

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

February 9, 2020



You Are The Light Of The World

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 09, 2020

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As announced or by appointment

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

As I read through the readings for today one theme kept jumping out at me – Evangelization. I think for some of us that term has a negative connotation, something that makes us uncomfortable, something other churches do, but not us. But the Catholic Church has been called to evangelize from day 1. It is very difficult to miss that we are called to evangelize when you read Jesus’ teachings. One example is Matthew 28:19-20 – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” Jesus himself is calling us to go out and spread the good news. The gospel today reaffirms this (emphasis added) – “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. ***Just so, your light must shine before others***, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” We have a treasure in knowing Jesus Christ, and a privilege in participating in an intimate relationship with him through the Eucharist. The more we understand this, the more we will want to share it. How we choose to share this is as different as each one of us. All too often we think of evangelization as standing on a box on a street corner proclaiming the gospel to all who will listen. While this is certainly a form of evangelization that some are called to, there are so many more. Like Isaiah stated in our first reading – “Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.” Many of us are called to evangelize thru works of mercy, giving of our time to help the poor. Others are called in various ways to use their talents and treasures to help the materially as well as spiritually poor. God has given all of us, EVERY ONE OF US, a talent that can, and must, be used to evangelize our brothers and sisters for the sake of His kingdom. Now don’t be discouraged if you’re scared, that is normal, for we can’t do any of this on our own. St Paul even reminds of us this in our second reading (emphasis added) – ***“I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling***, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God..” The evangelization we go out and do is not to make people see us or to think better of us, but to allow people to see the light that is within us, to see what motivates us, to see the power that has changed our life, to see that it is no longer us but our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ within us.

Pax Christi,
John Mihalko

Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, February 2, 2020



Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,911. Loose: \$671. Electronic: \$940.Total Regular Collection: \$3,522.

Other Income: Hospitality-\$3. MemSanctuaries-\$60. Rental-\$135. (3mos.AA)

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **Utilities:** \$861. **Dmpstr:** \$72. **Altar:** \$5.

Phone: \$296. **FuelOil:** \$1,044. **FForm:** \$ 255. **Salaries:** \$1,400.**Total Bills Paid This Week:** \$3,933.

Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE!

Bills To Pay Next Week: \$1,400.

Stewardship Report

Attention Boxed Envelope Users: We are still waiting. 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 ststephenstpat@syrdio.org or calling our parish office at 692-3911 or and it will be mailed to you.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND.

Bernadette St. Bernadette and the Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes

Shot on location in France, this film is highly recommended

by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrayal of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience," and was chosen to be shown daily at the shrine in Lourdes to retell the epic story. Watch on formed.org. **Parish Code: CFMRY**



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: "Let your light shine before others" perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Father Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

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 at Marathon.

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.

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.

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O'Heron Newman Hall Mass Times - SUNY Cortland

Mass will be held at O'Heron Newman Hall, SUNY Cortland, on Sundays and Wednesdays at 5 PM beginning today, February 9th.



Catholic Charities
DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE
Broome County

Living Healthy Workshop

WHEN: Thursdays 2/20/20-3/26/20

TIME: 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

WHERE: Catholic Charities, 232 Main St., Bing.

REGISTRATION: call Deb at 607-729-9166

FREE WORKSHOP

Participants receive free Living A Healthy Life book and relaxation CD

Support for: Arthritis, High Blood Pressure, Heart Disease, Diabetes, Chronic Pain, Stress/Anxiety, Any Chronic Condition, Caregiving

RSVP - Tai Chi for Arthritis

First Ward Senior Center

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3/3/20-4/9/20

Phone: 607-729-9166, Email: dkerins@ccbc.net

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.



Celebrate this Valentine's Day either by treating yourself, with your friends or with your special

someone. Christ the King Retreat House invites you to a Cabaret with a social, dinner and music by

local talent: including our own Chris Spilka, Fr. Jason Hage, Danielle Mensing, Alice Olom, Chris Wagner and Tom Andino.

Social at 6 pm followed by dinner and entertainment.

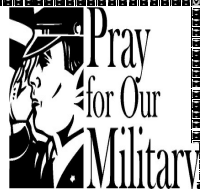
Offering: \$35 per person, \$60 per Couple; reservations required.

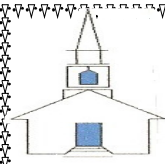
Call 315-446-2680, or register on our website at ctkretreat.com

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

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

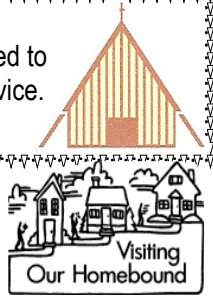
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.





