

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



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2020**

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

Second Sunday of Lent

March 08, 2020

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As announced or by appointment



Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design.

“This is my beloved son, listen to him.”

Three readings, one command: follow the directions of God.

While it seems obvious to me today, I don't suppose it was any easier for the people of the Bible than it is for me in modern times. Sometimes it just takes a giant leap of faith to do as God directs.

Often it is hard to do as I am told. I think perhaps the one giving the directions doesn't understand me and my wants and needs. Or maybe it's as simple as I don't want to do that thing, or I have my heart set on something else, my plans, not theirs. Surely there is another way, one more suited to me. While all this may be true when another person is trying to order my life, I tend to resist even when the Lord directs me. It's my life, after all, and shouldn't I be in charge of it?

When I am nudged by the Lord to take a particular action, I want to believe I know better, or perhaps I try to justify my resistance by questioning whether or not it was really God giving the direction. At the very least, I tear into the idea, determining on my own if it's something I want to do or not.

‘But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid.”’ Jesus gently told Peter, James, and John to leave their comfort zone, trust in the Lord, and not be afraid. How much easier said than done!

That's probably the heart of my problem. I don't want to leave my comfort zone. I don't want to give up my self-prescribed safety net. I want to have my way because it's what I know, what I believe in.

How much easier things would be if I could courageously step out into the new country like Abram. How much better off would I be if I could willingly give up my plans in favor of God's. How much closer to salvation would I be if I would stop trying to be in charge, but listened to Jesus instead. It's time to put into personal action what I pledged in the responsorial: to place my trust in in my Lord.

Linda Crowley



Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, March 1, 2020

Regular Collection: Envs: \$2,018. Loose: \$539.08 Electronic: \$940.**Total Regular Collection: \$3,497.08**
Diocesan Collections: ChEastEur-\$15. Blk&NatAmer-\$42. **Other Income:** Fuel-\$5. Flowers-\$205.
MemSanctuaries-\$60. *Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:*
FuelOil: \$1,044. SpiritPubl: \$152. ChR&M: \$30. Miss/Hymn: \$415. Salaries: \$1,400.
.....**Total Bills Paid This Week: \$3,041.**
Bills To Pay Next Week: \$3,000.

Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE!

Thank you to your contributions last week to the Collection of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! Your donations help restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries. Your donations to the Black, Native American and Hispanic Collection helps members in the poorer parts of the country and world.



MAPLEFEST ITALIAN DINNER: We're looking for someone to run the Maple Fest Italian Dinner at our Marathon Church this year which is on **Saturday, April 18th**. Please contact Brittney Penrose at rosecenara@gmail.com or call our parish office by tomorrow, March 9th.

Community Wellness Event - Live Healthy Today

A free 6 week workshop starting Monday, March 16th, from 9-11:30AM at the Northern Broome Senior Center in Whitney Pt. Discussion for support of health conditions, manage pain and fatigue. Healthy snack provided and transportation available upon request. Contact Mary Maruscak 692 7669, ext. 209 or mmaruscak@rhnsny.org to register or for more information.



Volunteers needed for Lourdes Hospice Program

- If you possess respect and reverence for life, a positive outlook, compassion, a sense of humor and the willingness to help others as a member of the Hospice team, then our Hospice patients need you. Training begins in March for four weeks in which an overview of Hospice program, the volunteer's role, the emotional and spiritual issues related to the hospice patient, effective communication skills and how to care for yourself. For more information, please call the Hospice volunteer office at 607-584-9159.



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

Joe Scullgy by Mary Sculley

in our Marathon Church is In Memory Of:

Frank & Rose Mayer by Jean Mayer

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: During the flu season our churches will not participate in the drinking of wine, "the blood of Christ." during communion for safety precautions.

IGNITE 2020 Catholic Men's Conference, EARLY REGISTRATION \$55 Ends March 13th. Sign up Now!

The theme for the 12th Annual IGNITE Men's Conference is *Take Refuge in the Lord*.

As usual there are 3 tremendous speakers that will challenge all who attend. You can be part of it on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the SRC Arena & Event Center for an amazing day that will have a tremendous impact on you. **You can register for the IGNITE 2020 Catholic Men's Conference online at**

www.ignitecatholicmen.org or contact our parish captains, John Mihalko or Don Barry.

