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Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday
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Rev. Peter Tassini, Celebrant

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As announced or by appointment



Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.”
Let the house of Aaron say, “His mercy endures forever.”
Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His mercy endures forever.”
Psalm 118

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a beautiful, biblically based devotion whose modern form is attributed to St. Faustina, a 20th century Polish nun. Its message is simple and direct. The Divine Mercy means - and states - that God loves everyone. No exceptions, and that can be difficult to understand. Simply stated, God wants us to recognize that His mercy is far more powerful than our sins. We can always pray to Him with repentance and trust, receive His mercy, and, most importantly, allow His mercy flow generously through us to others. This sounds easy to do, doesn't it?

When it involves events that irrevocably and painfully changed our lives, however, it's likely to be difficult. Here's one example: many years ago, I painfully learned that the only way I could heal from a family tragedy was to pray for the perpetrator. Academically and in practice, I knew most of the therapeutic techniques that could have offered relief, but none had the power to deal with a wound that penetrated my soul this deeply. I finally decided to pray for the offender – this was the only thing left untried. Believe me, it was an uphill battle, as fear, anger, pain and memories tried to distract me. But I continued. Very, very gradually, I began to pity him and feel compassion towards him – then to consciously wish him a better life – finally; I forgave him and freely prayed for his healing. Mercy healed me - and lifted a terrible burden from him.

With that we could thoughtfully pray with sincerity for people who hurt us and exploit us. And when we're doing this, we also need to remember that we also need forgiveness.

On this second Sunday of Easter, may we remember that Jesus forgave His executioners. And he rose in glory to show us that we can do the same. May we bear our own suffering as graciously as He did and may His Divine Mercy bring peace and joy to us all.

Dorothy Hathway Forbes, OCDS

Weekly Stewardship Report: Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021



Easter Collection: Envs: \$1,995. Loose: \$577. Total Easter Collection: \$2,572.
Regular Collection: Envs: \$159. Loose: \$0. Electronic: \$1,040. Total Regular Collection: \$1,199.
Diocesan Collections: HolyLand-\$157. CathHomeMissions-\$3. **Other Income:** Flowers-\$30. Hosp.-\$3.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **Salaries-\$1,300. Bills Pd This Week: \$1,300.**

Your continued generosity keeps our parish running smoothly; thank you

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.

THRIVE OUTSIDE! - It's time to take it outside! Mark your calendars now for a spring evening of Music, Inspiration & Fellowship. **THRIVE OUTSIDE, Friday, May 14th, 7-8pm @ St. Vincent Blessed Sacrament Parish Grounds, Vestal.** Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs! Featuring Jeremy Bobak & Band, food, friends & faith! Just don't survive....THRIVE!



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

To set up your free account visit [Formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish **Picks of the Week: Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the world and the Catholic Church.

<https://watch.formed.org/devotional-1/videos/divine-mercy-chapletfranciscan-friars-of-the-renewal>

God's School of Trust In this series, Fr. Michael Gaitley reveals how the vast panorama of God's mercy has been revealed through the lives of John Paul II, Maximilian Kolbe, Sr. Faustina, and others. This is the second greatest story ever told.

<https://watch.formed.org/divine-mercy-with-fr-michaelgaitley/season:1/videos/god-s-school-of-trust>

The Necessity of Divine Mercy by Fr. Chris Alar "Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. Discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy through this week."

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/thenecessity-of-divine-mercy-by-fr-chris-alar> Communion Service

"THE GREAT SECRET OF HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLES" Come join us as we start a brand new series on marriage. Sponsored by *The Third Option*, a program to build better marriages. **Meeting is online, today, April 11,**

2021 7:15-9:00pm. All are welcome. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting

at sstewart@syrdio.org or (315) 472-6728.

A Hope Appeal funded program.



"ENDING THE BLAME GAME IN MARRIAGE: It Feels Great!" Come learn how! Sponsored by

The Third Option, a program to build better marriages.

Meeting is online, Sunday, April 25, 2021, 7:15-9:00pm.

If you would like to join the meeting or more information please contact Stephanie Stewart at sstewart@syrdio.org or (315)472-6728. A Hope Appeal funded program.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE 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").

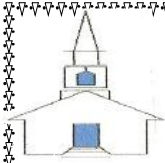
If you have a claim against the Diocese including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date with Stretto, the appointed Claims Agent. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofsyracuse> 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.

→ If anyone notices any kind of church maintenance need from needing a bulb or battery for something, if something has fallen or is broken, to any major need, please call our parish office, 692-3911, so it can be taken care of asap.



