

CCSS-SP Church Bulletin
Passion Sunday
March 28, 2021

Rev. Douglas Cunningham, Administrator

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

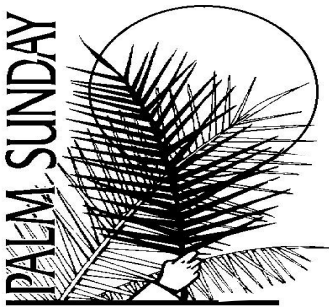
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As announced or by appointment



Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Passion Sunday Today is called Passion Sunday when we recall the “passion” of Christ. The first thing that used to come into my mind was the strong emotions that Jesus underwent – the sense of futility at the mock trial, the loneliness as his disciples ran from him and denied even knowing him, and of course the agony of the crucifixion itself? All these fit into the definition of passion as a strong emotion.

But perhaps I've been looking at the wrong definition of “passion.” Webster defines passion as something that is desired intensely. We are all familiar with that definition when we refer to someone's passion for a particular hobby or interest. For Jesus, his passion, his dedication in life, was for the salvation of all mankind. So strongly did he feel the need for this that he willingly gave up his own life. And it wasn't just figuratively, as a priest or religious may give up a “normal” life to serve the Lord. Jesus gave up his body and lifeblood for us. I am one of those people he laid down his life for. It was his passion.

The natural next question is, of course, how have I responded to this great gift of his life? Have I brushed it aside to keep my own life, my independence of others, as well as of God? Or have I responded with gratitude and a determination to live in the manner he tried to teach me to live? To be sure I have told the Lord that I want to give my all in return, but that seldom even lasts through the 40 days of Lent much less a commitment that commands the rest of my life.

What if I did make my true passion a commitment to God? What would that look like? Would it mean moving close enough to an active church that I could attend daily Mass? Would it mean putting daily prayer time before caring for my family? Already I can see my commitment to God isn't as high a level as I thought it was, and what's worse, I'm not ready to give it that high of a priority. These final days of Lent I need to take the time to establish just where God and Church stand in my priorities. Am I seriously willing to turn over EVERYTHING to God, my fears, my weaknesses, my pleasures, as well as those material things I wrap around myself for security? Is my faith my actual passion?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

We are the Christ's passion. What about you – what are you passionate about?

Linda Crowley



Weekly Stewardship Report: Sunday, March 21, 2021

Regular Collection: Envs: \$2,523. Loose: \$942.50 Electronic: \$140.**Total Regular Collection: \$3,605.50**

Diocesan Collections: CRS-\$50. **Other Income:** Flowers-\$115. Fuel-\$55. Hosp\$50.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: MoDioAssess-\$1,508. ChGrounds-\$33.

Phone-\$182. FireExtng-\$50. Utilities-\$70. Salaries-\$1,300. Total Bills Pd This Week: \$3,143.

Your continued generosity keeps our parish running smoothly; thank you Bills To Be Paid Next Week:\$3,047.

Parish Update: The Diocese is aware of our need and desire for a pastoral presence in our parish. We will receive word when a decision is made as to how our needs will be met. Let us remain hopeful and pray for our parish as we begin this next chapter of our spiritual journey.

Covid Regulations - We must still maintain 6 ft. distance. The CDC directive for school has changed to 3 ft because they have found that with school aged populations there was little risk of contamination. The Diocese would love to remove the restrictions, but are not yet able to apply it to Churches. The Diocesan office is constantly monitoring the situation and will let us know as soon as we can change it.

This past Saturday, March 27th, we welcomed **Evelyn Brook Hartman** to the Waters of Baptism at our Marathon Church. May she be blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit all the days of her life.



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Picks of the Week: Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

WATCH: In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life. <https://watch.formed.org/triduum-a-spiritual-pilgrimage/videos/triduum>.

