

Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick



"Follow Me, And I Will Make You Fishers Of Men"

January 26, 2020

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

John is in prison. Can you imagine how Jesus felt? I don't know if we ever think about them as young boys. They were cousins. I'm sure they played together, grew up together...grew to be good friends. Then John began his vocation as Jesus forerunner: The voice of one crying in the desert, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." Now he is in prison and in their time, with Herod as king, to be imprisoned meant certain execution—not a fair and just trial. Jesus also knew that He might be next.

Jesus must have been devastated—yet He saw it as part of the Father's plan. How did He respond. He could have pulled away from "the Plan" hidden himself in fear. He could have mounted a military defense against Herod. John was respected, he had done not wrong. Others would have come to his aid.

But Jesus would have none of this. He continued His Father's plan simply picking up where John had left off. What was His first teaching? "Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand".

John's imprisonment was a defining factor in Jesus' life. He did not respond with evil. He would not let evil prevail. Jesus was a light to the nations. He would always respond to evil with good. Responding with evil would let Satan be the victor.

We cannot always predict or control some of those defining factors in our lives: the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, our own illness. What we can control is our response to that situation. Do we hide, try to run away out of shame or fear? Do we seek revenge? Do we become so frustrated, overwhelmed or depressed that we do not respond at all?

We have a Light shining in our darkness, a Light to grab hold of, to lead us, to guide us. And while Christ IS that Light, most often He comes to us through one another. Andrew, Peter, James and John were called by Christ to leave their nets behind to follow Him. We too, are called. Most of us cannot leave our "fishing nets" behind and we are not asked to. What we are called to do is to prioritize our lives putting Christ and our neighbor first...to take those difficult moments/situations and do all we can to bring light into that darkness.

Let us respond to those defining moments of our lives—indeed ALL the moments of our lives by following the Light of Christ.

Linda Caminiti

Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, January 19, 2020



Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,227. Loose: \$674. Electronic: \$120.Total Regular Collection: \$2,021.
Other Income: Solemnity-\$80. *Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:*
RectExp: \$18. **ChDecor:** \$46. **Utilities:** \$347. **CathSun:** \$114. **Office:** \$165. **Salaries:** \$1,400. **Total Bills Paid This Week:** \$2,090.
Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE! Bills To Pay Next Week: \$4,481.

Attention Boxed Envelope Users: Parish office spoke with company this week and all they can say is it's on schedule to ship by end of this month. They and we apologize for this inconvenience. → They did send some temporary ones for parishioners to use and there are different ones for you to use. If you don't know your envelope number, office will look it up.

2019 Contribution Statements: If you contribute to our parish and are an envelope user you can have your 2019 contribution statement by emailing stephenstpat@syrdio.org or calling our parish office at 692-3911 or and it will be mailed to you.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Pints with Aquinas – 12 Stories about Aquinas Downloads for January 26

On January 28, we celebrate the feast day of Saint Thomas Aquinas, doctor of the Church. Matt Fradd's podcast, Pints with Aquinas, offers us an episode with 12 quaint stories about this saint to honor him on his feast day.

Listen to "Pints with Aquinas – 12 Stories about Aquinas" on formed.org. **Parish Code: CFMRYY**

Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry



Thank you for your canned soup donations this month for the Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry. During the month of **February** we are collecting **canned fruit**. 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: It was just another ordinary day at work for Peter, James and John until Jesus stopped by. Have thoughts of a religious vocation interrupted your daily routine at work or school? Jesus may be calling you to serve him in an extraordinary way. Visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

Maine's GiveBack Program: Our church can receive a 'refund' check every six months from Maine's if members of our church spend \$500 (combined, not individually.) If you are not already a GiveBack Member and would like to support our church this way, please consider completing an application that is available on the table at entrance of church and return it to the store on your next shopping trip or you may drop it in the collection basket and it will be brought the next time one of us goes. Thank you.

