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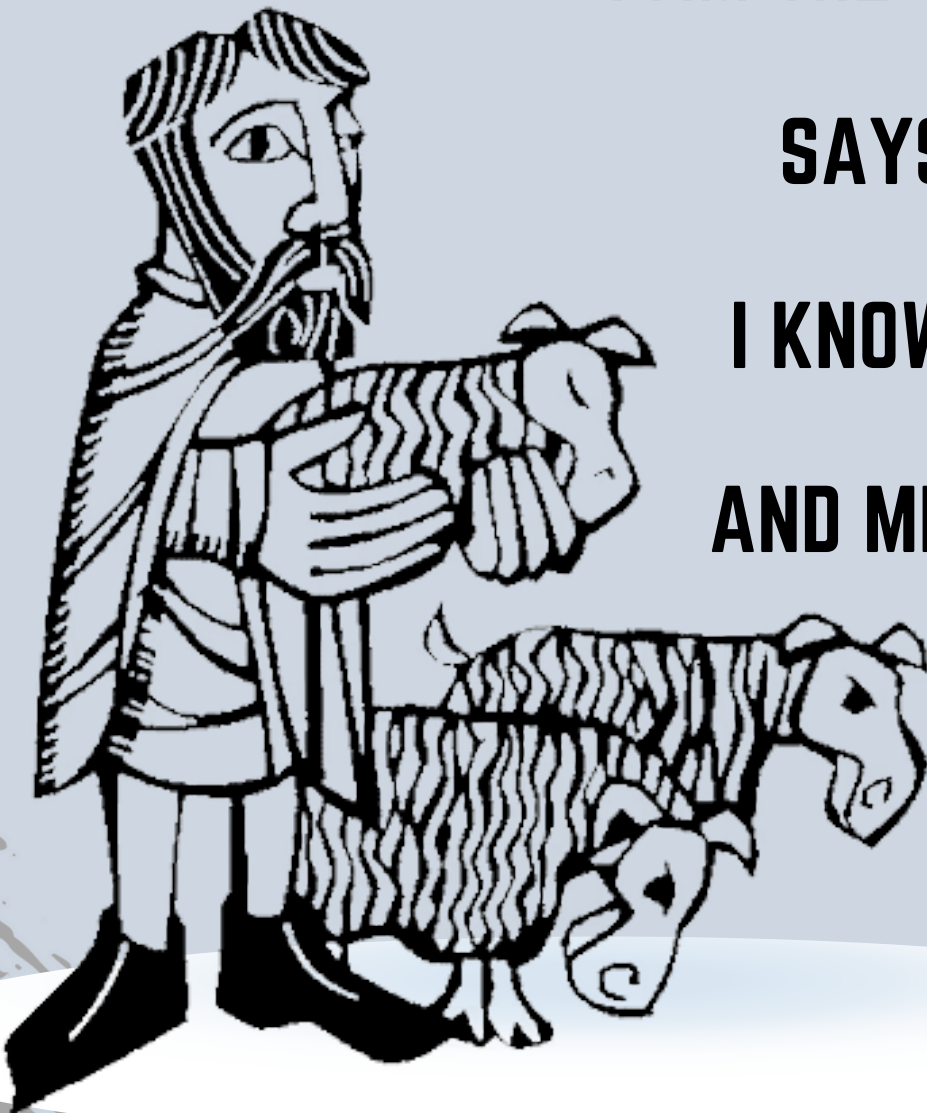
May 08, 2022

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD,

SAYS THE LORD;

I KNOW MY SHEEP,

AND MINE KNOW ME.