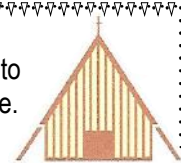
Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: *2ndLt. Trevor Jones, PVT2 Averi Hull, Major Corrine Miller, Sgt Megan Ballard, Joshua Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A1C Brendan Schneider, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, A2C Derek Lescord, SSG Jacob Rau, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Major John Thomas, Daniel Morehouse USMC, Sgt Nicholas Stone, LCDR Paul McDonald, Major Joy Thomas, USMC SSgt Dan Votra, SSG Steven Gross, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, LCDR Maria Lescord, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, Sgt Heather Fox, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC, & 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.ccsssp.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, ststephenstpat@syrдио.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

Sunday, Apr. 11

8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Bernie Shaffer**...by Mary Sculley

for **Eileen Peters**...by Joe & Sue McDonald

10:30 AM *Marathon...for Catherine Perfitt, 5th Anniv. ...by Dawn Odinek*

Blessings to Dawn Odinek on her 90th Birthday by Renew Group

→OLPH...NO MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Tuesday, Apr. 13

8:30 AM Whitney Point...**Communion Service**

Sunday, Apr. 18

8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Jack Halloran**...by Cathy & Bill Cummings

10:30 AM *Marathon...for Marie Dann, 4th Anniv. ...by Dawn Odinek*

for Bill Holland...by Anne, Patty & Syd McEvoy



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

Readings for the Week of April 11 through 18, 2021:

Today: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21



Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



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

Food Pantry Chairperson: Roger Calice **April's Pantry Need:** Canned tuna **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: Gene/Matthew Jordan

Next Sunday: John Mihalko

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Peg Orzel

Next Sunday: Cathy Shoemaker, Margaret Fabrocino

Marathon

Linda Caminiti

Rose Ann Holland

Cindy Barry, Don Barry

Eric Barry, Geoff Tyrrell

Friendly Reminder:

(we all get forgetful)

Please make sure lights are shut off when you leave one of the churches. Thank you!

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.



New 2020-21 LECTOR WORK BOOKS and ministry schedules are in our church sacristies.

This Week In Our Parish

Today, Apr. 11th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

10:30am Mass at Marathon Church

➔NO Mass at OLPH Church until further notice

8:30am Communion Service - Whitney Point Church

7:00pm Adoration - Whitney Point Church

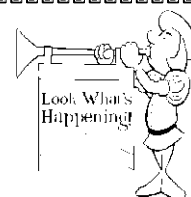
8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

10:30am Mass at Marathon Church

Tuesday, Apr. 13th

Thursday, Apr. 15th

Sunday, Apr. 18th



Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion
Reading 1 - Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
 The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

Reading 2 - 1 John 5:1-6
 Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel - John 20:19-31
 Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Adults: What can I do to inspire my family to resemble the first Christians?

Children: What can my family and I do to help others who are in need?

Today, April 11th, we welcome and thank Fr. Peter Tassini, who will be our celebrant for our Whitney Point and Marathon Churches until July 1st, when the diocese will prayerfully have a permanent priest for us. Fr. Tassini is currently residing at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Syracuse and he also assists with the Syracuse area hospitals during the week.


Second Sunday of Easter ~ Sunday of Divine Mercy


“Of all the ways Jesus could have greeted the apostles on Easter Sunday, he chose four simple words: “Peace be with you” (John 20:19). Jesus had just died on the Cross and is now risen from the dead and sharing a special moment with his disciples. He did the most divine and miraculous event in all of Salvation history and could have immediately spoke to disciples of their salvation, but instead shared a simple greeting that had profound meaning, “Peace be with you.” Why this greeting? Remember that during this time after seeing Jesus crucified, the disciples were afraid and locked themselves in the upper room. They were experiencing their own weaknesses and lack of faith, worried that authorities would be after them, too. They felt ashamed of their own lack of faith, but Jesus understands and gives them exactly what is needed... a sense of overwhelming peace. Jesus extends this same peace to each of us. An article from The Word Among Us, shares that there are two kinds of peace, peace for ourselves and peace with each other. The disciples weren’t perfect, and neither are we, but Jesus gives us this gift of peace because we are beloved by God. Knowing this love and loving God in return brings the peace we long for and helps us follow Jesus and fulfill his calling for us. Jesus went on to say after his greeting, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” We are called to treat others with the same mercy and love that he has shown us. The Easter Season celebrates this peace as every obstacle to peace has been removed. Jesus is our forgiving Savior! Alleluia! Peace be with you!


Communion Service
 We will resume our Tuesday Communion Service at our Whitney Point Church. Our service will begin at 8:30am, followed by a coffee hour. This will be a great time for us to gather in prayer and then to socialize as we follow Covid regulations.


Volunteers 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 at porzel10@yahoo.com or 607-372- 7036.





The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the month of April in our Whitney Pt Church is In Memory Of: Weston C. Benedict by Diane Cline
in our Marathon Church is In Memory Of: Christopher Canfield by Ralph & Pat Canfield


A Family Perspective
 In today’s gospel Jesus teaches, “Blessed are those who have not seen and believe.” Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance, a home is only a house and a family is just a group of housemates.

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.


Vocation View:
 “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”
 Do you have an interest to share the Lord’s saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Email: vocations@syrdio.org.


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, 7pm, in our Whitney Pt Church.

April Is National Child Abuse Prevention Month
 Every April, the Diocese of Syracuse, parishes, and Catholic schools, recognize the National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Diocese embraces this opportunity to deepen our awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment in our parishes, schools, agencies, and our communities. For information on how the Diocese of Syracuse implements safeguards to protect our children, young people and vulnerable adults from abuse, contact the Office of Safe Environment at 315.470.1421 or visit www.syrdio.org.



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