"Silence is a source of great strength" Anon
Ready for a few minutes of silence?
Ready to open your heart?
Ready to listen to the Lord?
St. Patrick's Church, WP is open to everyone in the community, from 10am-12pm on Mondays that the Food Pantry is open. Please use side door by Pantry.

Parish Survey: The Parish Council would like feedback concerning 4 topics. Therefore, we are going to distribute a 4 question survey before Mass next Sunday, February 2nd, that we would like everyone to complete.

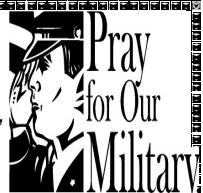
- The questions are: Do you read the Scripture summary and reflection questions that are in the bulletin on page 3?
Do you use Formed.org at home?
Do you prefer the reading of names or the use of the prayer intention book at Mass?
What is one part of the bulletin that you always read?
What other suggestions/concerns do you have?
Please be thinking of these topics during the week and be ready to complete the survey next week.

→ If anyone notices any kind of church maintenance need from needing a bulb or battery for something, if something has fallen or is broken, to any major need, please call our parish office asap, 692-3911, so it can be taken care of asap.

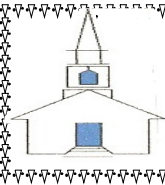
Cancellation Notice - If we need to cancel Sunday or Tuesday morning Mass, or any scheduled event in our parish due to the road conditions, there will be a recorded message on the office number and it will be posted on our Facebook page.

The Ladies of Charity will award **two \$500.00 scholarships** to Broome County high school seniors who plan to pursue a service orientated career which specifically makes a difference in someone's life. The scholarship is based on academic achievement, financial need, and service to school, church and community. Please see your school guidance counselor for an application. Deadline is April 17, 2020.

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, A1C Brendan Schneider, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, A2C Derek Lescord, Sgt Jacob Rau, Major Joy Thomas, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, 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.

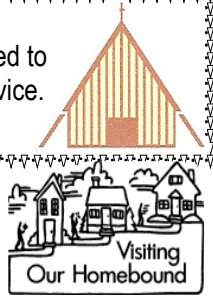


If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.



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

<u>Parish Council</u> Chairperson - John Mihalko Vice-Chairperson - Dan Burke Secretary - Peg Orzel	<u>PARISH STAFF</u> Director of Faith Formation - Cecelia Carstens, 323-5114 Ministry Coordinator-Peg Orzel, porzel10@yahoo.com Church Organist/Music Director - Jennifer Cafferty Maintenance - (Please call parish office w/maintenance concerns) Parish Business/Office Manager-Mary Wied <u>Bulletin Deadline:</u> Tuesday, Noon - Phone, Mail or Email, ststephenstpat@syrdio.org
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Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday	Jan. 26	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Elsie Zelsnack ...by Elsie Poyer 10:30 AM Marathon...for Betty Potter ...by CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee 12:00 PM OLPH...for James Drury ...by Jean Drury	
Tuesday	Jan. 28	NO MASS TODAY	
Sunday	Feb. 02	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Scott Poyer ...by Norm & Elsie Poyer 10:30 AM Marathon...for Marge Carroll ...by John Carroll 12:00 PM OLPH...Prayer Request to St. Jude ...Anon	

Readings for the Week of January 26 through February 2, 2020:

Today: Is 8:23-9:3; Mk 4:12-23; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17		Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29; Mk 4:21-25
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7,10; Mk 3:22-30		Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19; Mk 3:31-35		Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20		Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

