

**Catholic Community of
St. Stephen – St. Patrick
Our Lady Of Perpetual Help
Church
March 29, 2020**



*Resurrection of Lazarus by Van Gogh
(John 11:17)*

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

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Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" I guess in the turbulent times we are currently living in, this question really stood out to me when I read through this Sunday's readings. Do I believe this? It seems so easy to believe when things are going well, when the sun is shining on our face, when our jobs are secure, when the stock market is up, our friends and family are healthy, and we can freely join together for Mass on Sunday. But many of those things are not happening now. We are living in times that none of us have experienced before. We are uncertain what the next several months will bring. What new challenges are coming and how the nation and world will react to them. In times like this it is easy to think "Where is God?". There is a section in Exodus I always struggled with, the portion where the Israelites build for themselves a molten calf when Moses goes up on the mountain to be with God and is gone for 40 days. 40 Days!! The Israelites had just experienced all the plagues God brought on Egypt leading to them being set free from captivity. God parting the Red Sea for them to escape. Turning the bitter water sweet, giving them quail and Manna, water from the rock at Horeb. They all witness and experience these signs and wonders, then Moses is gone for 40 days and they are worshipping a molten calf! I could never understand how, in such a short period of time, they turned from God. But are we starting to do the same things? Hopefully no one is fashioning golden images to worship (if you are thinking about it, call me and we'll talk :) but how many of us are questioning why God would let something like the coronavirus happen? Why he would allow all the chaos to happen and so many people to get sick and die? Many of us are glued to the TV watching for the latest news on the virus. Scouring social media for any new rumors of what is coming. Binge watching streaming services to escape from it all. Now these things are not molten calves but if left unchecked, they can morph into one. Israel didn't make a molten calf the day Moses left, they built up to it over a short period of time. Don't let our bibles sit there collecting dust while this happens to us. Dive into God's word, virtually attend daily Mass which is being broadcast on an unprecedented level to allow us some participation in the intimate communion with God (check syrдио.org or just search YouTube). Watch something uplifting on Formed.org. Pray! Make a sacrifice of time and pray the Rosary for an end to the coronavirus. Use this time of seclusion to grow closer to your family and closer to God. I know it is a difficult time and many of us are scared of the unknown that lies ahead, but take solace in knowing we are God's children, loved by him so much that he sent his Son to die for us. Rest easy in knowing that regardless of what lies ahead, God will be there walking right beside us. God Bless.

Pax Christi,
John



Weekly Stewardship Report: Week of March 23, 2020 From Mail, Etc.

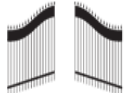
Regular Collection: Envs: \$2,505. Loose: \$214.50 **Total Regular Collection: \$2,719.50.**
Diocesan Collections: CathReliefServices-\$5. **Other Income:** Hospitality-\$10. Flowers-\$10. CathSun-\$25. Fuel-\$25.
Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: Phone: \$297. FaithForm: \$146.
ContribEnvs: \$573. **ChR&M:** \$373. **Office:** \$165. **Salaries:** \$1,400. **Total Bills Paid This Week: \$2,954.**
Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE! Bills To Pay Next Week: \$3,113.

We again apologize for the long delay of our boxed sets of contribution envelopes.

Thanks to Dick Bansley, Cathedral Corporation gave us the appropriate discount for the loss of envelopes which caused a great decrease in our collections.

A Family Perspective - Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **Wayne Wood** who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven. **WELCOMED HOME** May he rest in peace.



If you would like a copy of the bulletin mailed to you please call our parish office.

Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry -During the month of **March** we are collecting **pasta** for the Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry. **We are always in need of any food donations.** Please bring any donations to the food pantry when opened or to our parish office. Thank you for all food & monetary donations.

Vocation View: "Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or write:vocations@syrdio.org.

If you lost an earring at our Marathon Church, please call our parish office.