WATCH: FORMED Now! Holy Saturday - Jesus' Descent into Hell What do we mean when we profess that Jesus descended into hell? Join Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber as they discuss this mysterious event of Holy Saturday.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-live-jesus-descent-into-hell>

WATCH: Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pitre Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.

<https://watch.formed.org/holy-week-by-dr-brandt-pitre/videos/holy-week> To set up your free account visit [Formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup) and select our parish

Fr. Doug's

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6940 Highbridge Rd.
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Fr. Doug's last day
will be
Easter Sunday,
April 4th



The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the month of March in our Whitney Pt Church is In Memory Of: **Joseph Scully** by Mary Sculley

in our Marathon Church is In Memory Of: **Dr. Joseph Caminiti** by Linda Caminiti

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York

Case No. 20-30663

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on June 19, 2020, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York, ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established April 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date with Stretto, the appointed Claims Agent.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofsyracuse> or call (855)329-4244 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

Volunteers/ Ministers Needed- Are you interested in writing the front page reflection for the bulletin on a rotating basis?

A great way to share your faith every five weeks.

Contact Peg porzel10@yahoo.com or 607-372- 7036.

We are in need of Eucharist Ministers and Lectors for both settings. Please contact Justin VanTassel at

jvantassel@gmail.com or 607-343-9577 if you are willing to serve in this way.



WELCOMED HOME

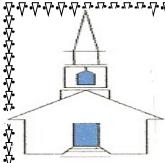
Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **Bill Holland**

who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven.

May he rest in peace.

Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: 2ndLt. 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, 2ndLt. 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.**

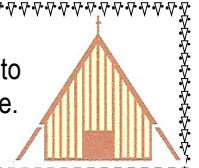




Mission Statement for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen - St. Patrick

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/ccsssp

Parish Council

Chairperson - Dan Burke

Secretary - Justin VanTassel

Maintenance - (Please call parish office w/maintenance concerns)

Parish Business/Office Manager-Mary Wied Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday, Noon - Phone, Mail or Email, ststephenpat@syrdio.org


PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation - Cecelia Carstens, 323-5114

Ministry Coordinator-Peg Orzel, porzel10@yahoo.com

Church Organist/Music Director - Jennifer Cafferty

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Today, Mar. 28	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Elsie Zelsnack ...by Elsie Poyer for Sandy Baker ...by Joe & Sue McDonald	
	10:30 AM Marathon...for Louis Odinek, 4th Anniv. ...by Dawn Odinek	
	12:00 PM OLPH... In Thanksgiving Prayer to St. Jude ...by Claudia Warner	
Tuesday, Mar. 30	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Josephine McConnell ...CCSS-SP	
Thursday, Apr. 01	7:00 PM Whitney Point... Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper	
Friday, Apr. 02	7:00 PM Marathon... Good Friday Passion of the Lord/Veneration	
Sunday, Apr. 04	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Michael Thayne ...by Joe & Sue McDonald for Joe Sculley ...by Mary Sculley for Blessings and Good Health to Fr. Doug ...by Mary Sculley	
	10:30 AM Marathon...for Marge Carroll ...by John Carroll for Blessings and Good Health to Fr. Doug by Jean Mayer, Ralph & Pat Canfield	
	12:00 PM OLPH...for Eileen Callaghan ...by OLPH's Altar Rosary Society In Thanksgiving Prayer to St. Jude ...by Claudia Warner	

Please check website, face book and answering machine for any changes.



Readings for the Week of March 28 through April 4, 2021:

Today: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47	Thursday: Ex 12:1-8,11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11	Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33,36-38	Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1;Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11;
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25	Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4;Ez 36:16-17a,18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9	

WP Ecumenical Food Pantry: M-Th & Sat, 10am-Noon, Closed Fridays, Holidays, & when school is closed for inclement weather.