The readings for today, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, begin with CYCLE A's #954, 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	<u>Whitney Point</u> Greeters: Earl Markham, Chris Broderick Next Sunday: Colleen Mihalko, Pat Tredo Lector: Gene/Matthew Jordan Next Sunday: Jason Somers Altar Servers: Noah Somers, Hannah Somers Next Sunday: Isaac Jordan, Nora Jordan	<u>Marathon</u> Dawn Odinek, Don Barry Bob Barry, Marie Joseph Lector: Brandon Tyrrell Next Sunday: Shelley Warnow Angela Barry, Breyden Silva Arianna Silva, Brandon Tyrrell
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Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Emily Jordan, Ingrid Wennerod
Next Sunday: Peg Orzel, Cecelia Carstens, Cathy Shoemaker
Children's Liturgy Leader: Cecelia Carstens Next Sunday: Jackie Wright
Jan Ushers: Richard Barry, Syd McEvoy Feb: T.Zelsnack, C.McEvoy

➔ **New Ministry Schedules are in our church sacristies.** Feb Cleaner: Agnes Zelsnack

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 or 607-343-9577.

This Week In Our Parish

Thursday, Jan. 30th 7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church

Sunday, Feb. 2nd 9:20-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney Point Church Hall



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

Reading 1 - Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The people in darkness
have seen a great light.

Reading 2 - 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Paul urges the community at Corinth
to be united as people
baptized in Christ's name.

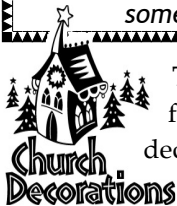
Gospel - Matthew 4:12-23

(shorter form Matthew 4:12-17)

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee
and calls his first disciples.

*Adults: To whom could you preach the
Gospel of Jesus Christ this week with
actions rather than with words?*

*Children: What could you do for someone
this week that would tell them
something about Jesus?*



Thank you to Carol Niggli
for the beautiful job she does
decorating our Marathon Church
for the holidays. She has been
volunteering her talent for many years.



A Family Perspective

When Jesus called his
disciples, they came "immediately."
Parents wish their children would
respond as quickly, but they don't.
Children grow slowly into responsibility.
It is a process like walking, not done
"immediately," but in small steps.
Parenting demands patient
encouragement.



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

John Ryan
by Marie Ryan & Family

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Children's Liturgy Booklets at Marathon Campus

Starting today, January 26th, Children's Liturgy will be celebrated at both
Whitney Point and Marathon during Mass. Father will call the children forward and they will go
downstairs to hear the readings and gospel on their level so it is easier for them to understand
and to engage them more fully. Thank you Karen Barry for taking this on in Marathon.

Let's Prepare For Lent with a Parish Mission

at our Whitney Point Church on Monday, February 24th 7 – 8:30pm &
Tuesday, February 25th 6 – 8pm (dinner 6:00 – 6:45pm. Each night will be
different. **Not the same talk each night, so please come both nights!**

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
and speaker, Chris Spilka will be here!

Praying The Station of the Cross - Ash Wednesday is February 26th,
Lent begins and praying the Stations of the Cross begin.

We are looking for persons to lead them, one at Marathon and one at Whitney Point, in
the evening. They should begin Friday, February 28th and would like to alternate between
the two church settings. If available to do this, please contact our parish office.

Please Take Note: Our 8:30am Tuesday Mass in March will be at our Whitney
Point Church instead of Marathon due to not many coming in winter.

It will resume in May. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will not have last
Tuesday of the month morning Mass until April. So there is no 8:30am Mass at any
of our churches the last Tuesday of the month until April.

Wondering about the Bells? Some parishioners have asked why we no longer
use bells at the Consecration during the Mass. The bells were used when the Mass was
in Latin and the vast majority of people did not understand the language of Latin.

So the bells were used to let them know that they were at a solemn moment.
The Mass is now in the vernacular, so everybody understands what is being said as they
participate in the prayers of the Mass.

The 12th Annual Ignite Catholic Men's Conference,

sponsored by the Diocese of Syracuse, will be held on
Saturday, March 28th, at the SRC Arena on the campus
of Onondaga Community College. Speakers this year are **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**
Steve Ray, Chris Greisen and Fr Thomas Petri, OP. For more information, please
visit: www.ignitecatholicmen.org See flyer and registration form
(more copies can be made) at our church entrances.



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.

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.