Limited seating available. **Sign up now!!!** ASK other who have attended in the past. This is a day you that will affect you more than words can describe. **Speaker Steve Ray** is a convert to the Catholic Church and the author of three best-selling Ignatius Press books **Speaker Chris Greisen** a Former NFL quarterback. **Speaker Fr Thomas Petri, O.P.** Vice President and Academic Dean Assistant Professor, Moral Theology and Pastoral Studies, Dominican House of Studies. ↓



We Have A Bus For This Year's Ignite Conference! Anyone interested in taking the bus to the 12th Annual Ignite Catholic Men's Conference, on March 28th at the SRC Arena on the campus of Onondaga Community College, please contact John Loftus at 759-9420 or email jloftus1@stny.rr.com. The bus is free of charge and is a first come first serve.

January & February's 50/50 envelopes were combined because we only had 13 participants for both months total.

The winner was Linda Caminiti, winning \$32.50.

Thank you to all who participate, proceeds are split between winner and our parish's Capital Account.

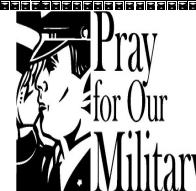
40 DAYS FOR LIFE-Feb. 26-Apr. 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life: 40 days of

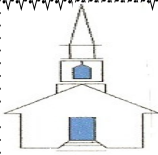
Community Awareness, Prayer & Fasting and Peaceful Vigil to end abortion. Pray weekly with a friend for one hour of your choosing on the public right-of-way outside the vigil site at So. Tier Women's Services, 149 Vestal Pky West, Vestal. Contact Lauren at 607-349-2752 or 40daysforlife.com/Binghamton & 40 Days for Life Binghamton on Facebook.

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, 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, 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.

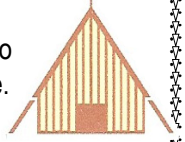




Mission Statement for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen - St. Patrick

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.ccsssp.com



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

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
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	Mar. 08	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Mike Thayne ...by CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee 10:30 AM <i>Marathon</i> ...for Mike Thayne ...by CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee 12:00 PM OLPH... Healing Mass for Pat Fedele ...by Family	
Tuesday	Mar. 10	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Eileen Peters ...by Ed Hunt	
Sunday	Mar. 15	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Eileen Peters ...by CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee 10:30 AM <i>Marathon</i> ...for Mike Thayne ...by Ralph & Pat Canfield 12:00 PM OLPH...for The People Of Our Parish	

Readings for the Week of March 8 through 15, 2020:

Today: Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28



Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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: Earl Markham, Chris Broderick
Next Sunday: Colleen Mihalko, Pat Tredo
Lector: Gene/Matthew Jordan **Next Sunday:** Jason Somers
Altar Servers: Josiah Lynch, Aidan Lynch
Next Sunday: Lucca Lynch, Ian McMullen

Marathon

Don Barry, Bob Barry
Marie Joseph, Colleen Brown
Lector: Kathy Cusick **Next Sunday:** Shelley Warnow
Angela Barry, Breyden Silva
Arianna Silva, Brandon Tyrrell

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Peg Orzel, Emily Jordan
Next Sunday: Cecelia Carstens, Cathy Shoemaker, Margaret Fabrocino
Children's Liturgy Leader: Emily Jordan **Next Sunday:** Cecelia Carstens

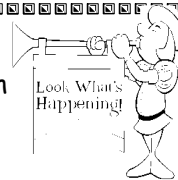
Karen Barry, Shelley Warnow, Linda Caminiti
Cindy Barry, Kathy Cusick, Karen Standish
March Ushers: Wayne Niggli, Bob Barry

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.

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.

This Week In Our Parish

Today, Mar. 8th 1st Eucharist Last Supper Liturgy - During the 8:30am Mass at Whitney Pt Church
Tuesday, Mar. 10th 9:30am - Women's Faith Group Meeting - Whitney Point Church Hall
7:00pm - CCSS-SP's Parish Council Meeting - Marathon Church Hall
Thursday, Mar. 12th 7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church
Friday, Mar. 13th 3:00pm - Stations of the Cross - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnatus
6:30pm - Stations of the Cross - Marathon Church
Saturday, Mar. 14th 8:00am - Christian Men Of Faith Meeting - Whitney Point Church Hall
Sunday, Mar. 15th St. Patrick's Day Brunch -downstairs in hall, following the 8:30am Mass at Whitney Point



Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1 - Genesis 12:1-4a
God promises Abram a great blessing.

