

Catholic Community Of  
St. Stephen - St. Patrick  
September 11, 2022



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Postponed until further notice.

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.



**Pastor's Column**

**Remembering 9/11**

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This Sunday is Hope Appeal Commitment Sunday in our parish. It is an opportunity for us to support Bishop Lucia and the many programs that are supported by the Annual Hope Appeal. We will be showing the Hope Appeal Video this weekend that shows just a few of the programs that are funded by this important Diocesan Appeal. I would like to encourage everyone to be generous and to prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Hope Appeal. I know that you will be happy that you did.

This Sunday's Gospel Reading speaks to us about the mercy and forgiveness of our God. It does not make sense that God should be so much in love with us! God is always ready to forgive us of our sins and even goes out and searches for us when we are lost and wandering away from Him. Jesus gives the wonderful healing sacrament of Confession to celebrate God's forgiveness in our lives. When was the last time you met our Lord Jesus in this healing sacrament? Maybe our Lord might be calling you to encounter His loving presence in this special sacrament.

Beginning this week I will be having Mass on Monday evenings for our Parish Community. Please check the bulletin for the times of these Masses. I will also be available for the Sacrament of Confession after the Mass on Monday evening. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!

Fr. Jim



**A Family Perspective** - Parents are like that shepherd in today's gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the Divine.

**Creation Care Tips:** "We had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." —Luke 15:32

Despite all the grave news of how our earth's environment is suffering, there are still reasons to celebrate. With changes in legislation and communities coming together for a good causes, there are stories of restoration and new life. Some bodies of water that used to be terribly polluted have been restored so that fish and other water life have returned and humans can safely swim in them again. Some abandoned lots formerly full of trash are thriving as vegetable gardens. Some endangered animals are making a comeback. This week, treat yourself to some good news of the earth coming back to life. You might check out good news articles from YES! magazine, The Nature Conservancy, or the Sierra Club to name just a few.





**Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, August 28, 2022**

**Regular Collection:** Envs: \$1,855. Loose: \$462. Electronic: \$1,115. .... **Total Regular Collection: \$3,432.**  
**Other Income:** Assump-\$20. FaithFormEnvs-\$110. *Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:*  
**Utilities:** \$193. **Ch&RectGrnds:** \$60. **Altar:** \$26. **Ph/Int:** \$166. **RelStipend:** \$200. **Salaries:** \$1,000.  
.....**Bills Pd This Week: \$2,210.**

*Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!*



**The Catholic University of America Collection**

The Catholic University of America is a national research university with 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs on a residential campus in the heart of Washington, D.C. Founded by a papal charter in 1887, Catholic is the national university of the Catholic Church in our country and strives to educate future generations of leaders through an excellent education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The collection is a critical pillar of support for students and the entire University community. **Today, September 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a second collection taken for them.**



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**2022 Hope Appeal** - You are the light! We hope you enjoyed the 2022 HOPE Appeal video we shared at Mass today. It can also be viewed at [www.syrديو.org](http://www.syrديو.org).

We are inspired by the many individuals and families whose lives are touched through the programs and ministries supported by the HOPE Appeal. Fr. Jim asks you to join him in support of this year's HOPE Appeal. Together we will reach our parish goal of \$18,174.03.

Thank you to everyone returning their HOPE Appeal pledge card this weekend! If you are still prayerfully considering your pledge, you may bring your completed pledge card to Mass next week, drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter.

You can also make a gift online at [www.syrديو.org](http://www.syrديو.org).

**You can also type the title of the video or book into the search bar on Formed.org to view these videos and other topics of interest.**

**WATCH *The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph of Cupertino*** -Maximilian Schell stars as "the flying friar," St. Joseph of Cupertino, in this heartwarming and true story of the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant Abbott to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local Bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-reluctant-saint-the-story-of-st-joseph-cupertino-1>

**WATCH *Bible Study: Galatians*** -Join Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. James Prothro as they dive into St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. This new multipart series walks through this pivotal book and how it fits in with the rest of the New Testament, as well as how Paul's writings can help us grow in relationship with Jesus. <https://watch.formed.org/bible-study-galatians/videos/biblestudy-galatians-part-4>

**WATCH *Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows* by Kimberly Hahn**- Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ. <https://watch.formed.org/drawing-strength-from-our-lady-of-sorrows-by-kimberly-hahn/videos/drawing-strength-from-our-lady-of-sorrows-by-kimberly-hahn>

**Annual Coast to Coast Rosary Rally – Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** - The Coast-to-Coast Rosary Rallies are anchored by the **National Rosary Rally** in front of the US Capitol in Washington DC preceded by the National Eucharistic Procession. Since the rallies are encouraged to be held in public places, **the Hour Of Power Prayer Group will host a rally at the Peace Garden of St. Patrick's Church in Whitney Point at 2:00 PM.**

We invite you to join thousands of prayer warriors across the country in praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary for the **Strength and Unity of Our Church, and for the Protection of the Family and Our Nation.** Note: Rosary Coast to Coast and National Rosary Rally are not political rallies. We are praying for our nation to return to God and to Holiness through the peaceful, powerful, public profession of our Catholic Faith!

