

Pentecost

**Catholic Community of
St. Stephen - St. Patrick
May 31, 2020**



"Pentecost" by Jean Restout II (1692–1768)

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

Pentecost Sunday

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As announced or by appointment

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

The reason for the existence of the Holy Spirit has long been a question mark in my mind. I am aware of God the Father as creator of all things. I am aware that Jesus was sent down to us to take away the sin of Adam and Eve by dying on the cross and also to teach us that our God is a loving God. The New Testament of the Bible includes all the teaching of Jesus that we are to follow.

So what then is the reason for the third person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit? The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to take all the teachings of Jesus and all His blessings and apply them to our human heart so that we own them and they become ours. The Holy Spirit comes to our rescue when we are scared, totally discouraged and in need of help and encouragement. The Spirit comes to our rescue and fills our heart with joy and gratitude towards God. When we realize that God has given us help and encouragement, given us priceless blessings, our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude toward God and we cry out, "Dear God I will love thee sincerely, and willingly, do what is pleasing to thee."

The Holy Spirit has translated the written words in the New Testament of the Bible in such a way that your heart and humanness can now fully understand the meaning of, and love the teachings of Jesus. Now we are ready to spread the Good News of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Lloyd Lapierre



Weekly Stewardship Report: Week of May 25, 2020 From Mail, Etc.

Regular Collection: Envs: \$910. Loose: \$1,434.50 **Total Regular Collection: \$2,344.50**

Diocesan Collections: CCC-\$15. Peter's Pence-\$5.

Other Income: Easter-\$10. Ascension-\$25. WPCemetery-\$75.(MemorialDayEnvs.)

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **Utilities: \$575. Phone: \$295.**

Ch&RectMaint: \$337. Salaries: \$1,200. Total Bills Paid This Week: \$2,407.

Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE!

Bills To Pay Next Week: \$2,808.



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.

This is a free gift to you from our parish. Go to formed.org and

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

click on Sign Up. Follow the instructions to become a new subscriber.

Inspiration through difficult times with live events and teachings that have been recorded and are available now.

- * *Finding Peace in Troubled Times*
- * *Praying as Christ Taught Us*
- * *Corona Virus and Lent: A Bible Study*
- * Lighthouse Talks:
- * *15 Things to do in the Midst of Suffering audio by Jeff Cavins*
- * *Love Hurts: The Truth Behind Redemptive Suffering audio by Matthew Leonard*
- * June 13 Watch: *Saint Anthony: The Miracle Worker of Padua*

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



While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign...

"Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."



From Father Hage, Director of Vocation Promotion: New Zoom Discernment Group for young men between the ages of 18 and 35!

Father Hage is looking to start a discernment group over Zoom that will meet bi-weekly during the months of June and July. If you know of a young man who may be discerning and would benefit from this group, please email JHage@syrdio.org. They will be sent an invitation to join the group with all of the Zoom info.

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.

Memorial Day Mass at the Whitney Point Cemetery could not happen this year due to the virus situation. Thank you to those who still contributed to the cemetery with their "In Remembrance of Our Loved Ones" donation envelopes.
We Remember....Deborah S. Young, Norval Jack Cook, Margaret O'Donnell, Jack & Helen Fordham, Ronald Husner, Donald Bensley, Joseph Cahill and Our Veterans.

➔ We have a bin on the outside of our parish office door that will have some bulletins, etc. for you to take if you pass by. If you would like a copy of the bulletin mailed to you please call our parish office.

From The Offices of Formation for Ministry and Deacon Formation:

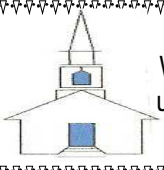
Is God calling you to share the Gospel as a lay ecclesial minister or permanent deacon? Learn more about it at Formation for Ministry - Permanent Deacon Formation Online Information Sessions. They will be held at 6:30PM, Tuesday, June 9 and Wednesday, August 5. Register at: <http://bit.ly/2020InfoSessions> Or call (315)470-1491

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.



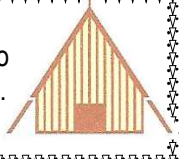
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.



