

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

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Reading 1- Isaiah 55:6-9

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of human beings.

Reading 2 - Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard,  
Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.



**Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

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As announced or by appointment

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

"...and on receiving it they grumbled..." In the Gospel story the people who started work early in the day were disappointed and even grumbled because of what happened to them. Sometimes we can feel sorry for ourselves because of the displeasing things that happen to us...but sometimes those are the things that make us grow. This Gospel reminds me of a story called "Broken" If you have ever been "broken" then this one is for you. The author wrote:

"I was in Dollar Tree last night, and there was a lady and two kids behind me in the LONG line. One was a big kid, and the other one was a toddler. The bigger one had a pack of glow sticks, and the toddler was screaming for them. The Mom opened the pack and gave him one which stopped his tears. He walked around with it smiling; but then the bigger boy took it, and the toddler started screaming again. Just as the Mom was about to fuss, the older child bent the glow stick and handed it back to the toddler. As we walked outside at the same time, the toddler noticed that the stick was now glowing; and his brother said, "I had to break it so that you could get the full effect from it." I almost ran, because I could hear God saying to me, "I had to break you to show you why I created you. You had to go through it so you could fulfill your purpose."

That precious child was happy just swinging that "unbroken" glow stick around in the air, because he didn't understand what it was created to do - which was "glow."

There are some people who will be content just "being," but some of us that God has chosen... we have to be "broken."

We have to get sick.

We have to lose a job.

We go through a divorce.

We have to bury our spouse, parents, best friend, or our child...

In those moments of desperation, God is breaking us. But... when the breaking is done, then we will be able to see the reason for which we were created. So when you see us glowing, just know that we have been broken but healed by His mercy and grace!"

This week let's reflect on accepting the hard situations/events and be open to learn the lesson when we are broken.

Peg Orzel

**Weekly Stewardship Report: Sunday, September 13, 2020**



**Stewardship Report**

FaithForm: \$36. SpiritPubl: \$126. Dumpster:\$20. Utilities: \$250. Salaries: \$1,300. ....Total Bills Paid This Week: \$3,024.

**Regular Collection:** Envs: \$2,734. Loose: \$824.50 .....Total Regular Collection: \$3,558.50

**Diocesan:** CathUnivAmer-\$59. **Other Income:** FaithForm-\$10. Rental-\$147.50 Memorial Donation-\$100.(IMO Patricia Launikitis)

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **SchSubsidy:** \$1,165. **ChMaint:** \$127.

**Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE!**

Bills to pay next week:\$2,426.


**2020 HOPE Appeal** - The 2020 HOPE Appeal Commitment weekend will begin October 3-4, 2020. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children, college and seminary students, evangelization, Catholic Charities services, and more. Please respond generously when you are asked to make your pledge. Each year, the HOPE Appeal gives us the opportunity to support valuable ministries, programs, and services that benefit many across the Diocese of Syracuse and beyond, including members of our own parish. **This year's theme is Gratitude.** You should have received information about the HOPE Appeal in the mail as well as a request from the Diocese of Syracuse for all parishioners to make a pledge to the 2020 effort. Please review the HOPE Appeal brochure and prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible as a steward of Christ.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

**Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth**

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bilocation, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years. SIGN UP FREE AT FORMED.ORG/SIGNUP



Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **Betty Cabral** (Joanne Vega's sister) who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven. May she rest in peace.



**Thanksgiving Baskets 2020** Please call 211 to REGISTER FOR THE THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Catholic Charities of Broome County will provide the turkeys and our local food pantry the food for a Thanksgiving Dinner. Baskets will be limited to one per household in need.

