

Catholic Community Of St. Stephen - St. Patrick CHURCH



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The Wedding At Cana In Galilee

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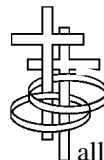
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Tuesdays at Whitney Point Church,
8am & after 8:30am Mass

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - Though the Feast of the Epiphany occurred twelve days after Christmas, the early weeks of Ordinary time have their own "epiphanies." Last week, with the Baptism of Jesus we recognize our relationship with God as co-heirs and beloved children of God. This week is another one of those "a-ha" moments, when the disciples begin to recognize Who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God. This week we are at a wedding. The wedding at Cana in Galilee is often referred to as the start of Jesus' public ministry and is the first miracle story in the Gospel of John. If we're sons and daughters of God, it's because we've married into the family. Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the Groom, humanity His beloved and sought-after bride. Images of marriage feasts and bridegrooms - wine and water appear in the Old and New Testament with great regularity. The relationship between God and Israel was often seen as a marriage - Israel the bride, God the bridegroom. The coming of the Messiah was described in terms of a wedding feast - and later, in Revelation, we hear of the marriage feast of the Lamb. Jesus spoke of himself as the vine - and of longing to celebrate Passover, blessing wine into the cup of his blood. It is into these layers of symbol that we can set today's Gospel. Jesus "so revealed his glory" as he used a human event point to something greater. The steward, we are told, calls the human bridegroom over and compliments him on saving the best wine until last. We know, however, who was the provider of that wine...In Jesus, the divine Spouse has become the incarnate Bridegroom inviting each believer to a new covenantal relationship, sealed in the saving blood of Jesus on the cross and celebrated in the Eucharistic bread of his body.



World Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Lucia
February 13th, at 2 PM -Bishop Douglas Lucia invites

all married couples and their families to join him at a Mass celebrating World Marriage Day on February 13th, 2 PM, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Special recognition and certificates will be given to couples celebrating 25, 50 and 50+ years of marriage in 2022. Please contact your parish to let them know you are a couple married 25, 50 or more years who would like to attend this Mass with Bishop Lucia. You will then receive a personal invitation. The Mass is not limited to couples celebrating special anniversaries but only those couples should contact their parish to receive an invitation. All married couples and their families are invited to attend, and all married couples will be invited to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony.



Last week we began looking at what's involved in becoming a Secular Discalced Carmelite by reviewing the prerequisites. This week we learn a bit about the actual process to become a Secular Discalced Carmelite.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO BECOME A SECULAR DISCALCED CARMELITE? There are four progressive stages during which the individual and the community both learn more about each other. At the conclusion of each stage, the individual and the community each decide whether to move to the next step. *This is the 22nd article in our series. Please stay with us on our Carmelite journey.*



Weekly Stewardship Report: Sunday, January 2, 2022 (No Mass January 9th)

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,800 . Loose: \$624. Electronic: \$1,090.**Total Regular Collection: \$3,514.**

Other Income: Christmas-\$55. Solemnity-\$425. Hosp-\$50. CathSun-\$25.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this & last week: **RectExps: \$254. SnowRemov: \$150.**

FuelOil: \$1,028. Phone: \$51. Altar: \$118. Salaries: \$1,500.Bills Pd Last Week: \$3,101.

Bills paid this week: **ChDecor: \$383. CathSun: \$164. Rect/Cable: \$ 98. Ph/Int: \$101. SnowRemov: \$100. Altar: \$189.**

Dumpster: \$32. SchoolSubPymt: \$1,165. Salaries: \$1,500.Bills Paid This Week: \$3,732.

Thank you for your time, talent and treasure to your parish! Bills to be paid next week: \$2,224.

2022 Boxed Contribution Envelopes are now available at the entrances of our churches. If you are an envelope user please look for your 2022 box. Thank you for your ongoing generosity that keeps our parish running smoothly.



2021 Contribution Statements - If you need a statement of your 2021 contributions for your taxes please call the parish office and they will get sent out by the end of this month.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Picks of the Week: **John Paul II: I Kept Looking for You** -This incredible

documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ. <https://watch.formed.org/john-paul-ii-i-kept-looking-for-you/videos/john-paul-ii-i-kept-looking-for-you>

FORMED Now! Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina Kowalski - St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-now-miserymeets-mercy>

7 Secrets of Confession by Vinny Flynn - The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/7-secrets-of-confession-by-vinny-flynn>

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Does God sometimes feel wonderfully close, yet other times, so far away that you feel lost? Learn how to BE AWARE of the Holy Spirit acting in your life,

RECOGNIZE these moments and ACT to move closer to God through

St. Ignatius' Discernment of Spirits Workshop. This workshop will be held on six Wednesdays, February 23 to March 30, 6-7 pm, at Owens Hall, St. James Church, 147 Main St., Johnson City. For more information, contact Mary Puthawala, MAT, at mputhawala@mac.com or text 607-771-0313 with a time that is convenient to call back (do not text between 1/31 and 2/11). God bless!

