

# CCSSSP

July 12, 2020



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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As announced or by appointment

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

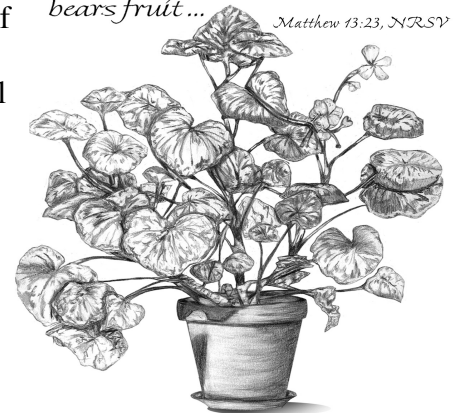
Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

*But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit ...*  
Matthew 13:23, NRSV



From: [www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/](http://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/)

**Weekly Stewardship Report: Sunday, July 5, 2020**



**Regular Collection:** Envs: \$2,306. Loose: \$1,180.50 Electronic: \$940. **Total Regular Collection: \$4,426.50**  
**Other Income:** Hospitality-\$5. *Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:*  
Phone: \$295. Office: \$83. Utilities: \$345. Groundskpg: \$35. Altar: \$115.  
Donation: \$100. (NewMinistries) Salaries: \$1,200. ....**Total Bills Paid This Week: \$2,173.**  
**Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE!** Bills to pay next week:\$1,468.00

CCSS-SP's 50/50 for June had 6 participants and the winners were Dick & Kathy Bensley,winning\$15.00. Now that Masses are returning the proceeds split between winner and our parish's Capital account will be higher. Thank you to all who participate. There are extra envelopes at the entrances of our churches if you don't get the boxed contribution envelopes or if you want more than one chance. Cost is \$5.00 per envelope.

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



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**

**Listen:** Saint Kareri Tekakwitha (feast day: July 14<sup>th</sup>)

**Watch:** St. Therese of the Child Jesus

**Watch:** No Greater Love: A Unique Portrait of the Carmelite Nuns  
Feast Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel 7/16

**Watch:** Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber Free on Formed.org.



**Vocation View:** "Let everyone heed what they hear." Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life?

Call Fr. Jason Hage at 315-470-1468 or write vocations@syrdio.org.

**Join us for a trip to 3 major shrines, Lourdes, Fatima, & The Way for a 14 day trip from March30-April 14, 2022.**

An informational meeting will be on 8/31/2020 @ 7pm  
The meeting will be held at the Newman House, (with social distancing)The cost of the trip is 2903.00 includes, airfare, double room, and some meals.

For more information please contact Sr. Rose by email [rcasaleno@syrdio.org](mailto:rcasaleno@syrdio.org) or call at 607-798-7202



**Formation for Ministry/Deacon Formation Virtual Information Session, Wed., August 5, 6:30-7:30pm**

Are you or is someone you know thinking about Formation for Ministry or the Diaconate? The Offices of Formation for Ministry and Deacon Formation are offering a virtual information session Wednesday, August 5, at 6:30 pm. This session will include an overview of the two-year Formation for Ministry program leading to commissioning as a lay ecclesial minister and an overview of the process for becoming a deacon. Time for questions will also be included. *Formation for Ministry is a prerequisite for becoming a deacon.* Register at: <https://bit.ly/DFFFMInfo>

**Now Hiring: Mom's House Cook** \*Position starts in August.

\*Hours: 8am-12:30pm; Monday-Friday \*10 month position

\*Cook nutritious meals to the children at Mom's House from a pre-approved menu

\*Must be able to follow CACFP guidelines and serving sizes.

