

SECOND SUNDAY
OF
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Lent

**Catholic Community Of
St. Stephen - St. Patrick**

March 5, 2023

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Second Sunday of Lent

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Following Monday's 6:00PM Mass with Fr. Jim.

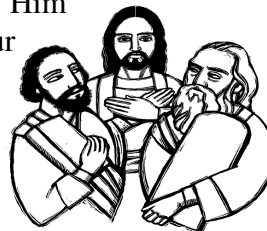
Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Pastor's Column



This week's Lenten journey calls us to reflect upon Abraham, the Father of our faith. In this weekend's first Reading from the Book of Genesis, we see how Abram obeys God and leaves his homeland and goes to a land where God leads him. Abram had no map, no rest stops or paved roads to travel on. He simply heard God's voice and obeyed Him. Abraham then became a blessing that God will use for all the world. This was a special covenant or promise that God made with Abraham. God also makes a covenant with us through baptism. He promises that we will be His children and that we will live in our heavenly homeland if we allow Him to journey with us through life. Lent calls us back to reflect upon our baptismal covenant and to once again renew our commitment to being followers and disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's take some time this week to reflect upon our baptismal commitment. **HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!**

Fr. Jim



And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Matthew 17:2, NRSV

Creation Care Tips:

During the Lenten season, we traditionally focus on three aspects of our faith: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Consider how these could be oriented toward care for creation. Pray for those impacted by pollution, drought, and other negative impacts on the environment. Fast from some behaviors that contribute to these kinds of impacts. Give alms to an organization that works for the care of the environment or serves those in need because of environmental changes.



You and Your Family and Friends are Invited to "THRIVE". It's returning to OLG C!!!! WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023, 6:30PM - 8:30PM AT OLG C Church, 701 W. Main St., Endicott. Make your Lent more meaningful by joining us for an evening of Live Music by Jeremy Bobak & The Thrive Band, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity to experience the healing power of Confession. Food and fellowship to follow... of course. See you there!! For questions or to volunteer with set up or bake for the occasion, contact Tori at treynolds@syrdio.org.

Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023

Reg Collection: Envs: \$2,015. Loose: \$412. Electronic: \$1,135.Total: \$3,562.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: RelStip: \$100.

FaithForm: \$450. **Utilites:** \$981. **Altar:** \$125. **Ph/Int:** \$123. **ChMaint:** \$52. **MoTithing:** \$223.(JamaicaParish)

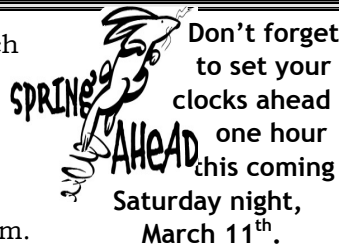
SnowRem: \$562. **MoDioAssess:** \$1,106. **Office:** \$115. **Salaries:** \$1,000. **Bills Pd This Week:** \$4,837.

Thank you for your ongoing Time, Talent & Treasure!

On **Sunday, March 26th**, CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church will be celebrating **Confirmation** during our 8:30am Mass at Whitney Point **with Bishop Douglas Lucia**.

There will be a reception for the newly confirmed afterwards downstairs in the hall which will be hosted by our parish's Hospitality Committee.

Everyone please join us to congratulate and celebrate with them.



Boxed Envelopes UPDATE:
It's March and the 2023 boxed envelope sets are still not here. Thank you for your patience. Meanwhile if our envelope users could please take a few of the supplementary envelopes at the entrances of our churches to use instead of loose checks. The office will make sure to mark your envelope number so contributions are accounted for.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

We have a parish subscription to Formed.org. Enter our parish name and search for the titles.

The Story of Saint Perpetua - Watch this inspiring animated movie about the life of Saint Perpetua. Born from a noble Roman family, she converts to Christianity despite a new decree prohibiting new conversions in the Roman Empire. Ultimately, she gives her life for Christ.

The Passion of Saint Perpetua with Mike Aquilina - Join Mike Aquilina, Vice-President of the Saint Paul Biblical Theology Center, in this informing and inspiring documentary that tells the true account of the courageous martyr, Saint Perpetua, and her companions.

Living Lent as a Family (Part 1 of 4) Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

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.



BLOOD DRIVE on Friday, March 17th, 2-7pm

at Whitney Point Methodist Church, 7311 Collins St., Whitney Point. This blood drive is In Memory of Ken Jones. To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.



Women of Faith Group-We'll meet the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30am at our Whitney Point Church Hall.

Everyone is invited to join us. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 7th.



