

Catholic Community of St. Stephen St. Patrick

October 11, 2020

**Twenty Eighth Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

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...He refreshes my soul...

Today's readings contain some of the most reassuring verses I've ever known...and perhaps they're meant for times like these. We've seen politics, COVID, unemployment and uncertainty about the future erode faith and trust in God - and even cause divisions within families. Simple solutions to this sort of distress aren't easy to come by; for a healthy perspective we need to look deeper inside our hearts, our faith and our history as a People.

The Hebrew scripture for today tells the story of how our spiritual ancestors discovered God when, as they identified the fears that alienated them from each other, they realized that God could - and would - end the distress. Isaiah writes, "On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth, for the Lord has spoken." And the Psalmist wrote these reassuring words, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul."

St. Paul explained the source of his strength: "Brothers and sisters, I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in Him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Simply said, we are being transformed into a People who will always be discovering more about God's love. We have an increasing ability to speak with confidence about God's goodness. Can we do this alone? I'm not sure that we can. We're still like our spiritual ancestors who feel loneliness, anger and sorrow in many ways. We're still dependent on each other - and our Shepherd - to keep us safe and lead us home. We have, thanks be to God, received many gifts as a community to share with friends and strangers alike. Possibly the best gifts are our ever-growing compassion and love for people who suffer. And we know, in our deepest hearts, that God's love will provide the strength we need for all else that may come our way.

Blessings,
Dorothy Hathway, OCDS



Weekly Stewardship Report: Sunday, October 4, 2020

Regular Collection: Envs: \$2,583. Loose: \$237. Electronic: \$1,040.**Total Regular Collection: \$3,860.**
Diocesan Collections: RespectLife-\$112. WorldMission-\$10. **Other Income:** Hosp-\$5. Fuel-\$135. Flowers-\$10.
Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **RelStipend:** \$150. **FuelOil:** \$869.
Donation: \$152. (Jamaica) **Phone:** \$51. **Salaries:** \$1,300.**Total Bills Paid This Week: \$2,522.**
Thank you for your TIME, TALENT & TREASURE! Bills to pay next week: \$3,130.

2020 HOPE Appeal - CCSS-SP's 2020 HOPE Appeal goal is \$18,591.30. This appeal supports many ministries, programs and services. Your gift, no matter the size, whether it is a pledge or a one-time gift, is important.. There are extra HOPE Appeal brochures, with envelope attached, at the entrances of our churches.

Next Sunday, October 18th, is World Mission Sunday. We are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters & Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. As Catholics around the world gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us... *PRAY* for the Church's worldwide missionary work and *OFFER* financial help through a special collection for The Society for the PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH. our generosity gives hope to vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. Please put your donation envelope in with the regular collection.

CCSS-SP's 50/50 winner for September was Cathy Cummings. Congratulations! Thank you to all who participate. Proceeds are split between winner and our parish's capital account. There are extra 50/50 envelopes at the entrances of our churches.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Watch: JOHNXXIII:THEPOPEOFPEACE This inspiring feature film tells the whole life story of Pope Saint John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as a cardinal, and eventually his life as pope.

Learn: DIVINE MERCY IN THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD Speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

Listen: THE 3 STAGES OF THE INTERIOR LIFE BY MATTHEW LEONARD Join Matthew Leonard as he walks through the three stages of the spiritual life, helping your progress toward union with God and enter the interior castle written by St. Teresa of Avila. With humor and concrete examples, this presentation is sure to aid you in your journey to become a saint.



Office of Formation for Ministry-Are you curious about Formation for Ministry? Are you discerning the diaconate? Join the Offices of Formation for Ministry and Deacon Formation for an information seminar Sunday, October 18, from 1:00 to 3:30 at Holy Trinity, Fulton. This information session will include an overview of the Formation for Ministry program leading to commissioning as a lay ecclesial minister (1:00-2:00) and an overview of the process for becoming a deacon (2:00-3:30). You may attend one or both sessions.

Note Formation for Ministry is a prerequisite for becoming a deacon.

Those interested in the diaconate should attend with their wives if married. Register at formationforministrysyr.o...or call 315-470-1479.

The Ecumenical Peace Garden-The first order of engraved bricks for this year has been placed in the garden. As of 2020, we have a new company who will be engraving our peace bricks. Their only business is engraving and their work carries a life-time guarantee. They engrave the bricks by laser which leaves a black glass image. Military Symbols are no longer a special order and are included on the application. The final order for engraved bricks for this year will be sent in by November 1st. If you would like to place an order, new application forms are available at both entrances to the church. As always, if you have any questions you are welcome to call Ken or Sylvia Bates at 743-0170 or 743-6317.



Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr. Robert Dwyer** (he has presided for our churches) who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven. May he rest in peace.

A Note From CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee:

Due to the pandemic this past year, unfortunately we cannot have our annual Holiday Bazaar. We are suspending all hospitality ministry activities, which include our monthly meetings and our visits with flowers to our homebound friends, until after the beginning of the new year. We look forward to getting back together and visiting our homebound friends.

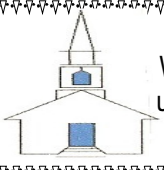
Cemetery Headstone Cleaning Available
Call Tom at (607) 244-8116 for information.

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.



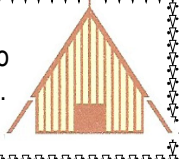
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.