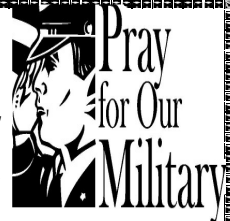
NO MOBILE FOOD TRUCK at our Whitney Point Church lot on Friday, April 3rd. The So. Tier Food Bank needs volunteers for the regional locations they are serving. If interested, please call 607-796-6061 or go on their website: www.foodbankst.org.

Prayer for Healing by Pope Francis
Mary, you always shine on our way as a sign of salvation and hope, we rely on you, Health of the Sick, that under your protection and through your intercession, you will not despise the prayer of those in need and will comfort and protect us in every trial.

New Ministries Hospitality Center, 2708 Lower Cincinnatus Rd., Cincinnatus will host a meeting with you if you need help with NY Connects - Chenango (Amy Friot, 607-222-1931) or NY Connects - Cortland (Todd Simmons, 607-753-7363) When they can meet again, Sr. Kathleen and staff welcome you to their Wednesday's Social Gathering from 1-3pm. Any questions, call 607-486-4092

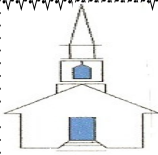
Help us to grow in this moment of grace in communion and solidarity with the sick who suffer and all who are caring for the sick. Help us to share and suffer with the burdens of our brothers and sisters in the diocese, our cities and throughout the world who suffer the trial of diseases and disasters of every kind. Mary our Mother, you know what we need and are sure that you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this trying moment. Help us we pray, to conform to the will of the Father, and do what Jesus will tell us. He took our suffering upon Himself, and took our pains to lead us through the cross to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, PVT2 Averi Hull, Major Corrine Miller, Sgt Megan Ballard, Joshua Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Sgt Heather Fox, Brett Hayes, A1C Brendan Schneider, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, A2C Derek Lescord, SSG Jacob Rau, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, SSG Steven Gross, Daniel Morehouse USMC, Sgt Nicholas Stone, Major Joy Thomas Major John Thomas, USMC SSgt Dan Votra, Devon McGill, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, LCDR Paul McDonald, LCDR Maria Lescord, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC, & our pastor, LtCol Douglas Cunningham.



Parish Council Minutes-If you would like an electronic copy emailed to you, please email porzel10@yahoo.com. If you would like a paper copy please contact the office. This is being done to save paper and protect our environment.

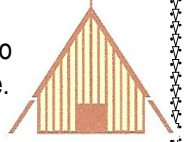
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.



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

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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. 29 **No Masses today at Whitney Point, Marathon & Cincinnatus**
Tuesday Mar. 31 **No Mass**
Palm Sunday Apr. 05 **No Masses today at Whitney Point, Marathon & Cincinnatus**
NO MASSES AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH.



WE WILL RESCHEDULE ALL MASS INTENTIONS ONCE WE CAN HAVE MASSES AGAIN.

Readings for the Week of March 29 through April 5, 2020:

Today: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Jn 8:31-42



Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Palm Sunday: Mt 21:1-11; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14--27:66

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:** Closed.

Mobile Food Pantry: 1st Friday of Month at WP Church parking lot. Truck arrives around **10:00am** (unless holiday)



GET THE LATEST NEWS: Be sure to visit our parish website regularly: www.ccsssp.com and sign up for our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ccsssp to get the most up to date information on parish events for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Churches. Thank you to John Dee for the wonderful work on our Facebook Page.

Check Out the Diocese Online

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YouTube: [Youtube.com/user/syrdio](https://www.youtube.com/user/syrdio)

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.

SERVING THIS WEEK



If you would like to be on the ministry schedule when we can begin Masses again 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

NO MASSES OR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES TODAY

NO MASS

NO MASSES TODAY



Today, March 29th
Tuesday, Mar. 31st
Palm Sunday, Apr. 5th

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

Reading 1 - Ezekiel 37:12-14

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 130:1-8

With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

Reading 2 - Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

Gospel - John 11:1-45

(shorter version John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45)

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Adults: How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life?