The Catholic Community of St. Stephen --- --- --- St. Patrick

Rev. Corey S. Van Kuren, Administrator

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 08, 2022

Marathon Campus
16 Academy St. - Marathon, New York



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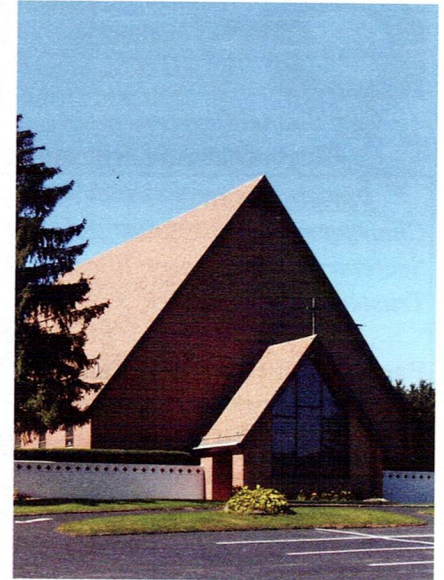
CONFESSIONS

Postponed until further notice.

MARRIAGE / BAPTISMS

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Whitney Point Campus
51 Keibel Rd. - Whitney Point, New York



From Our Pastor:

Brothers and Sisters:

Peace! Ad Jesum per Mariam (To Jesus through Mary)

First off, know that I have missed you all throughout this ordeal of my stroke on St. Patrick's Day. You have been in my heart and prayers ever since. Our separation is by far, the most painful of my effects.

Secondly, I need to inform you here that at the direction of my doctors I am not going to be able to return to ministry as I had hoped and prayed. My sight is somewhat impaired but hopefully will return to normal. My legs weren't great, as you know, and it's hard to determine how they might have been harmed.

I've informed the diocese of these facts and they agree that returning to you is not possible nor would it be good for you or me. These days are certainly difficult to see God's Will for me but I continue to try in prayer and spirit.

I'm sure your faith community will be a priority for the diocese to find a replacement for you and I am sure as well that you will welcome him as beautifully as you did me.

I am so grateful for all your prayers, cards, Masses and for expressions of concern and love. There is no way I can adequately thank you for bringing me into your faith family and into your lives. I will always remember all of you and pray gratefully for the short time we had together.

Hopefully we will see each other soon, until then please continue to pray for me as I will for you!

May God bless us and may Mary keep us always in His love!

Lovingly yours, Fr. Corey

Care for Creation

"I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." —Acts 13:47

Pope Francis reminds us that "All Christian communities have an important role to play in ecological education," and that it is appropriate for people of faith to call on political institutions and elected leaders to care for the environment and those who are most impacted by climate change, particularly the poor (Laudato Si' #214).

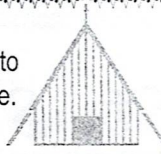
This week, look up your elected officials (<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>) and contact them to share your thoughts on how you hope they will vote on current environmental issues.





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

PARISH STAFF

Chairperson - Dan Burke, dburke1114@gmail.com

Secretary - Emily Barry, lilicebox12@yahoo.com

Trustees - Kathy Cusick, Ron Orzel

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

Director of Faith Formation - Sherry Dee, 759-1876

Ministry Coordinator-Peg Orzel, porzel10@yahoo.com

Church Organist/Music Director - Jennifer Austin

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Today, May 08

8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Dorothy H. Rieg**...by The Austenfelds
for **Maurice Hitt**...by Barry & Mariruth Kim
for **Ann Ryan**...by Ron & Jan Orzel

10:30 AM Marathon...for **Jean Mayer**...by Jean's Girls

12:00 PM OLPH...for **Antonia Buttigieg**...by Josephine Kellogg
Healing Mass for Fr. Doug...by Bob & Joanne Livermore

Tuesday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 15

8:30 AM Whitney Point for **Jane Cook**...by CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee
for **Fr. Pat Keating**...by Paul O'Donnell
for **John Wickenden**...by Barry & Mariruth Kim

10:30 AM Marathon...for **Paula Collins**...by Bob & Bridget Fleming

12:00 PM OLPH...**Blessings & Good Health** for **Fr. Lester E. Smith** by Livermores

Readings for May 8 through 15, 2022 : Today: Acts 13:14,43-52; Rv 7:9,14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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 1:15-17,20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a,34-35



WP Ecumenical Food Pantry:

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

FoodPantry Chairperson:

Roger Calice

May's Pantry Need: Cereal

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: Gene Jordan

Next Sunday: Justin VanTassel

Eucharistic Ministers: Peg Orzel, Cathy Shoemaker

Next Sunday: Emily Jordan, Ingrid Wennerod

Tabulators: Dick & Kathy Bensley

Next Sunday: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Colleen Brown

Garret & Joyce Van De Weert

Rose Ann Holland

Shelley Warnow

Cindy Barry

Don Barry

Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw

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If you have any questions about the ministry schedule or would like to be added as a minister, please contact Justin VanTassel at jvantassel@gmail.com or 607-343-9577.

