

Catholic Community of
St. Stephen - St. Patrick
April 25, 2021



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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The Lord is my Shepherd

One of my favorite writers is Jennifer Hubbard of Newtown, Connecticut. Jennifer is a writer for the periodical, *Magnificat*; she is also the mother of Catherine Violet, a 6 year old victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting in December of 2012. Her writing reflects her loss, as well as the strength of her faith which has sustained her and her family over the past years. **The following is her reflection for Good Shepherd Sunday:**

I gasped when I reached the top of the hill. The sheep and their lambs had gathered at a patch of greening grass and were splayed across the flat of the rocks, soaking up the warmth of the sun in a backyard turned pasture. It was an unusual place and an unlikely way to discover the little one I was desperately missing.

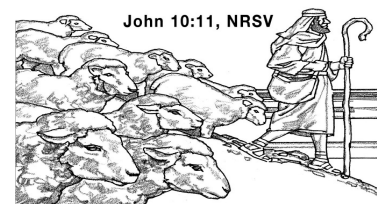
There was just something about lambs that always reminded me of Catherine. That was the reason for the image on her funeral card: Catherine was the bleating lamb Jesus tucked in the fold of his arm. This was also the image etched in her grave's footstone by the bookend dates of her life. And it was the reason we chose Psalm 23 for her funeral Mass: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack." At the time, I thought the words were intended for Catherine. And then I was led to that hilltop, where I realized that those words are promises also made for me.

We, she and I, are his lambs. The wolves will howl, and the lion will lurk, and the Good Shepherd stands guard. I shall not fear. The path will be treacherous and the way obstructed, but the Good Shepherd, with rod and staff in hand, leads. I shall not wander. My heart will bleed with sadness and longing, yet the Good Shepherd prepares a table before my eyes – even in the most unlikely of places.

For it was on that day that I finally realized it: the Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want.

Jennifer and her husband, Matt, have created "The Catherine Violet Hubbard" Animal Sanctuary in their daughter's memory. Catherine loved animals and would hold small insects or creatures in her hand and say "tell your friends that I am kind." The mission of the sanctuary is to enrich the lives of all beings by promoting compassion and acceptance. By honoring the bond between animals, humans and the environment, they are creating a kinder and gentler world for all. You can visit the website at cvhfoundation.org.

**The good shepherd
lays down his life
for the sheep.**



Sylvia Bates



Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, April 18, 2021

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,365. Loose: \$537.50 Electronic: \$140. Total Regular Collection: \$2,042.50

Diocesan Collections: RiceBowls-\$122.56 CathCommunicationCampaign-\$5. **Other Income:** Easter-\$150.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: Dumpstr-\$21. Office-\$79. Altar-\$118. SnowRmvl-\$200. Donation-\$235. (Jamaica-2mos.) SchSbsidyPymt-\$1,165. Salaries-\$900. **Bills Pd This Week: \$2,718.**

Thank you for your time, talents and treasure to our parish! Bills to be paid next week: \$5,125.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal - Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territory, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the U.S. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

To set up your free account visit Formed.org/signup and select our parish **Picks of the Week: Into the Breach**

As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker this week, we encourage all men to watch Into the Breach, a groundbreaking series that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's apostolic exhortation, Into the Breach challenges men to embrace the greatness we are all made for. <https://watch.formed.org/into-the-breach>

FORMED Now! Who is St. Catherine of Siena? In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-live-who-is-st-catherine-of-siena>

Can You Trust God? By Dr. Tim Gray To be a saint, we trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow Him. <https://watch.formed.org/can-you-trust-god/videos/can-youtrust-god>



Attention: We Need Your Help: CCSS-SP's Parish Council is in need of more members from our St. Stephen's Church. If you are interested and willing to serve on our parish council please contact the parish office. If you have any questions please contact our parish council's chairperson, Dan Burke, at dburke1114@gmail.com or 607-624-8031

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.

Jack Halloran's graveside burial service will be on Friday, April 30th, 10:00am, at the St. Patrick's Cemetery.



→ Fr. Doug's grandson was born April 9th.

His name is Soren Hart Cunningham. **Fr. Doug's Address:** 6940 Highbridge Rd., Lot 10, Fayetteville, NY 13066.



NFP Family Rosary for Vocations - Join families across the Diocese of Syracuse to pray the rosary for our clergy and religious and for an increase in Vocations.