To sign up for a Thanksgiving basket, you must call the United Way of Broome County's 211 phone number now until Oct. 16 during its business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Callers will be asked to have information on hand for every person in the household. There are no in person signups in Binghamton this year due to COVID 19. Households that order a basket will receive a confirmation number from 211. That number will be needed to pick up the basket. About one to two weeks before Thanksgiving families that ordered a basket will receive a phone call or letter detailing the time, date and place they can pick their food up. Families should expect to pick their basket up in person. **We will not be able to accept orders at our church this year because all turkeys will come through 211.**



**A Family Perspective** -Today Jesus is saying to us:

“Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard.” Family, where “the last will be first,” is the “vineyard” entrusted to us in today’s gospel. Successful families are constructed by “laborers,” who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

**New Ministries** 607-486-4092  
2708 Lower Cincinnatus Rd. 607-310-8559  
Box 275, Cincinnatus N.Y. 13040

Our staff seeks to assist the needs of the community with a special concern for the needs of our elderly Join us!

1. Drop in any time - Monday - thru Thursday (10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)
2. Join our staff meeting. Bring your ideas and concerns TUESDAY'S 10 AM. .
3. First Monday of the Month, Come to LIFE CHALLENGES IN THE RURAL AREA after the AGE 50. (Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7)(2 P.M.)
4. Each Wednesday in the past was our Social Gathering. We hope to renew it when possible.

Presently we are studying small group events.

Reminder: We are assisted by the Office of the Aging, N.Y. Connects Cornell and Access to Independence. PRESENTLY

WE ARE CONNECTING WITH CORNELL FOR HOME ENERGY SAVING. Stop by New Ministries for information

These monies are available to home owners , trailers and renters .DON'T MISS OUT! THANK YOU, SISTER KATHLEEN AND STAFF

➔We have established a lending Library for PUZZLES AND LARGE PRINT BOOKS.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY OF THESE ITEMS TO CONTRIBUTE, NEW MINISTRIES WOULD BE GRATEFUL.

They can be dropped off there or given to Mary at our Whitney Point Parish office to bring to New Ministries.

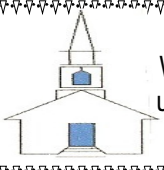
**Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:**

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.

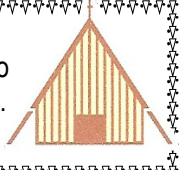
**Cemetery Headstone Cleaning Available**  
Call Tom at (607) 244-8116 for information.



### 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](http://www.ccsssp.com)



Our face book page: [www.facebook.com/ccsssp](http://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**  
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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](mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org)

### Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions



Today, Sept. 20	<b>8:30AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b> <i>Marathon...for Douglas Smith, 14<sup>th</sup> Anniv. ...by Family</i>
	<b>12:00 PM</b> OLPH... <b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday, Sept. 22	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>The People Of Our Parish</b>
Sunday, Sept. 27	<b>8:30 AM</b> Whitney Point...for <b>Michael Thayne...by Bill &amp; Mary Rock</b> for <b>Elsie Zelsnack...by Elsie Poyer</b>
	<b>10:30 AM</b> <i>Marathon...for Dcn. Joseph Caminiti...by Linda Caminiti</i>
	<b>NO Communion Service at OLPH</b>

Please check website, face book and answering machine if there will be a Communion Service or Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church this Sunday or any other changes.

#### Readings for the Week of September 20 through 27, 2020:

<b>Today:</b> Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24,27a; Mt 20:1-16a	<b>Thursday:</b> Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
<b>Monday:</b> Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 9:9-13	<b>Friday:</b> Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
<b>Tuesday:</b> Prv 21:1-6,10-13; Lk 8:19-21	<b>Saturday:</b> Eccl 11:9--12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
<b>Wednesday:</b> Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6	<b>Sunday:</b> Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32



➔ **Live-streamed Masses from our Whitney Point Church can be viewed on this you tube link:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDUM8MZaDLPNj0zhY73p-ug>

**WP Ecumenical Food Pantry:** M-Th & Sat, 10am-Noon, **No Evenings.** Closed Fridays, Holidays, & when school is closed for inclement weather. **Food Pantry Chairperson:** Roger Calice **Sept.'s Pantry Need:** Jiffy Corn Bread Mix  
**Clothing Bank:** M,T&Sat, 10am-Noon **Mobile Food Pantry:** Currently cancelled coming to our Whitney Pt Church lot.



