

**Catholic Community of
St. Stephen - St. Patrick
May 3, 2020**



Christ the Good Shepherd - Bartolome Esteban Murillo

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 03, 2020

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Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Jesus always meets a person where that person is. He accepts the person where he/she is at. Thus He spoke to the Jewish people in terms they were very familiar with: Sheep, shepherds and the identifying “I AM!” Sheep follow their shepherd, run from a strange voice. The shepherd cares for the sheep and God identified Himself more than once as “I AM.” So Jesus compares Himself to a shepherd, the Gatekeeper, the one who will lead them to eternal life if they but follow Him. He even uses the God-worthy identification “I AM.” And they just don’t “get it!”

Do we get it? It’s a comforting image to think of Jesus calling to us: “You are Mine and I know you!” But are we really listening? Can we hear the voice of our Lord in the din of everyday life? We have spouses and children, bosses and co-workers, TV and radio, play lists and podcasts. How in the world can the voice of Jesus be heard through the din? And do we always WANT to hear what He is saying? And how can we be sure that what we do hear is actually Christ speaking to us?

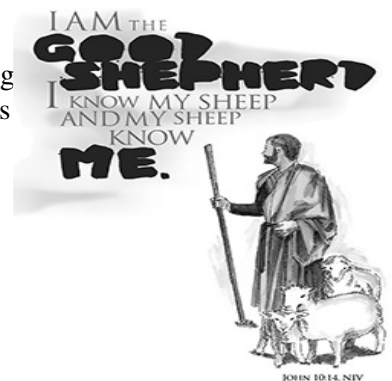
The only way we can hear the voice of our shepherd is to stop listening to the noise of the world and spend quiet time with Him. If we stop running, doing, achieving and just listen, we will come to know His voice.

As I write this, New Your Pause has just been extended for another month. PAUSE! We have basically been forced to stop, slow down, quit doing and in some cases, put achievement on hold. It is an anxiety producing, scary, frustrating time for many of us. But spiritually, maybe it’s just what we need.

A shepherd leads his flock. The flock, the sheep are rather stupid animals who when left to their own devices get separated from the flock, fall into rock crevices, get caught in brambles, and lose their way. They rely totally on their shepherd for food (He knows where the green pastures are), guidance and safety.

Now that we, human beings with hearts, minds and souls have been rather forced to bring our usual lives to a standstill, what better time to take our lives day by day trusting in our Shepherd’s guidance—listening to Him, trusting Him to lead us and taking the steps He may be guiding us toward. Jesus, Himself said our lives would not be trouble free. In fact He said just the opposite: “Take up your cross and follow me.” But He also said: “Do not be afraid. My peace is with you.”

Sometimes we just need to get out of our own way and trust the Shepherd who, by His own admission will guide His flock. “I know Mine and Mine know Me!”



Linda Caminiti



Stewardship Report

Weekly Stewardship Report: Week of April 27, 2020 From Mail, Etc.

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,020. Loose: \$634.50 Electronic: \$940. Total Regular Collection: **\$2,594.50**
Diocesan Collections: HomeMissions-\$10. *Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:*
DioAssess: \$1,478. **Phone:** \$295. **Salaries:** \$1,400. **Total Bills Paid This Week: \$3,173.**
Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE! Bills To Pay Next Week: \$3,124.

Thank you for the most generous response from our parishioners that have been mailing in their contributions to our parish. Your donations are keeping our parish running. We are paying utilities and anything really important. We ask that if it's in your budget to please continue tithing by bringing or mailing your donations to our parish office: P.O. Box 711, Whitney Pt, NY 13862.
 Let's keep each other in prayer as we get through this situation.

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 (1st or 15th of month.) Please call our Parish Office for more information and a form.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Fatima Hope for the World is a 13-part video series that tells the story of Fatima from the apparitions in 1917 through the 20th century. It includes details of the apparitions, historical context, the secrets of Fatima, the children seers and their missions, Our Lady's specific requests and the importance of responding to her call. The 5-minute videos are intended for educational purposes and are appropriate for ages 12 and up.

You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at formed.org/signup.

Heavenly Humor

Jesus and Satan were having an ongoing argument about who was better on his computer. They had been going at it for days, and God [the Father] was tired of hearing all of the bickering. Finally God said, "Cool it. I am going to set up a test that will run two hours and I will judge who does the better job."

So down Satan and Jesus sat at the keyboards and typed away. They moused. They did spreadsheets. They wrote reports. They sent faxes. They sent e-mail. They sent out e-mail with attachments. They downloaded. They did some genealogy reports. They made cards. They did every known job.

But ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, the rain poured and, of course, the electricity went off. Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed. The electricity finally flickered back on, and each of them restarted their computers.

Satan started searching frantically, screaming "It's gone! It's all gone! I lost everything when the power went out!"

