are meant to care about. What kind of spirituality is that? Right. Almost none.” This week let’s take a close look at ourselves as individuals, and as a church, and see if we are truly living the Christian life of love....or are we content with only attending Mass on Sunday.

Peg Orzel





**Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, January 5, 2020**

**Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,326. Loose: \$2,300. Electronic: \$690. ....Total Regular Collection: \$4,316.**

*Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:*

**Salaries: \$1,400. ....Total Bills Paid This Week: \$1,400.**

**Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE!**

**Bills To Pay Next Week: \$4,000.**

**Electronic Tithing-Did you know that you can contribute to your parish electronically?**

**You can!** Your donations will be debited from your savings, checking or credit card account monthly (1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of month.) Please call our Parish Office for more information. We currently have a few parishioners who have been doing this the last few years. There are some blank forms at the entrances of our churches.

Please return filled out forms to our parish office to get set up.

**2019 Contribution Statements:**

If you contribute to our parish and are an envelope user you can have your 2019 contribution statement by emailing [ststephenstpat@syrdio.org](mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org) or calling our parish office at 692-3911 or and it will be mailed to you.



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spiritual significance, beauty, and grace. By understanding more clearly what's happening, we'll have a greater appreciation for why Baptism takes us further into a life changing relationship with God. Join us in learning more about the gift of this sacrament through watching the episode "Reborn Session 2- The Rite Explained" on [formed.org](http://formed.org). **Parish Code: CFMRY**

This week, the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord.. Each prayer and action in the Rite of Baptism is filled with



**Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry**

During the month of **January** we are collecting **canned soup** for the Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry. **We are always in need of any food donations.** There are marked baskets at the entrances of our churches. Thank you for all food & monetary donations.

**Vocation View:** By his baptism, Jesus made holy the waters of baptism for us, allowing all the baptized to be anointed, as Jesus was, priest, prophet and king. Still, some are called further to the ordained priesthood. If you feel God is calling you, email [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org) or call Fr Jason Hage at 315-470-1468.

**Attention Boxed Envelope Users:**

**The boxed sets for 2020 have not yet arrived. The company sent a letter explaining and apologizing that they are really backed up due to having difficulties with new equipment. They are to arrive shortly.**

**→They did send some temporary ones for parishioners to use for this month. Please take what you would need for January if you are an envelope user. If you don't know your envelope number, office will look it up.**



Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **Betty Potter** who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven. May she rest in peace.



**Prayer Chain** - If you would like parishioners to know who is in need of prayer because of sickness or surgery, please call our parish office, 692-3911. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, as one to notify other parishioners, so you are aware of the sick in our parish please contact our coordinators, Dottie Angel at 656-9230 or Pat Canfield at 849-6978, and you will be called or emailed when a request is made.

**ATTENTION MEN:**

**Save The Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020 - SRC arena at Onondaga Community College.** See flyer and registration form (more copies can be made) at our church entrances for speakers and more information.



**Cancellation Notice** - If we need to cancel Sunday or Tuesday morning Mass, or any scheduled event in our parish due to the road conditions, there will be a recorded message on the office number and it will be posted on our Facebook page.

**Real Heroes Breakfast Nomination Form Southern Tier - Serving Broome, Chenango, Tioga, and Tompkins Counties**

Every now and then, an unselfish and extraordinary action on behalf of a neighbor, a co-worker or even a stranger can change another person's destiny and, at the same time, our own. In that moment Ordinary People Become Real Heroes. Do you know a real hero?→Please see flyer and form at church entrances if you know one, if more are needed call office. Submission deadline is January 17<sup>th</sup>.

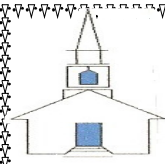
**Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.**

**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.

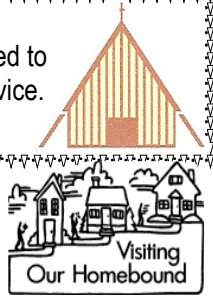


**If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.**



### 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)

<u>Parish Council</u>	<u>PARISH STAFF</u>
<i>Chairperson - John Mihalko</i>	<b>Director of Faith Formation - Cecelia Carstens, 323-5114</b>
<i>Vice-Chairperson - Dan Burke</i>	<b>Ministry Coordinator-Peg Orzel, <a href="mailto:porzel10@yahoo.com">porzel10@yahoo.com</a></b>
<i>Secretary - Peg Orzel</i>	<b>Church Organist/Music Director - Jennifer Cafferty</b>
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<b>Parish Business/Office Manager-Mary Wied <a href="mailto:bulletin@ccssp.com">Bulletin</a> Deadline: Tuesday, Noon - Phone, Mail or Email, <a href="mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org">ststephenstpat@syrdio.org</a></b>	

### Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday	Jan. 12	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Marathon...for <b>Lois Herold, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv. ...by Dawn Odinek</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH...for <b>All Police Officers, Living &amp; Deceased...by Family</b> for <b>James Drury...by Jean Drury</b>
Tuesday	Jan. 14	<b>8:30 AM</b> Marathon...for <b>Josephine McConnell...by CCSS-SP</b>
Sunday	Jan. 19	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Marathon...for <b>Billy Lynch...by Robert &amp; Bridget Fleming</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH...for <b>James Drury...by Jean Drury</b> for <b>Wanita Getz...by Getz Family</b>



### Readings for the Week of January 12 through 19, 2020:

<b>Today: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-3; Mt 3:13-17</b>		<b>Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45</b>
<b>Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20</b>		<b>Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a; Mk 2:1-12</b>
<b>Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28</b>		<b>Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1 Mk 2:13-17</b>
<b>Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20; Mk 1:29-39</b>		<b>Next Sunday: Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34</b>