**SERVING THIS WEEK**



#### Whitney Point

**Lector:** Jason Somers  
**Next Sunday:** John Mihalko  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Emily Jordan, Ingrid Wennerod  
**Next Sunday:** Kathy Bensley, Peg Orzel

#### Marathon

Rose Ann Holland  
Brandon Tyrrell  
Karen Barry, Linda Caminiti  
Cindy Barry, Karen Standish

**New schedules in our church sacristies.** 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](mailto:jvantassel@gmail.com) or 607-343-9577.

**This Week In Our Parish**

**Today, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church  
10:30am Mass at Marathon Church  
12:00pm Communion Service at OLPH, Cincinnati**

**Tuesday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:00pm - Praying The Rosary - Outside of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**

**Thursday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

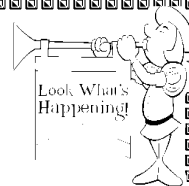
**Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**NO Communion Service at OLPH**

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

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**Adults:** Which has deepened your faith more - being treated justly or being treated with love and care? Who needs you to treat them with care this week?

**Children:** When have you been very fair? When have you been very generous? Which felt better?



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:**



Everyone should have received in the mail this past week the complete packet for this year's Faith Formation classes.

Please read it through completely as there are many new items in it this year. Also, it is date sensitive as I need to hear from each family no later than September 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received a packet or need additional information please contact Cecelia Carstens at [chc4962@aol.com](mailto:chc4962@aol.com) or 323-5114.



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

**Theresa & Everett Burroughs** by Ron & Jackie Burroughs  
**in our Marathon Church: Den. Joe Caminiti**  
by Linda Caminiti

**Did You Know?** A few weeks ago we began a series looking at the Social Justice Teaching of the Church. To continue that series, today we will look at restorative justice, also called Restoring Relationships. Our reading today was written by Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM and shared on his website:

*"Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced."* —James Baldwin (1924–1987)

Almost all religions and cultures that I know of have believed in one way or another that sin and evil are to be punished and that retribution is to be demanded of the sinner—in this world and usually the next world, too. Such *retributive justice* promotes a dualistic system of reward and punishment, good people and bad people, and makes perfect sense to the ego. I call it the economy of merit or "meritocracy." This system seems to be the best that prisons, courtrooms, wars, and even most of the church are equipped to do. The trouble is that we defined God as "punisher in chief" instead of Healer, Forgiver, and Reconciler; thus, the retribution model was legitimized all the way down!

However, Jesus, many mystics, Indigenous cultures, and other wisdom traditions show an alternative path toward healing. In these traditions, sin and failure are an opportunity for the transformation of the person harmed, the person causing harm, and the community. Mere counting and ledger-keeping are not the way of the Gospel. Our best self wants to restore relationships, and not just blame or punish. This is the "economy of grace" and an operative idea of *restorative justice*.

After being wronged, few human beings can move ahead with dignity without a full and honest exposure of the truth, as well as accountability. *You cannot heal what you do not acknowledge.* Hurt does not just go away on its own; it needs to be spoken and heard. Only then is there a possibility of "restorative justice," which is what the prophets invariably promise to the people of Israel (as in Ezekiel 16:53-63; Isaiah 57:17-19) and Jesus illustrates in the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) and throughout his healing ministry.

Teachers and practitioners Elaine Enns and Ched Myers define restorative justice and peacemaking as "a range of nonviolent responses to injustice, violation, and/or violence with the aim of

1. reducing or halting the presenting violence in order that
2. victims and offenders (as well as their communities and other stakeholders) can collectively identify harms, needs, and responsibilities so that
3. they can determine how to make things as right as possible, which can include covenants of accountability, restitution, reparations and (ideally) reconciliation." [1]

We all need to apologize, and we all need to forgive, for humanity to have a sustainable future. Otherwise, we are controlled by the past, individually and corporately. History easily devolves into taking sides, bitterness, holding grudges, and the violence that inevitably follows. No wonder that almost two-thirds of Jesus' teaching is directly or indirectly about forgiveness. As others have said, "Forgiveness is to let go of our hope for a different past." *Reality is what it is*, and such acceptance leads to great freedom, and the possibility of healing forgiveness.