The Family Rosary will be on **Saturday, May 22nd, at 10am on Zoom.** We will pray together, share

encouragement, and provide fun gift bags filled with treats and children's crafts to help follow along. Register by May 14th to receive your gift package: nfp_family_rosary.eventbrite.com.

For more information, please contact (315) 472-6754 Ext. 6 OR email nfp@syrdio.org Sponsored by Office of Family/Respect Life, NFP Ministry and the Office of Vocation Promotion.



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, A2C Derek Lescord, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, SSG Jacob Rau, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Major John Thomas, Sgt Heather Fox, 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, A1C Brendan Schneider, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF & Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC **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

Today, Apr. 25th

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 - OLPH Church, Cincinnati

Tuesday, Apr. 27th

8:30am Communion Service - Whitney Point Church, followed by coffee hour, downstairs

Thursday, Apr. 29th

7:00pm Adoration - Whitney Point Church

Friday, Apr. 30th

10:00am Graveside Service for Jack Halloran - Whitney Point Cemetery

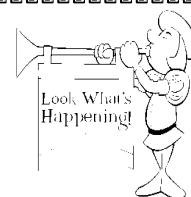
11:00am Graveside Service for Eileen Callaghan - Wayside Rest Cemetery, Pharsalia

Sunday, May 2nd

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church - First Holy Eucharist

10:30am Mass at Marathon Church

NO Communion Service at OLPH Church, Cincinnati



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

Reading 1 - Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

Reading 2 - 1 John 3:1-2

God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

Gospel - John 10:11-18

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

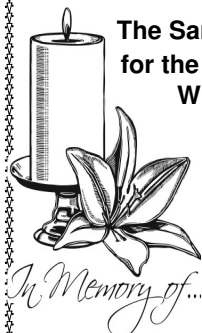
Adults: Who is shepherding me? Whom have I shepherded?

Children: Who has been like a shepherd to me by his or her example?



The Ecumenical Peace Garden

THE GOOD SHEPHERD Spring is here and once again we will be taking orders of engraved bricks for our Peace Garden by our Whitney Point Church. Our first order will be sent in on May 3rd. Applications are available at the entrances of both our churches. If you have any questions, please call Ken or Sylvia Bates at 607-743-6317 or 607-743-0170.



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

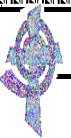
Wesley C. Bengt
by Diane Cline

in our Marathon Church is In Memory Of:

Christopher Canfield
by Ralph & Pat Canfield

Statues Anyone? As many of you know I will be moving around June 1st. I have a outdoor statue of St. Francis that is 2.5-3 foot tall. I also have a small outdoor statue of Mary. She is in a little wooden house set on a long spike that goes into the ground. The whole thing is almost 4 foot. "Mary" could use a little paint. If anyone is interested, they are free for the taking. Just come and get them. St. Francis is on the heavy side so that you are aware. You can call (607) 753-7892 or e-mail me at lkcn@twcny.rr.com. Linda Caminiti

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:



First Communion



RECONCILED with God

Sacrament of Reconciliation Father Peter Tassini will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) each weekend he is with us. Due to the Sunday Mass schedule and the need to travel between our parishes, Father Peter will be available to hear confessions every Sunday.

The Schedule is as follows for

Confessions:

8:00am at Saint Patrick's
11:30am at Saint Stephen's



Vocation View:

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, call Father Jason Hage (315) 470-1468 or write: 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.

First Holy Eucharist will be celebrated next Sunday, May 2nd, during our 8:30am Mass at our Whitney Point Church. Please keep Patricia Burke, Magdalene Lynch, Parker Lanez in your prayers as they join us at the table of the Lord next Sunday.

Please make sure you sign in when coming to our 8:30am or 10:30am Masses. Thank you.



A Family Perspective

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

Daily Message from Pope Francis

"As far as God is concerned, no one is useless, discredited or a castaway. Today Jesus also tells us, "Peace be with you! You are precious in my eyes. Peace be with you! You are important for me. Peace be with you! You have a mission. No one can take your place. You are irreplaceable. And I believe in you." ~Pope Francis

Note: Sign-up for daily messages from Pope Francis at Missio.org

Thanks to all who remembered my birthday. You made the day special for me. Dawn Odinek

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.



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