The readings for today, Baptism of the Lord, begin with CYCLE A's #899, 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Month at WP Church parking lot. Truck arrives around **10:00am** (unless holiday)



**Whitney Point**  
**Greeters:** Ingrid Jordak, Peggy Kemp  
**Next Sunday:** Cathy Cummings, Anne Clerkin  
**Lector:** Roger Calice **Next Sunday:** Ingrid Jordak  
**Altar Servers:** Josiah Lynch, Aidan Lynch  
**Next Sunday:** Lucca Lynch, Ian McMullen

**Marathon**  
 McEvoy Family  
 Kathleen Allen, Don Atwood  
**Lector:** Kathy Cusick **Next Sunday:** Rose Ann Holland  
 Arianna Silva, Brandon Tyrrell  
 Gunner Tyrrell, Alex Votra

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Peg Orzel, Cecelia Carstens, Cathy Shoemaker  
**Next Sunday:** Margaret Fabrocino, Dot Hathway, Mary Jo Whitehead  
**Children's Liturgy Leader:** Amy Burke **Next Sunday:** Emily Jordan

Karen Barry, Shelley Warnow, Linda Caminiti  
 Cindy Barry, Kathy Cusick, Karen Standish  
**Jan Ushers:** Richard Barry, Syd McEvoy

➔ **New Ministry Schedules are in our church sacristies.**

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.

**This Week In Our Parish**

Today, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment - 8:30am Mass

Raphael Lynch Baptism - Following the 8:30am Mass

9:20-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney Point Church Hall

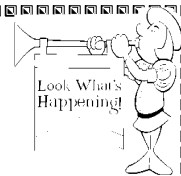
OLPH's Parish Council Meeting - Following the 12pm Mass, in Seton Hall

Tuesday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm - Parish Council Meeting - Marathon Church Hall

Thursday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church



**Whole Community Catechesis**

**Readings and Questions for Discussion**

**Reading 1 - Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7**

The servant of the Lord shall bring justice to all.

**Reading 2-Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38**

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17**

The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John.

**Adults:** What evidence can you offer that you are a faithful servant of the Lord?

**Children:** When has the Holy Spirit helped you treat someone fairly?

Today, January 12<sup>th</sup>, we welcome and thank **Fr. Joseph Offeh** for presiding at our 8:30am & 10:30am Masses while Fr. Doug is away. Fr. Joseph is a visiting priest at St. Mary's of the Assumption in Binghamton.



**Parish Council would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to Ann and Michael**

**Thayne** for their service as Parish Council and Trustee members. In light of their stepping down from service we will be looking for a replacement Parish Council member from Marathon. If you would like to volunteer or find out more information, please contact the parish office and let Mary know. Thanks again to Ann and Michael, you both will continue to be in our prayers. God Bless. Our next Parish Council meeting is this Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at our Marathon Church. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**Have you picked up your copy of Rediscover the Saints?** If not, they are available at each church location for you. Matthew Kelly, the author, presents the lives of the saints in a way that we can relate to. Reading about them can help us develop a closer relationship with Jesus. If you know someone who might enjoy reading this, but does not attend our church, feel free to take and share with them. We ordered extra so that we can spread the Word.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:**

**Faith Formation is life long and ongoing.**

Things that we learned in our youth can take on such deeper meaning as we revisit them as adults. These weeks after New Years are a good time to spend time in reflection. There are many resources available on line and in print.

See the booklets on the tables at the church entrances, the books in the pew for you to take home or visits sites on line: [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com), St. Louis Sunday Liturgy (<https://liturgy.slu.edu>) and Richard Rohr ([cac.org/richard-rohr](http://cac.org/richard-rohr)) are just a few of many available at no charge.

These are inexpensive, easy ways to grow in our faith....give it a try.

**Children's Liturgy Booklets at Marathon Campus**

We are offering pamphlets for our preschool and elementary aged children with activities tied to the Sunday readings. They could be a springboard for family discussion.

These are the same pamphlets/booklets used at the Whitney Point setting, and are available before Mass on the shelf at the podium when you enter the church.

After Mass they are available on the shelves before you exit. There are two versions, one geared for our younger children, the other for our older children. Please help yourself.

**Vision Box Questions** - Recently the suggestion was raised to alternate the 8:30 Mass between the two Parishes either quarterly or monthly. This was discussed with Fr. Doug and it was decided that this would be too confusing. The Mass times will remain as scheduled.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! "Each day do a little bit more than you think you can."**

Each day love a little bit more than you think you can.

Each day forgive a little bit more than you think you can.

Each day reach out to someone who is hurting a little bit more than you think you can.

Each day sacrifice for others a little bit more than you think you can.

Each day encourage one another a little bit more than you think you can.

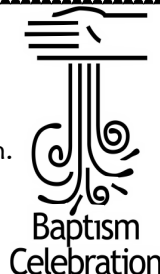
Each day be a little more patient than you think you can.

Each day be a little more kinder and gentler than you think you can.

If each one of us in this church made that our New Year's resolution for the year ahead, it would be one of the greatest gifts we could give one another.



Today, January 12<sup>th</sup>, we welcome **Raphael Tobias Lynch** to the Waters of Baptism at our Whitney Point Church. May he be blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit all the days of his life.



**Let's Prepare For Lent**

with a Parish Mission at our Whitney Point Church

**Save the Dates:**

Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

Let's gather together to gain further insight into a faith filled life.

It is a time for grace and renewal of the individual and parish through music and talks filled with stories, examples and meaning.

Christian/Gospel Artist & Worship Leader **Jeremy Bobak** will be here!

**The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the month of January in our Marathon Church is In Memory Of:**

**John Ryan**

by Marie Ryan & Family

**A Family Perspective**

The words in today's gospel, "This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased," are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.