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

Parish Council

PARISH STAFF


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

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 Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday, Noon - Phone, Mail or Email, ststephenstpat@syrdio.org

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday	Feb. 09	8:30 AM Whitney Point... In Loving Memory of Daina Freimanis... by Vella Melzer 10:30 AM <i>Marathon...</i> for Josephine McConnell... by CCSS-SP 12:00 PM OLPH...for Joseph Ricca... by Pat & Terri Fedele	
Tuesday	Feb. 11	NO MASS TODAY	
Sunday	Feb. 16	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Ann Silvernail... by Barry & Dottie Angel 10:30 AM <i>Marathon...</i> for Betty Potter... by Jean Wheaton Mayer 12:00 PM OLPH...for Mae Cullen... by Pat & Terri Fedele	

Readings for the Week of February 9 through February 16, 2020:

Today: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16	Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30	
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13; Mk 6:53-56	Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37	
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Mk 7:1-13	Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10	
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23	Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37	

The readings for today, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, begin with CYCLE A's #960, 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: Clements Family
Next Sunday: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker
Lector: John Mihalko **Next Sunday:** Dot Hathway
Altar Servers: Josiah Lynch, Aidan Lynch
Next Sunday: Lucca Lynch, Ian McMullen

Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Colleen Brown
Garret & Joyce Van De Weert
Lector: Linda Caminiti **Next Sunday:** Kathy Cusick
Gunner Tyrrell, Alex Votra
Angela Barry, Breyden Silva

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Fabrocino, Dot Hathway, Mary Jo Whitehead
Next Sunday: Kathy Bensley, Peg Orzel, Ingrid Wennerod
Children's Liturgy Leader: Sherry Dee **Next Sunday:** Amy Burke

Cindy Barry, Geoff Tyrrell, Karen Standish
Don & Karen Barry, Shelley Warnow
Feb Ushers: Tony Zelsnack, Chuck McEvoy

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

Today, Feb. 9th

**First Eucharist Presentation of the Word - During the 8:30am Mass
9:20-11:00am - Faith Formation Family Lent Day - Whitney Point Church Hall**

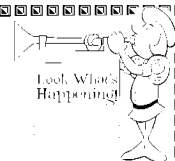
Tuesday, Feb. 11th

NO MASS TODAY

**9:30am - Women's Faith Group Meeting - Whitney Point Church Hall
7:00pm - CCSS-SP's Parish Council Meeting - Whitney Point Church Hall**

Thursday, Feb. 13th

7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church



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

Reading 1 - Isaiah 58:7-10

In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

Reading 2 - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

Gospel - Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Adults: *In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this especially in the area of social justice?*

Children: *How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?*

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 the Stations, 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.



Praying The Stations of the Cross at OLPH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, beginning February 28th, at 3:00pm, weather permitting.

The **MESSAGE** of the **CROSS**



Preparing 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!

THE ST. STEPHEN'S/ST. PATRICK'S

Hospitality Committee

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE



meets on the third Tuesday of every month in our Whitney Church Hall. Our next meeting is next Tuesday, February 18th, 9:30am. We invite young and older, male and female and from all three church locations to join us. All are welcome!

Surveys:

Thank you so much for completing the short surveys last week. The responses will be tallied, the comments read, shared with Fr. Doug and discussed at our next parish council meeting.

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 Steve Ray, Chris Greisen and Fr Thomas Petri, OP. For more information, please visit: www.ignitecatholicmen.org See flyer and registration form at our church entrances. (more copies can be made)



A Family Perspective

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds."

Women's Group



Our Women's Faith Group meets on the second & fourth Tuesday of each month.

It is a wonderful time of fellowship and faith sharing. Everyone woman is invited to join us in the Whitney Point Church Hall at 9:30am.



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

Hilmut Melzer & Daina Frzimanis
by Vella Melzer

In Memory of...

Our Marathon Church: George Hinman Bill & Helen Appleby
by Claire Hinman



Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry

-During the month of **February** we are collecting **canned fruit** 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.

Additional Thanks

Work continued on an elderly parishioners mobile home the end of last week and this past week with additional people joining in. Thanks Janice Orzel and Roger and Anne Calice for joining this outreach project.

Sanctuary Candles - If you'd like to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of a loved one, at our Whitney Point or Marathon Church, please call our parish office. Donation is \$20.00 for that month, if available, and memorial name(s) will be printed in bulletin.

Mass Intentions - If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a loved one, please call our parish office. Donation is \$10.00 and if by check it should be made payable to CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church.