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.ccssp.com



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

Parish Council

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

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation - Cecelia Carstens, 323-5114
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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

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 31 through June 7, 2020:

Today: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23
Monday: Gn 3:9-15,20; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a,17-18; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3,6-12; Mk 12:18-27



Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

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)



Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry

During the month of **June** we are collecting **baby needs** for the Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry.
We are always in need of any food donations.

Please bring any donations to the food pantry when it's opened.
Thank you for all your food and monetary donations.

GET THE LATEST NEWS: Be sure to visit our parish website regularly: www.ccssp.com and sign up for our FacebookPage: www.facebook.com/ccssp 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.

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

Check Out the Diocese Online

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DioceseOfSyracuse

Twitter: twitter.com/SyrDiocese

Instagram: [instagram.com/Syracusediocese](https://www.instagram.com/Syracusediocese)

Linkedin: [linkedin.com/company/catholic-diocese-of-syracuse](https://www.linkedin.com/company/catholic-diocese-of-syracuse)

Pinterest: [pinterest.com/syracusediocese](https://www.pinterest.com/syracusediocese)

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

Gospel Reflection-If you are interested and willing to share your thoughts on the Gospel passage for the front page of the bulletin, please contact Peg at porzel10@yahoo.com. We write on a rotation basis about once every six weeks. Dates are scheduled well in advance so you have time to prepare.

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 2:1-11
 The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34
 God's Spirit renews the earth.

Reading 2 - 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13
 We are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gospel - John 20:19-23
 Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Adults: What important work does Jesus ask of you at this time in your life? Ask the Holy Spirit to let you know.

Children: How would Jesus want you to treat your family and friends this week?

Fr. Doug will have live stream Mass every Sunday until further notice. Each Sunday's Mass is available to view beginning at 9:00am on the Youtube link you will see in our website and face book page.

It can be viewed any time after 9:00am.

You can also view past Masses Fr. Doug has done already. There is a donation button available on our face book page if anyone wishes to donate to our parish that way.



Pentecost Sunday - Today the church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit and the apostles spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. There is a sense of unity this day as we celebrate our identity as members of the Body of Christ. Unity is supported by peace and forgiveness, both of which the Holy Spirit provided for the apostles. Jesus said, "Peace be with you", in other words, "the Holy Spirit will overcome your fears so that you may witness the Good News." Jesus also gave the apostles the power to forgive. The power to absolve sins is an essential part of the work towards unity. Happy Birthday Church! (Gutierrez, Omar Unity in the Spirit: Pentecost and the Church. NCRRegister. May 20, 2018) As you celebrate the birth of the Church and the unity of its members, reflect on how you are called to use your gifts as a member of the Body of Christ.



Come and Visit with Jesus
 Did you know that every Thursday evening for one hour, you can come and spend some time 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.




Vocation View:
 "There are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit." Is the Lord inviting you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?
 Call Fr. Jason Hage at 315-470-1468, or write vocations@syrдио.org.



A Family Perspective
 Like the disciples in today's gospel, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It's how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.



Building Faith @ Home - The Office of Catechesis began a series of @Home family faith activities during this past Holy Week and Easter Season. We are continuing these family catechetical sheets a series "BuildingFaith@Home." These activity and lesson sheets can be found on the Diocese of Syracuse website under the Office of Catechesis. This week you will find Pentecost@Home and June, Month of the Sacred Heart@Home.
syracusediocese.org/offices/catechesis



Please kindly pray for the repose of the souls of
Christopher Canfield
 (Ralph & Pat Canfield's son)
David Brown
 who have entered into the Kingdom of Heaven.
 May they rest in peace.

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, Monday through Friday, and Sundays on mostholyroaryoutubemass. All available to view by 9am.



ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY Among this year's jubilarians we congratulate **Fr. Stanley Gerlock for his 60th anniversary, Msgr. John Putano for his 50th anniversary and Fr. Joseph Zareski for his 40th anniversary.** May they be blessed as they continue their service to us through the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 We are also grateful for all their help when our parish is in need of a Celebrant for Mass or a Holy Service.



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

Living Faith - Daily Catholic Devotions
 The July, August, September edition of Living Faith has arrived. We have been putting some (limited amounts) in our churches for those who were interested. Since we are not physically at church, I would like to get a copy to who usually takes one. Please call our parish office if you need one sent to you or if you can pick up at office.