For more information contact [knichols3@hotmail.com](mailto:knichols3@hotmail.com)

**Marathon Food Pantry News** - The food pantry is providing food weekly to more families than ever! Many Seniors are making choices of medicine or food. Young families are struggling to afford formula, diapers and school cloths this time of year. The Marathon Food Pantry operates out of Civic Building in Marathon on Tuesdays from 4:00- 6:00PM. The pantry is "client choice" allowing the person to take only what they need and what their family will use.

➔ We also offer Food Sense, an opportunity to stretch your food budget with quality food and a discount price. For September, order by Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> for pick up on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. See flyer at entrances of our churches for details.

If you feel able and would like to make a monetary donation to the Marathon Food Pantry please mail a check to Marathon Food Pantry at PO Box 824, Marathon, NY 13803. If you or your children would like to volunteer, you are welcome any Tuesday. Stop by and check us out. If you have questions regarding the donation of specific items, please contact Mary Bliss at 607-849-3246 or 607-423-8768.

*Thank you, The Crew at the Marathon Food Pantry.* ➔ **Our Whitney Point and Marathon Churches will take up a second collection next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, to help fund the Marathon Food Pantry.**



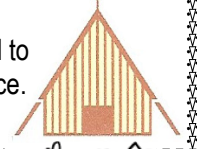
**Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:** *Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2<sup>nd</sup>Lt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, Major Joy Thomas, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Major John Thomas, Daniel Morehouse USMC, Sgt Heather Fox, LCDR Paul McDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup>Lt. Emily Steele USAF, LCDR Maria Lescord, USMC SSgt Dan Votra, SSG Steven Gross, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, A1C Brendan Schneider, OS3 Jonathan Schneider & 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, OR for any changes, 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](http://www.ccssp.com)

Our face book page: [www.facebook.com/ccssp](http://www.facebook.com/ccssp)

#### Parish Council

**Chairperson** - Dan Burke, [dburke1114@gmail.com](mailto:dburke1114@gmail.com)  
**Secretary** - Emily Barry, [lilicebox12@yahoo.com](mailto:lilicebox12@yahoo.com)  
**Trustees** - Kathy Cusick, Ron Orzel

#### PARISH STAFF

**Director of Faith Formation** - Sherry Dee, 759-1876  
**Ministry Coordinator**-Peg Orzel, [porzel10@yahoo.com](mailto:porzel10@yahoo.com)  
**Church Organist/Music Director** - Jennifer Austin

**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](mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org)

#### Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Today, Sept. 11

**8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Shirley Jordan**...by Ron & Jan Orzel  
for **Margaret Fabrocino**...by CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee  
for **Paul O'Donnell**...by Terry Preston

**10:30 AM** Marathon...for **Jean Mayer**...by Jean's Girls  
for **Bill Slater, 1st Anniv.** ...by Alice Sliter

**12:00 PM** OLPH... for **Mathew Ricca**...by Pat & Terri Fedele

Monday, Sept. 12  
Sunday, Sept. 18

**6:00 PM** Marathon...for **Maurice Hitt** ...by Barry & Mari Ruth Kim

**8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Roger Calice**...by Rita Suma  
for **Paul O'Donnell**...by Cris Broderick & Earl Markham

**10:30 AM** Marathon...for **Joe Vega**...by O'Neil & Thon Families  
for **Joan Fleming**...by Aggie, Cathi, Paul & Luda Zelsnack

**12:00 PM** OLPH...for **Cheryl Carter**...by Dennis & Betty Carter  
for **Francis & Margaret Pratt & Jonathan Pratt** by Sharon Massar



**Readings for September 11 through 18, 2022:** Today: Ex 32:7-11,13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26,33; Lk 7:1-10

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Wednesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49; Lk 8:4-15

**Next Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13



#### Whitney Point

**Greeters:** Earl Markham, Cris Broderick  
**Next Sunday:** Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker  
**Lector:** Marcus Stevens  
**Next Sunday:** Tom Nichols

#### Marathon

Don Atwood, Don Barry  
Bob Barry, Colleen Brown  
Terrie Atwood  
John Ewanciw  
Eric Barry  
Geoff Tyrrell  
Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw  
Mark Barry, Volunteer  
**Sept. Ushers:** Don Barry, Syd McEvoy

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ingrid Wennerod, John Mihalko  
**Next Sunday:** Kathy Bensley, Cathy Shoemaker  
**Tabulators:** Dick & Kathy Bensley  
**Next Sunday:** Ron & Jan Orzel

#### Funeral Planning Booklets

are available at the church entrances if you would like to begin selecting the readings and music that you would like played at the time of your death. A member of the bereavement ministry would be glad to meet with you or the completed booklet can be returned to the office so it is available when needed.