Please note: March for Life Trips to Washington, D.C. - Canceled

Due to the surge of COVID cases, government restrictions in Washington, D.C. and the cancellation of the Youth Rally in Arlington, the Diocese of Syracuse has made the difficult decision to cancel our participation in the *March for Life* this year. We will be celebrating a Mass and Holy Hour for Life with Bishop Lucia at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 10:00am on January 22nd. Please see flier on our church bulletin boards.

From the Office of Family/Respect Life: **Project Rachel Ministry - Healing**

After Abortion - Guilt, shame and remorse after an abortion-no matter how long ago-are common emotions. God loves you and wants you to experience forgiveness and peace. You are not alone. Contact *Project Rachel Ministry* at 855-364-0076 or hopeandhealing@syrdio.org.



Our experienced team members are here for you and want to help. We also can talk with you individually and there is a *Day of Hope* for Women on April 30, 2022. All calls and emails are strictly confidential.

Watch EWTN - EWTN news covers the largest Pro-Life Events in the world. Check the EWTN guide for coverage of the March for Life in Washington, DC. Watch or listen to EWTN TV and EWTN Radio on your local channel, online or even on your smartphone using our free EWTN App! Available on Spectrum/TWC Channel 98 or 460 or Radio on 88.7 FM. For more information go to [EWTN.com](https://www.ewtn.com).

To access our 8:30am Sunday Mass:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>



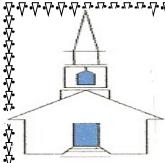
PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:

- 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller,
- PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill,
- Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC,
- SFC Jacob Rau, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler,
- Major Caleb Miller, Major John Thomas, Major Joy Thomas,
- Daniel Morehouse USMC, Sgt Nicholas Stone, Sgt Heather Fox,
- LCDR Paul McDonald, 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

Rosary For Life And The Protection Of The Unborn
On Saturday, January 22nd, each year, the Catholic Church in the United States observes a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This year, churches of all faiths are coming together in prayer and fasting for the protection of the unborn. Our Diocese is asking all of us to pray and fast on January 22nd both in gratitude for life and for the protection of life. To answer that call to prayer, all are welcome to join in praying the Rosary on Saturday, January 22nd at 9:30 AM at St. Anthony's Church, Pomeroy St., Cortland. We ask those who attend to wear a mask and to practice social distancing.

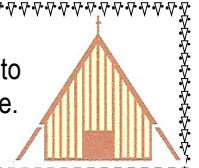
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, please contact our parish office.



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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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

Sunday, Jan. 16	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for John Vassil... by Ray & Gladys Nolan for Maurice Hitt... by Mariruth Kim for Robert Hitt... by Mariruth Kim for Jack Halloran, Barbara Rubitski, Jack O'Rourke... by Paul O'Donnell
	10:30 AM Marathon...for Jean Mayer... by Susan & Lauren Canfield
	12:00 PM OLPH...for Buttigieg Families... by Josephine Kellogg
Tuesday, Jan. 18	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for The People Of Our Parish
Thursday, Jan. 20	8:30 AM Marathon...for The People Of Our Parish
Sunday, Jan. 23	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Cathy Keep... by CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee for Elsie Zelsnack... by Elsie Poyer
	10:30 AM Marathon...for Roanna Askew... by Alice Sliter
	12:00 PM OLPH...for Antonia Buttigieg... by Josephine Kellogg



Readings for the Week of January 16 through 23, 2022:

Today: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11	Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22	Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28	Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; Mk 3:20-21
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51; Mk 3:1-6	Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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

Greeters: Peggy Kemp, Cathy Cummings
Next Sunday: Anne Clerkin, Pat Tredo
Lector: Tom Nichols
Next Sunday: Gene Jordan

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Peg Orzel
Next Sunday: Cathy Shoemaker, Margaret Fabrocino
Tabulators: Orzels **Next Sunday:** Bensleys

Marathon

McEvoy Family
Don Barry, Bob Barry
Kathy Cusick
Terrie Atwood
Don Barry
Eric Barry

Standish, Niggli Next Sunday: Standish, Niggli
Jan. Ushers: Tony Zelsnack, Wayne Niggli

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.