Contact Charlene Grinnell, Administrative Assistant

**"Celebrating life and empowering parents through education and childcare."** Mom's House, 770 Harry L. Drive, Johnson City, NY 13790

Hours: 7am-1pm 607-644-9972 ext.312 [momshouseny1@gmail.com](mailto:momshouseny1@gmail.com)

<http://www.momshouseny.org> <https://twitter.com/momshouseny>

<http://www.facebook.com/momshouseny>

**From the Syracuse Diocesan Office of Family/Respect Life:**

**How do you know if you need post-abortion healing? Do you feel reluctant to talk about the subject of abortion, or feel guilt, anger or sorrow over your own abortion? Do you have lingering feelings of resentment or anger towards people involved in your abortion (baby's father, friends, your parents)? Have you felt a vague emptiness, a deep sense of loss, or prolonged periods of depression? Are you overly protective of any children you have now? These are some of the signs that you could benefit from post-abortion healing.**

**Project Rachel Ministry** can help you find peace.

Contact us at 855-364-0076 or

[hopeandhealing@syrdio.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@syrdio.org).

All calls and emails are confidential.



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

2<sup>nd</sup>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, 2<sup>nd</sup>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.**





**This Week In Our Parish**

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church**

**10:30am Mass at Marathon Church**

**Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church**

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00am - First Holy Communion - Whitney Pt. Church - Communicants & Family Only**

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church**

**10:30am Mass at Marathon Church**



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

**Reading 1 - Isaiah 55:10-11**

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

**Reading 2 - Romans 8:18-23**

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

**Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23**

(shorter form: Matthew 13:1-9)

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

*Adults: How do you provide "good soil" for the faith of others to grow?*

*Children: What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each day?*

**Intercessions for Life**

For families considering adoption:

May the Lord guide and bless their journey,

and grant them peace along the way;

*We pray to the Lord:*

**CCSS-SP's Parish Council** - We have four positions open on Parish Council. The Council meets once a month, alternating between Whitney Point and Marathon, and discusses topics and issues concerning our parish as well as visioning how we can best live out our mission. If you are interested and willing to serve in this position, or if you know someone who you think would be good serving in this way, please contact Mary at the office, 692-3911. Please give this thought and prayer and be willing to step up to voice your ideas.



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:**



We are looking for some volunteers to organize and run this summer's VBS program for our children this summer.

If you are interested please contact Cecelia Carstens at 323-5114.

Thank you for considering working with our children.

**Mass Attendance Update:** As of now our Masses can be at 33% capacity, which means Masses at Whitney Point can have 125 persons and at Marathon 62 persons, we do not need to register, but we still need to follow the protocol of distancing, masks and sanitizer. We are still waiting for the possibility that the county will open to 50% capacity so please check our parish's FB, website and answering machine to see if and where the noon Mass will be next week.



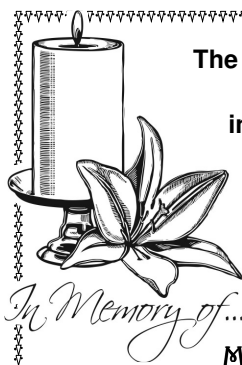
**A Family Perspective**

The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.



**Bonaventure, OFM - Feast Day, July 15**

Born Giovanni di Fidanza, was an Italian medieval Franciscan, scholastic theologian and philosopher. The seventh Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor, he was also Cardinal Bishop of Albano. He was canonized on 14 April 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV and declared a Doctor of the Church in the year 1588 by Pope Sixtus V. He is known as the "Seraphic Doctor" (Latin: Doctor Seraphicus). Many writings believed in the Middle Ages to be his are now collected under the name Pseudo-Bonaventure.



**The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the month of July in our Whitney Pt Church is In Memory Of:**  
**Helmut Melzer & Daina Frzmanis**  
by Vella Melzer  
**in our Marathon Church:**  
**Mike, Mary & Margaret Cashel** by Family

**Repeating because this was to be put in this Sunday, secretary's apologies.**

**DID YOU KNOW?** Modern Catholic Social Teaching, rooted in Scripture and articulated through a tradition of written documents, has evolved over time in response to the challenges of the day. It is the foundation of the mission and values of Catholic Community Services.

There are seven key themes that at the heart of our Catholic social tradition. This week we will look at the first theme.

**1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person**

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching.

We believe:

- that every person is precious,
- that people are more important than things and
- that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human

This week let's pray for each other: Lord, give each of us the insight to understand and the courage to live by these principle in our thinking, speaking and acting.

**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. Currently open in 2020:  
**WPT- Oct., / Marathon-Aug., Oct., Dec.**