Did you know? The 50/50 Drawing pink envelope is in our envelope box once a month. The drawing is done at the end of the month. 50% goes to the individual winner and 50% to the Capital Building Fund. There are extra envelopes at the entrances of our churches. Cost is \$5. /envelope.

➔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.

Mass Intentions -If you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a loved one, please call our parish office. Donation is \$10.00 and if by check please make payable to CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church.



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

This Week In Our Parish

Today, May 8th

Happy Mothers' Day - May Crowning at all 3 Masses

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

10:30am Mass at Marathon Church

12:00pm Mass at OLPH Church, Cincinnati

7:00pm - CCSS-SP's Parish Council Meeting - Marathon Church Hall

8:30am Communion Service at Whitney Point Church

7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

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



Monday, May 9th

Tuesday, May 10th

Thursday, May 12th

Sunday, May 15th

Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1- Acts of the Apostles

13:14,43-52 Paul and Barnabas preach the good news among the Gentiles and are expelled by the Jews.

Reading 2 - Revelation 7:9,14b-17

John describes his vision of the praises that the holy ones sing to the Lamb.

Gospel - John 10:27-30

Jesus describes his care for his sheep.

Adults: Whom do you try to protect as Christ protects you?

Children: Who helps you feel safe and protected? Whom can you take care of and help feel safe?

Mother's Day Prayer - Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. ~Amen.

Daily Message from Pope Francis "We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service." ~Pope Francis
Note: Sign-up for daily messages from Pope Francis at Missio.org.

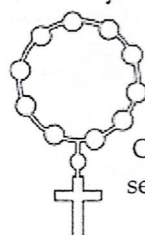
59th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer will be observed on today, Sunday, May 8th, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday."

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Praying the Rosary For Ukraine

In accordance with the Bishop's request, we will say the rosary before Sunday Mass. Please arrive 20 minutes before Mass begins to join in our prayers for peace in the Ukraine.



Leaders for Praying the Rosary Needed!

Our Marathon setting is seeking volunteers to lead the rosary prior to Sunday Mass during May.

There is a sign-up sheet on the writing table and a rosary pamphlet for the Glorious Mysteries.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE:

We can do no lasting good for the world on our own. We need the support of a loving community. Only communities, not individuals, produce great works.

We build up the kingdom of justice by being a kingdom of love.

Jesus commanded us to love one another for good reason. It is from love that justice blossoms. The challenge this week is to do something that builds unity in your family and in your parish.

Without love uniting you to others, you are a silent symphony to the world.



"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."
- John 10:27

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

Rosary Beads - There are booklets to help us pray the rosary and rosary beads at the church entrance for your use as we pray the rosary before Mass. If you have rosary beads at home that you would like to donate they would be greatly appreciated. Also, sincere thanks to the individual who put the suggestion in our vision box regarding rosary beads.



Vocation View: Christ is the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep. Is Christ calling you to shepherd a portion of his flock? He constantly calls courageous men to the priesthood to do just that. Call Fr. Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or vocations@syrdio.org.



The Sanctuary Candle
Burning for the month
of **May** in our

Whitney Pt Church
is In Memory Of:

Woodie Wood
by Mary Ann Wood

in Marathon Church

is In Memory Of: **Christopher Canfield**
by Ralph & Pat Canfield

Easter Flowers: The spent Easter lilies at Marathon will be available for parishioners to take after church today and next Sunday. They will be on the shelf near the restrooms. Any left after next Sunday will be disposed of.

Last week we provided contact information for Carmelite opportunities in our area. This week it now is time to extend our thanks beyond you folks to our other readers.



With Gratitude

THANK YOU! Thank you for following our series.