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

→→→New Ministry Schedules in our church sacristies.



This Week In Our Parish

Today, Jan. 16th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church
10:30am Mass at Marathon Church / 12:00pm Mass at OLPH Church, Cincinnati

Tuesday, Jan. 18th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church
7:00pm - CCSS-SP's Parish Council Meeting - Marathon Church (rescheduled from 1/11)

Wednesday, Jan. 19th

1:00pm - Funeral Mass for Roanna Askew - Marathon Church (calling hrs: 11am-1pm @ MChurch)

Thursday, Jan. 20th

8:30am Mass at Marathon Church
7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church

Saturday, Jan. 22nd

8:00am - CCSS-SP's Catholic Men of Faith Group - Whitney Point Church Hall

Sunday, Jan. 23rd

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church
9:30-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney Point Church Hall
10:30am Mass at Marathon Church / 12:00pm Mass at OLPH Church, Cincinnati
2:00pm - Maia Stevens Baptism - Whitney Point Church

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

Reading 1 - Isaiah 62:1-5

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

Reading 2 - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

Gospel - John 2:1-11

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

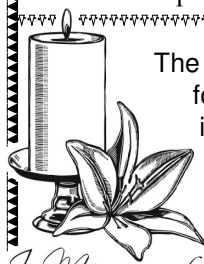
Adults: When have you stepped in, as Mary did at Cana, to try and make a difficult situation easier for someone?

Children: What can you do this week to help make someone's job a little easier?



Join Us For Breakfast

The men's group will be putting on a breakfast on Sunday, January 30th, after our 8:30 am Mass, downstairs in hall. Free will offering. Let's come together as a church and spend some time together.



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

Michael Thayne

by Ann Thayne

in our Marathon Church:

**Louis & Dawn Odinek,
Sweet Pea and Marie Dann**

Anon

In Memory of...



Vocation View: "There are different forms of service but the same Lord" (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:5). Paul explains that there are different ways to serve our Lord. How is He calling you to serve his people? Call Fr. Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or vocations@syrديو.og.



Our Unbound Child

We received a letter from the child Human Development (outreach ministry) sponsors. Her letter is posted on our Whitney Point bulletin board for you to read. In part she states that she is doing well in her studies, she helps out a home by sweeping the floor and that her family is receiving the food and medicine they need thanks to our participation in the Unbound Program. This is part of our parish tithing project and we thank you for your generosity



The Catholic Men of Faith

is an organization of men from our three parishes that meet twice a month, 2nd & 4th Saturday mornings, at 8:00am, at our Whitney Point Church Hall. Our purpose is to get to know each other, to serve those in need and to discuss spiritual topics as they arise. All men of the parish are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please see or contact Don Barry 607-423-6584.

Sanctuary Candles If you'd like to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of a loved one, at our Whitney Point or Marathon Church, please call our parish office. Donation is \$20.00 for that month, if available, and memorial name(s) will be printed in bulletin. 2022 Months available: July-Oct @ WP, Feb, Apr-Dec @ Marathon.

→→Parish Contact Update

If you did not receive an email or an automatic phone call on Sunday morning informing you that Mass was cancelled it means that we do not have you in our parish group email or in our phonvite group. If you would like to be contacted in case of important announcements please email or call the office and provide your contact information.. If you did receive a message and no longer wish to be included, please contact the office to let us know.

Thank you

Please Take Note: For our weekday Masses, if the school is closed for bad weather there will be no morning weekday Mass at either Whitney Point or Marathon. For Sundays or other events, please always check our answering machine and face book page for any cancellations or updates.

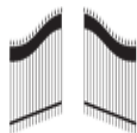


A Family Perspective

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE

For public servants and elected officials: May God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life; *We pray to the Lord:*



WELCOMED HOME

Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **Roanna Askew** who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven. May she rest in peace.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court made abortion legal in our country. Since then millions and millions of unborn babies have been killed. The most basic of all human rights is life. The most basic of all Catholic social principles is the right to life and dignity for every human person. Your challenge this week is to do something to promote life and dignity for all. Advocate for unborn babies, fight against euthanasia or the death penalty, speak out for the rights of those whose dignity has been stripped from them.