Food Pantry Chairperson: Roger Calice **March's Pantry Need:** Pasta **WPClothing Bank:** (Closed until further notice)

The Mobile Food Truck is at Fairgrounds the **2nd Wednesday** of each month. Registration is required (begins the day before the truck) and is on line or by calling the Southern Tier Mobile Food Truck Food Bank of the Southern Tier - NY (foodbankst.org) 607.796.6061



Whitney Point

Lector: John Mihalko

Next Sunday:

Eucharistic Ministers: Emily Jordan, Ingrid Wennerod

Next Sunday:

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Marathon

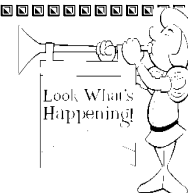
Brandon Tyrrell

Kathy Cusick, Karen Standish

Friendly Reminder:

(we all get forgetful)
Please make sure lights are shut off when you leave one of the churches. Thank you!

This Week In Our Parish



Today, Mar. 28th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church
10:30am Mass at Marathon Church
12:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnatus

Tuesday, Mar. 30th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point

Thursday, Apr. 1st

7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - Whitney Point Church

Friday, Apr. 2nd

7:00pm Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord - Marathon Church

Easter Sunday, Apr. 4th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church
10:30am Mass at Marathon Church
12:00pm Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Cincinnatus

Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1- Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

Reading 2 - Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel - Mark 14:1-15:47

(shorter form: Mark 15:1-39)

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."

Adults: When have I found it hard to accept God's will? What helped me to accept God's will?

Children: When is it hard to obey? Why?



A Family Perspective

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

EWTN - EWTN brings you inspiring Holy Week and Easter programming on TV, Radio, and Internet! Join EWTN Global Catholic Network in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming, live Masses, and much more! Go to ewtn.com/lent to stream our channel on the Internet, see us on your local cable television station (Channel 98) or use our EWTN APP on your cell phone! EWTN has great Lenten programming on the radio too! Tune in to 88.7 FM and on Sirius XM 130.

What is Holy Week About? Palm Sunday-On this day the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery of His death and resurrection. The memorial of this event is included in every Mass, with the procession or the solemn entrance before the principal Mass, and with the simple entrance before the other masses.

Easter Triduum Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper - At the Last Supper, on the night when Jesus was betrayed, He instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His body and blood. The tabernacle should be entirely emptied; a sufficient amount of bread should be consecrated at this Mass for Communion on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Good Friday - Service of the Lord's Passion- According to ancient tradition of the Church, Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday. The celebration of the Lord's Passion consists of 3 parts: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass-The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil should take place at night. That is, it should either begin after nightfall or end before dawn on Easter Sunday.

The Vigil is arranged in 4 parts: (1) After a brief service of light; (2) the Church meditates on all the wonderful things God has done for His people from the beginning; this is the Liturgy of the Word. As the day of resurrection approaches, new members of the Church are reborn in (3) baptism, and the whole church is called to the table that the Lord has prepared for His people through His death and resurrection; this (4) is the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

CRS Rice Bowl

Serving the Suffering Christ

As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us?

Visit: crsricebowl.org to learn more.



The Last Supper

Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper, April 1st

7:00pm Mass at Whitney Point Church with Fr. Ogaro

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord, April 2nd

7:00pm Veneration Service at Marathon Church with Fr. Cerwonka

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 4th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Pt

10:30am Mass at Marathon

12:00pm Mass at OLPH

We will need to take reservations for Easter Sunday Mass. Please call 607-692-3911 or email: ststephenstpat@syrdio.org to reserve.

Opportunities for Confession

Priests throughout the Diocese will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation tomorrow, March 29th, for "The Light is on for You" program.

CCSS-SP and OLPH will not be participating. St Anthony's Church, Cortland, will be offering Reconciliation that day from 4-5:30PM and again, after the 5:30 PM Mass, from 6-7PM.

Most Holy Rosary Church, Maine, will be offering Reconciliation from 4-7PM.

Come, meet our Lord Jesus in this Healing Sacrament of His Mercy and Forgiveness!



To access our 8:30am Sunday Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>