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

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Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Today, Oct. 11	8:30AM Whitney Point...for Donald F. Hall ...by CCSS-SP's Hospitality
	10:30 AM Marathon...for Betty Potter ...by Sue Taylor & Kristen Barton
	NO Communion Service at OLPH
Tuesday, Oct. 13	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Mary Lillian Murray ...by Pat Tredo
Sunday, Oct. 18	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Donald F. Hall ...by Ray & Gladys Nolan
	10:30 AM Marathon...for Bernie Massar ...by Fr. Doug, CCSS-SP & OLPH for David Maroney ...by Pam Maroney
	12:00 PM OLPH...Communion Service followed by Praying the Rosary



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 October 11 through 18, 2020:

Today: Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Mt 22:1-14	Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54
Monday: Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1; Lk 11:29-32	Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41	Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46	Sunday: Is 45:1,4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



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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 **Oct.'s Pantry Need:** Ramen Noodles & Jell-o
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: Gene/Matthew Jordan
Next Sunday: Ingrid Jordak
Eucharistic Ministers: Emily Jordan, Ingrid Wennerod
Next Sunday: Kathy Bensley, Peg Orzel

Marathon

Linda Caminiti
Brandon Tyrrell
Eric Barry, Geoff Tyrrell
Karen 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 or 607-343-9577.

This Week In Our Parish



Today, Oct. 11th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

10:30am Mass at Marathon Church

Rev. John Schopfer and Kevin Frank will speak at both Masses on behalf of the Brady Faith Center in Syracuse.

NO Communion Service at OLPH

Monday, Oct. 12th

Columbus Day - WP Food Pantry/Clothing Bank Closed

Tuesday, Oct. 13th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

Thursday, Oct. 15th

7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church

Sunday, Oct. 18th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

9:20-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney Point Church Hall

10:30am Mass at Marathon Church

12:00pm Communion Service at OLPH followed by Praying the Rosary in Church

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1- Isaiah 25:6-10a

The Lord will provide richly for his people.

Reading 2 - Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

(shorter form Matthew 22:1-10)

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

Adults: *What will you do this week to show God that you understand the relationship between faith and works?*

Children: *What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?*



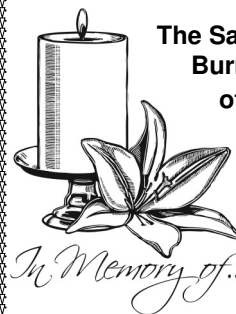
Mission Needs

Today, October 11th, we welcome Fr. John Schopfer, Pastoral Director of the Brady Faith Center and Kevin Frank, Executive Director, who will give the homily and share the mission and ministries of the center on the southwest side of Syracuse. **The mission collection will benefit the Brady Faith Center.** Gift envelopes will be provided by them. Thank you for supporting our mission effort right here in Syracuse! Fr. Schopfer will also be our Celebrant today at our Masses.



A Family Perspective

Today's gospel speaks about "unworthy wedding guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a "worthy guest?"



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

Joe Scully
by Mary Sculley

In Memory of...
in our Marathon Church is in Memory Of: Appleby & Cusyck Families
by Family

Did You Know?

Continuing our study of just today we look at Restorative Justice as described in a September Richard Rohr column. Are there things we can apply to our own life?

When human beings admit to one another "the exact nature of our wrongs," as the Twelve Steps recommend, we invariably have a human and humanizing encounter that deeply enriches both sides. It is no longer an exercise to achieve moral purity, or regain God's love, but in fact a direct encounter with God's love. It is not about punishing one side but liberating both sides. Robert Yazzie, Chief Justice Emeritus of the Navajo Nation, speaks from his Diné tradition about "talking out the problem" as a necessary step towards healing justice.

Many people seem to be turning away from law as coercion and are looking to restorative and reparative principles. *Restorative* is defined as "the process for renewing damaged personal and community relationships." *Reparative* is defined as "the process of making things right for those affected by an offender's behavior." In other words, how can we help victims? We use only one word for both ideas: peacemaking. The Navajo term is Hozhooji Naat'aanii. . . I will simply describe it as "talking things out in a good way." . . .

The procedure is fairly simple. Its elements are 1) prayer; 2) expressing feelings; 3) "the lecture"; 4) discussion; 5) reconciliation; and 6) consensus.

1. **Prayer.** A traditional prayer puts people in the right frame of mind for the talking out. . . .
2. **Expressing feelings.** After prayer, everyone has a say about what happened. They also express how they feel about what happened. . . . In peacemaking, you must know how I feel, and I must know how you feel. That is part of making or restoring a healthy relationship. . . .
3. **"The lecture."** When the prayers have been said, when emotions have been expressed, and when people have told their stories, it is time for guidance from our naat'aanii [peacemaker or Elder] . . . when the peacemaker does some teaching. . . . By offering guidance from our stories, traditions, and ceremonies and applying them to the situation, our peacemakers teach the law. . . .
4. **Discussion.** Who participates in the peacemaking? The parties themselves (who are the "judges"), a leader and planner (naat'aanii), and relatives. . . . The discussion phase also gets at the causes of problems. . . .
5. **Reconciliation.** If you operate a "winner take all" system of justice, expect ongoing problems. If you have a system that works toward reconciliation, you may resolve the conflicts that underlie ongoing problems. . . . Navajo justice is restorative justice. . . .
6. **Consensus.** Finally, based upon the prayer, venting, discussion, and knowledge of the traditional way of doing things, the people themselves usually reach a consensus about what to do. Planning is actually a central Navajo justice concept, and the people plan a very practical resolution to the problem. Today, we put it in writing, and the parties sign it. Consensus is what makes our justice and harmony ceremony—peacemaking—a healing process.