Children: What do you hope for after your life on Earth is ended?

Dear Diocesan Family,

I just wanted to check-in with you and let you know that you continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. As I look out into the cathedral nave at Noon Mass during the week, I don't feel alone because I feel the presence of all of you praying with me before God's throne of grace and mercy. Despite the hardship of these days, I pray that each day you will find the giftedness of the moment. I know I have discovered that with my own immediate family. It might sound different to hear your bishop say how he has re-connected more with his brothers and sister in the last few days (even with social distancing) and that we have a new sense of caring for each other and our elderly parents. Yet, for me, this is one example of light in the midst of darkness or God opening a window when the door has been closed. I am sure you have your own.

As we continue our Lenten journey and prepare for the Easter feast, let us not forget that "it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." Our gathering for the Easter Vigil may be in jeopardy, but our kindling of new fire and light is something each of us can do in the days ahead. God's blessings and the peace of the Lord be with you always!

Bishop Lucia

During this time of isolation....

At this time we cannot physically gather together in prayer until a future time, we certainly can keep each other in prayer. If you have the internet you can access Mass on line and you can visit Formed.org for podcasts, videos and books on many topics to continue to pray and learn. You no longer have to enter a parish code, just click on our parish name and you have access to hundreds of things developed for all ages, from preschool through teens and into adulthood.



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

Joe Scully by Mary Sculley

in our Marathon Church is In Memory Of:

In Memory of... **Frank & Rose Mayer** by Jean Mayer



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Symbolon:

The Catholic Faith Explained – The Story of Salvation
Walk in the steps of Jesus of Nazareth throughout the story of Salvation in this week's pick from FORMED. You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at formed.org/signup.

Daily Masses - Fr. Joe and Fr. Nate of St. Mary's/St. Anthony's Parish in Cortland will be live-streaming daily Masses at 9 AM and Sunday Mass at 10 AM on the St. Mary's Facebook page.

Most Holy Rosary in Maine will be live-streaming daily Masses on mostholyroaryoutubemass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Fr Joe and Fr Nate will be doing confessions by appointment only. Please call St. Mary's Parish Center at 756-9967 and leave a message. They will return your call to schedule your appointment.

Daily Televised Mass will be streamed through Syracuse Catholic Television at noon! The link is: www.youtube.com/syrdio.

Catholic Mass airs each week on:

Television Stations

- WSYR - Ch. 9 – Syracuse, Sundays at 6:30 am
- WKTV - Ch. 2 – Utica, Sundays at 6:00 am
- WBNG - Ch. 12 – Binghamton, Sundays at 6:00 am

Community Access Cable Channels

- Spectrum Cable Ch. 4 [serving Skaneateles and Auburn]– Sundays at 10:30 am
- Spectrum Cable Public Access Channel Syracuse Ch. 98 - Saturdays at 8:30 pm
- Spectrum Cable Binghamton (Vestal) Ch. 1301 - Sundays at 1:00 pm
- Spectrum Cable Rome Ch. 99 - Thursdays at 6:30 pm

**Walking With Christ, From Our House to Yours:
A Lenten Mission With Bishop Lucia**

Tuesday, March 31: Day 1 Adoration:

Speaker: Chris Padgett, a popular speaker, musician, and author who has traveled around the world for over two decades, giving concerts, talks, parish missions, and retreats to all ages about the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Jeremy Bobak, Worship Leader

Wednesday, April 1: Day 2 Penitential Celebration: Speaker:

Friar Rick Riccoli, OFM Conv. Pastor of Assumption Church, Syracuse
Jeremy Bobak, Worship Leader

Thursday, April 2: Day 3 Mass for the Sick

Homilist: Fr. Christopher Celentano, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church, North Syracuse. Also, Jeremy Bobak, Worship Leader

Live streamed at 3pm @ youtube.com/user/syrdio each day.

Watch anytime after the livestream as well.