Reading 2 - 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Through God's grace
we are called to holiness.

Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Adults: What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

Children: What does it mean to you to be a holy person?



Praying The Stations of the Cross
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, at **3:00pm**.

Our **Marathon Church** will be praying the Stations of the Cross at **6:30pm** every Friday during Lent.



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

RICE BOWLS - Meet Trinh - Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Women's Lenten Morning Retreat at St. Margaret's Parish Center, Copeland Ave., Homer on Saturday, **March 14th** 9 a.m. to Noon
"MIRACLE IN THE MAKING" Will begin at 9:15 a.m. with a Continental Breakfast. All women in our area are warmly invited. Pre-register by calling their parish office at 749-2542 by tomorrow, March 9th. Offering: \$10.

Gregorian chant to be sung from centuries-old book - The Southern Tier Singers' Collective, directed by William Culverhouse, will present a concert of Gregorian chant. "**Chant From the Convent of La Crocetta**" will be performed on

Saturday, March 14, at 7:30pm at St. Patrick's Church, 9 Leroy Street, Binghamton (corner of Leroy and Oak).

The concert is free and open to the public. Voluntary donations gratefully accepted. The church is handicapped-accessible. The choir will sing ethereally beautiful Gregorian chant, in the original Latin, in the cathedral-like acoustics of St. Patrick's church.

The music comes from a beautifully handwritten 16th-century chant manuscript originally owned by the nuns of the convent of Santa Croce in Florence, Italy (known as La Crocetta). The centuries-old book was recently acquired by Binghamton University. It will be on display for public viewing at St. Patrick's Church before and after the concert through a special arrangement with Binghamton University Libraries.

ABOUT SOUTHERN TIER SINGERS' COLLECTIVE: Founded in the fall of 2018 by William Culverhouse, STSC is based in Binghamton, New York, and draws singers from as far as Ithaca, Oneonta, Elmira, and northeast Pennsylvania. Many of the singers in STSC are music educators in regional school systems who are also professional-level singers, and their contributions to STSC enrich not only our audiences' musical lives, but also the musical lives of their students.

St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day Brunch In Honor Of Our Patron Saint

Everyone please join us for a St. Patrick's Day Brunch at our Whitney Point Church following the 8:30am Mass next Sunday, March 15th.

Bring a dish to pass.

CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee will provide the refreshments. There will be door prizes and the Four Corners All String Band will play Irish music!

Two Part Presentation on The Real Presence of Our Lord

Jesus Christ in the Eucharist- March 16th & 23rd at 6 PM

at St Anthony's Church Hall, Pomeroy St., Cortland,

The Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is an essential foundation of our Catholic faith. Deepen your knowledge of this priceless spiritual gift by attending a two part presentation of the DVD, **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** from the Augustine Institute. This opportunity is offered at St. Anthony Church on Monday, March 16th and 23rd at 6 PM. Pizza and some initial discussion will be followed by the viewing of a one hour episode at 6:30 and a brief wrap up discussion. Learn how God prepared the way for this precious gift throughout the Old and New Testaments and how we can appreciate it more fully in our lives today.

A Lenten Retreat for Catholic Women on Saturday, March 21st,

7:45am-12:30pm, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott.

Registration begins at 7:45 am. The retreat includes Holy Mass, breakfast, speaker reflection with Sr. Beth Ann Dillon, confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Registration is \$20. Register by mailing the Women's Commission, c/o Judy Wright, P.O. Box 288, Vestal, NY 13850 or by calling Judy at 607-206-6205; by emailing swc@syracusediocese.org; or register at the door. On check, please note "Southern Retreat."

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Ready Reasons – Was Jesus' Sacrifice Enough?

The Catholic teaching on penance is often rejected because they think it implies Jesus' death on the cross was not enough. Learn why that is not actually the case with an episode from Catholic Answers Ready Reasons on FORMED. Listen on Formed.org **Parish Code: CFMRYY**