During **September** we will be collecting **Jiffy Cornbread Mix** for the Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry. Please place your donations in the designated baskets at the entrances of our churches. Thank you for your food and monetary donations and helping to feed those less fortunate in our community.

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](mailto:jvantassel@gmail.com) or 607-343-9577.



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



Today, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

2022 HOPE Appeal Weekend



Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

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

6:00pm Mass at Marathon Church

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



NO Mass or Communion Service Today

Tuesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church

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



8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

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

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

**Reading 1 - Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14**  
Moses stands up to God,  
recalling all of God's great promises.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Reading 2 - 1 Timothy 1:12-17**  
Paul proves it's never too late  
to repent and serve God.

**Gospel - Luke 15:1-32**

Jesus responds to those who criticize him  
for keeping company with the unworthy.

*Adults: When have you persistently  
sought after a member of your family  
who has lost his or her way?*

*Children: Have you ever felt you were  
not getting credit for your good works?  
What did you do?*

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:**



Registrations have gone out for CCSS-SP's Faith Formation classes, grades K through 10<sup>th</sup> grade, that will begin Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received a registration or are interested in signing up your child, please contact Sherry Dee at 607-759-1876, or the parish office at 607-692-3911, for any information and/or a registration.

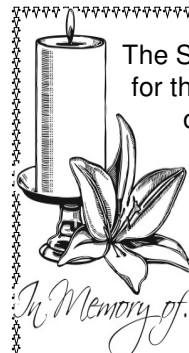
**THANKSGIVING BASKETS** - Individuals and families living in Broome County will have the opportunity to sign-up for a Thanksgiving basket. Baskets will include all the items needed for a wonderful holiday meal. **Sign-ups for baskets will take place September 6<sup>th</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Sign-ups will be held by calling the United Way 211 phone number (dial 2 1 1) from Monday -Friday 8AM to 5PM beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day. Each household will receive a confirmation number from 211. The confirmation number will be needed to pick up the basket. One Thanksgiving basket will be provided per household. Please have information on hand for every person within the household prior to making the 211 call. All families signed-up for a basket will receive a phone call or mailed document 1 to 2 weeks prior to Thanksgiving Day. This will provide information on date, time and location of the basket pick up. Families should expect to pick up their baskets the weekend of November 18<sup>th</sup> - November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Thanksgiving basket coordination program is a joint effort between Catholic Charities, United Way 211, local parishes, Iheart Media and several other local contributing businesses.

For additional information please contact Tracie Layton at 729-9166.

**Red Mass:** Since the Middle Ages, the Church has celebrated what has come to be known as the Red Mass for attorneys and judges. This Mass offers an opportunity for those who work in the administration of justice to reflect on the God-given power and responsibility of those in the legal profession. It also affords those in the legal profession to ask for guidance of the Holy Spirit as they exercise this noble responsibility.

**A celebration of this Mass in the Southern Region of the Diocese will be held on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church, Binghamton.** Bishop Emeritus Robert J. Cunningham of Syracuse will be the celebrant. All who are involved in the justice community are invited to attend.

**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.



The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of September in our Whitney Point Church is In Memory Of:

**Theresa & Everett Burroughs**

by Ron & Jackie Burroughs  
In our Marathon Church

*In Memory of...* **Jim & Nola McDonald**  
Anon

**August's 50/50 was won by Loretta Husner, winning \$47.50.**  
Congratulations!

Thank you to all who participate.

Monday Evening Mass - We will have a 6pm Mass at our Marathon Church on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, followed by CCSS-SP's Parish Council Meeting at 7:00pm.

Anyone from our parish is invited to attend, or if you have any concerns that you'd like our council to discuss please notify Dan Burke, Council Chairperson, at [dburke1114@gmail.com](mailto:dburke1114@gmail.com)

➔No 8:30am Mass on Tuesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**No Mobile Food Truck in Whitney Point for September.**

For October please follow regular procedure as it says on page 2 of the bulletin.

The Whitney Pt. Clothing Bank is now accepting new and gently used coats, jackets and blankets. Items can be dropped in the collection bin.

**WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE:** National Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15. The Hispanic culture is deeply woven into the fabric and history of our country. We have received many gifts of faith from this culture, including a deep devotion to Our Blessed Mother through her appearances to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady told Juan Diego that he had dignity and reminded him that he was made in God's image. Your challenge this week is to learn about a faith practice of a culture in your community (other than your own culture). It might be a particular prayer, or a spiritual practice, or devotion to a particular saint. As a family, celebrate this gift of culture by trying the prayer or practice in your home. Then offer a prayer of thanks to God for the gift of the culture from which you learned the practice.