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours. Satan observed this and became irate. "Wait! He cheated, how did he do it?"

God shrugged and said, "Jesus saves."

Do you know any one in need of a life line ?
 We could probably fill more orders...(**Do you know anyone living alone or has a family with someone sick at home and the caregiver would be assisted if the person needs to be left for a short time ?**)

The summer is coming. Some people have difficult with the heat especially if they are elderly or for some reason confined to home. Our grant has MOBILE air conditioners for their use. (let us know if you can refer someone or have them call.) Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Call Sister Kathleen Heffron, CSJ, at New Ministries 607- 486- 4092.

Keep the Bottles Coming, please. Thank you so much for your generous support of our recyclable can and bottle collection. The money is going towards the cost of our parish youth activities. Special thanks to Ted Champney who continues to take the bottles for redemption in all kinds of weather!!!

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

"I am the gate;

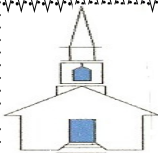
whoever enters through me will be saved."

John 10:9

Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: 2nd Lt. 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, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Daniel Morehouse USMC, Sgt Nicholas Stone, LCDR Paul McDonald, Major Joy Thomas, Major John Thomas, USMC SSgt Dan Votra, SSG Steven Gross, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, LCDR Maria Lescord, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, 2nd Lt. Emily Steele USAF, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC, & our pastor, LtCol Douglas Cunningham.



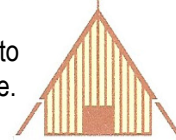
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.



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
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Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

NO MASSES AT WHITNEY POINT, MARATHON AND CINCINNATUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



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

Readings for the Week of May 3 through 10, 2020:

Today: Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50



Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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 FacebookPage:

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.

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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.



Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry - During the month of **May** we are collecting **cereal** 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. Thank you for all your food and monetary donations.

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

**WP Food Pantry is open during it's regular hours.
WP Clothing Bank is closed and
WP Mobile Food Truck cancelled until further notice.**

This Week In Our Parish

NO MASSES, MEETINGS OR ANY GROUPS IN OUR CHURCHES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THANK YOU!

Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1-Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41

Peter and the other apostles
baptize 3,000 people.

Reading 2 - 1 Peter 2:20b-25

We have been healed by
the wounds of Christ.

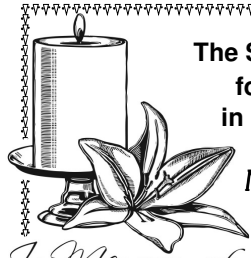
Gospel - John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

*Adults: How are you a shepherd to
those in your care?*

*Children: What will you do this week
to show you are a Christian?*

A Family Perspective - In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to yourself where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."



**The Sanctuary Candle Burning
for the month of May
in our Whitney Pt Church
is In Memory Of:
Michael Thayne
by Ann Thayne**

In Memory of... **in our Marathon Church:
Deacon Joseph Caminiti &
Ben & Betty Kriger by Linda Caminiti**

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May....contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020

Intercessions for Life - Fourth Sunday of Easter

For persons with disabilities:

May their lives always be recognized
as worth protecting and fighting for,
especially during times of widespread illness;
We pray to the Lord.

Catholic Mass airs each week on: Television Stations

- WSYR - Ch. 9 – Syracuse, Sundays at 6:30am & 9:30am
- WKTV - Ch. 2 – Utica, Sundays at 6:00am
- WBNG - Ch. 12 – Binghamton, Sundays at 6:00am & CW Ch. 12.2 at 10:00am

Community Access Cable Channels

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

Upcoming Live stream events with Bishop Lucia:

All will appear on the diocesan youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/syrdio>

Daily Mass at noon - weekdays (continues)

May 3 - Holy Hour for Vocations (Good Shepherd Sunday) 2pm

Thursdays of May: 7, 14, 21, 28 - 7pm recitation and brief
catechesis on the Rosary

Holy Spirit Novena - TBD

Pentecost - Time to be determined

Please join us for a **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS WITH
BISHOP LUCIA** today, **MAY 3RD**, AT 2PM.

He will be live-streaming this special Holy Hour from the Cathedral on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. He invited Fr. Jason Hage, the Director of Vocation Promotion, to be the homilist.

**Also, check out this inspiring video produced by Vianney Vocations for
WDP for Vocations 2020:** <https://vimeo.com/260966960>

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed today, May 3rd, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



Vocation View: On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase to vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that will raise up good shepherds in our midst. Do you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life?

Call Fr. Jason Hage (315)470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting"

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Daily Masses - Fr. Joe & Fr. Nate of St. Mary's/St. Anthony's Parish in Cortland will be live-streaming daily Masses at 9AM and Sunday Mass at 10AM on the St. Mary's Facebook page. *Most Holy Rosary in Maine will be live-streaming daily Masses on [mostholynosaryyoutubemass](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).*