

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

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As announced or by appointment

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

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 cyhfoundation.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**. SnowRmvI-\$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.

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

>GRAVESIDE

SERVICES

CHURCH COUNCIL Parish Council is in need of more members from Attention: We Need Your Help: CCSS-SP's 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

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.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse, New York Case No. 20-30663

PLEASE TAKÉ 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").

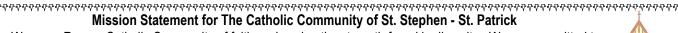
The Bankruptcy Court has established April 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

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

Please visit https://case.stretto.com/dioceseofsyracuse 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**

Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, PVT2 Averi Hull, FOR OUR MILITARY 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, SSqt Justin Blaisdell, LCDR Maria Lescord, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, A1C Brendan Schneider, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF & Sqt 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.



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, As 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.

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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

PARISH STAFF

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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

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Elsie Zelsnack...by Elsie Poyer Sunday, Apr. 25

10:30 AM Marathon...for Christopher Canfield...by David & Patty Thon

12:00 PM OLPH...Communion Service

Tuesday, Apr. 27 8:30 AM Whitney Point...Communion Service

Sunday, May 02 8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Josephine McConnell...by CCSS-SP

10:30 AM Marathon...for Bill Holland...by Terry Preston & Family

for Marge Carroll...by John Carroll

OLPH....No Communion Service Today

→OLPH...NO MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

Readings for the Week of April 25 through May 2, 2021:

Today: Acts 4:8-12; **1 Jn** 3:1-2; **Jn** 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10 **Tuesday: Acts** 11:19-26; **Jn** 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a: Jn 12:44-50



Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6 **Saturday: Acts** 13:44-52; **Jn** 14:7-14 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31: 1 Jn 3:18-24: Jn 15:1-8

WP Ecumenical Food Pantry: M-Th & Sat, 10am-Noon, Closed Fridays, Holidays, & when school is closed for inclement weather. April's Pantry Need: Canned tuna Food Pantry Chairperson: Roger Calice

WPClothing Bank: M,T & Sat, 10am-Noon

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: Ingrid Jordak Next Sunday: Ron Orzel

Eucharistic Ministers: Emily Jordan

Next Sunday: Peg Orzel

→ Fr. Peter will be distributing Communion at each location. Therefore we will only need one Eucharist Minister at each Mass. Please see revised schedule of Eucharistic Ministers that was developed through June. If you need a sub please contact another Eucharistic Minister. Thank you so much for serving.



Marathon

Brandon Tyrrell Shelley Warnow Karen Barry Linda Caminiti

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

We are in need of Eucharist Ministers and Lectors for both settings.

Please contact Justin VanTassel at ivantassel@gmail.com or 607-343-9577 if you are willing to serve in this way.



This Week In Our Parish

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, Cincinnatus

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

7:00pm Adoration - Whitney Point Church

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

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

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

10:30am Mass at Marathon Church

NO Communion Service at OLPH Church, Cincinnatus

Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

Today, Apr. 25th

Tuesday, Apr. 27th Thursday, Apr. 29th

Friday, Apr. 30th

Sunday, May 2nd

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

Spring is here and once again we will be taking SHEPHERD 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:

Weston C. Benedict by Diane Cline

in our Marathon Church is In Memory Of: *emory_of...* Christopher Canfield

by Ralph & Pat Canfield

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:



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.

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 lkcen@twcny.rr.com. Linda Caminiti

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 Lunch Parker Lance 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

Look What's

Happening!

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