We hope you have enjoyed our stories, learned a bit more about Carmelite aspects of the Catholic Church, and have grown in your desire for closeness with our Lord. *This is our 37th Carmelite article.*





Stewardship Report



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in 1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago.

<https://watch.formed.org/city-of-saints/season:1/videos/the-good-thief>

these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater context of Church teaching? In this program, discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral part of God's plan for our salvation.

<https://watch.formed.org/lectio-eucharist-with-dr-brant-pitre/season:1/videos/source-and-summit-introducing-the-eucharist>

WATCH The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell by Fr. Mike Schmitz - Fr. Mike Schmitz is one of the leading Catholic speakers in the Church today. In this exceptional presentation, Fr. Mike tackles four topics that many of us understandably struggle with: death, judgement, Heaven, and Hell. As you listen to this talk, you'll be reminded that God wants to welcome you into Heaven, your true home! <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-four-last-things-death-judgment-heaven-hell-by-fr-mike-schmitz>

TVs in the Church - The topic of the tvs in the church was discussed at the Parish Council meeting in April. It was decided that we will begin using them after Easter so that we can experience how they can be used in different ways such as retreats, presentations, during calling hours when they are held in the church prior to a funeral, at weddings to have close ups of the bride and grooms faces, to post announcements before Mass and at liturgical celebrations for the hymns and readings. Their use can be a type of evangelization as we continue to reach out to parishioners and guests. After experiencing the use of the TVs for a few months a survey will be taken and a decision will be made as to keeping and using the TVs in our two church settings or removing them. Please continue to keep this in your prayers and be open to the Spirit guiding us.

SURVEY Members - We are looking for two individuals, one from Marathon and one from Whitney Point, to work with Fr. Corey and Peg Orzel to develop a survey concerning the use and placement of TVs in our parish. This survey would be conducted this summer after we have experienced the presence and use of the TVs during the spring months. Please see them or contact our parish office.

Parish Council Members - We are in need of new members to represent both church settings. Please give consideration to serving a three year term. If you have received Confirmation, are a member of the parish and can attend a meeting about once a month you are qualified and needed!!! Please submit your name or someone else's (once you talk to them about it) by Memorial Day, May 31st. There will be baskets in both locations to accept nominations. As is tradition the individuals will be selected on Pentecost Sunday and will begin serving at the September meeting. Meetings are held at 7pm once a month alternating between our Marathon and Whitney Point locations. According to Diocesan documents "The purpose of Parish Council is to work with the pastor to plan with vision and goals to implement our mission. Neither the Pastoral Council nor the staff should do all the work. The pastoral council needs to invite and empower other parishioners to become involved in carrying out the plan." Please give becoming a council member prayer and thought.

Diocesan Office of Family/Respect Life:

The Third Option - A program to build better marriages

"REBUILDING TRUST: IT CAN BE DONE". Online, Sunday, June 5th, 7-9pm.

"TWO GREAT SECRETS OF HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLES".

Online, Sunday, June 26th from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information or to join the meeting at sstewart@syrdio.org or (315)472-6728 for both programs. Hope Appeal funded programs. All are welcome. .

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE For all mothers:

That they may be encouraged and supported as they live out this special vocation;

We pray to the Lord:

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: 2nd Lt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull,

Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, Major Joy Thomas,

LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, SFC Jacob Rau, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Major John 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,

2nd Lt. 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.

Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, May 1, 2022

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,834. Loose: \$555. Electronic: \$1,115.Total Regular Collection: \$3,504.

Diocesan Collections: Home Missions-\$60. **Other Income:** Mem Sanc-\$20.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **Utilities:** \$1,011.

Fuel Oil: \$1,028. **Salaries:** \$1,300.

.....**Bills Pd This Week:** \$3,339.

Thank you for your time, talent and treasure to your parish!

Bills to be paid next week: \$2,271.

Today we pray for all priests and bishops, since they are the shepherds of our churches.



Thank you for your donations last month for the Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry. During **May** we will be collecting **cereal**. Please place your donations in the designated baskets at the entrances of our churches. Thank you for helping to feed those less fortunate in our communities.