Vocation View: Jesus tells his disciples, "Rise, and do not be afraid" and invites them to follow him. He speaks the same words to you. Is he inviting you to not be afraid of following him as a priest, deacon, or religious brother or sister? Call Fr. Jason Hage, 315-470-1468 or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

Power and Purpose Conference

Come and experience the Holy Spirit's power and healing at the **Power and Purpose Conference on June 9-11**.

Allow him to reveal the purpose of your life: to live in true freedom and joy of the Spirit. Be uplifted by the witness and fellowship of disciples like you.

Register at steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc.

OR contact Don Barry at 607-423-6584 for more information.



CCSS-SP Parish Council Meeting

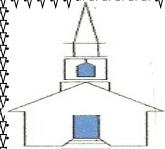
is tomorrow evening, March 6th, 6:30pm, at our Whitney Point Church Hall. Parishioners are more than welcome to attend. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact our chairperson, Shelley Warnow, at dongsgirl1956@aol.com

From Sister Katie Eiffe, Office of Synodal Planning: **Synod Morning of Recollection** - Due to the forecast of a winter storm on Friday and Saturday, the last of our Synod Mornings of Recollection for the Continental Phase of the Synod **has been POSTPONED until Saturday, April 1st at St. Vincent de Paul/Blessed Sacrament in Vestal**. The morning will consist of prayer, small group discussion and large group sharing as we continue to respond to the call of Pope Francis and Bishop Lucia to be engaged in the preparation for the 16th General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Please register by contacting Kathyne Rakowski at the Chancery via phone (315-470-1426) or via email at krakowski@syrdio.org. Please indicate if you have any dietary restrictions.

Thank you to Wayne Niggli who made and installed a cover for the exhaust fan in the kitchen at Marathon to help keep the cold air out. It is on hinges so that it can be opened for use if necessary.



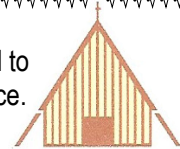
Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, Major Joy Thomas, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Major John Thomas, Daniel Morehouse USMC, Sgt Heather Fox, LCDR Paul McDonald, 2ndLt. 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 pattycafe@yahoo.com. 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

Chairperson - Shelley Warnow, dongirl1956@aol.com

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PARISH STAFF

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Church Organist/Music Director - Jennifer Austin

Maintenance - (Please call parish office w/maintenance concerns)

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, Mar. 05 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**
 10:15 AM *Marathon...for...Marge Carroll...by John Carroll*
 12:00 PM OLPH... for **Susan Peterman...by OLPH's Altar Rosary Society**

Monday, Mar. 06 **6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Thursday, Mar. 09 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...**Communion Service**

Sunday, Mar. 12 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Steve Hanzlik, Anniv. ...by Dorothy Hanzlik**
 10:15 AM *Marathon...for The People Of Our Parish*
 12:00 PM OLPH...for **Zig Leszczynski...by Pat & Terri Fedele**

Readings for March 5 through 12, 2023: Today: Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38 **Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31**
Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12 **Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43,45-46**
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28 **Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32**
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42



WP Ecumenical Food Pantry:

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

FoodPantry Chairperson:

John Mihalko

March's Pantry Need: cereal & pasta

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: Cathy Shoemaker, Anne Ballard

Next Sunday: Cathy Cummings, Pat Tredo

Lector: Gene Jordan

Next Sunday: John Mihalko

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Peg Orzel

Next Sunday: Cathy Shoemaker, Emily Jordan

Tabulators: Ron & Jan Orzel

Next Sunday: Dick & Kathy Bensley

Marathon

McEvoy Family

Kathleen Allen, Don Barry

Kathy Cusick

Rose Ann Holland

Don Barry

Cindy Barry

Mark Barry, Volunteer

Mark Barry, Volunteer

March Ushers: Bob Barry, Syd McEvoy



Interested?

Are you, or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? If so, contact our parish office, 692-3911, for Kathy Cusick.



During **March** we will be collecting **pasta** and **cereal** 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 or 607-343-9577.

CCSS-SP's Human Development

If you are aware of local individuals or families who are in need of food or clothes please remind them of our Food Pantry and Clothing Bank. If they have emergency financial needs (utility shutoff notices etc.) please have them contact our church office and a member of Human Development will reach out to them.



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

This Week In Our Parish

Today, Mar. 5th 9:30-11:00am - Faith Formation Classes - WPt. Ch Hall
 (NoCoffeeHour@MCh today) Presentation of the Word - during the 8:30am Mass
Monday, Mar. 6th 6:30pm - CCSS-SP's Parish Council Mtg. - WPt. Ch Hall
Tuesday, Mar. 7th 9:30am - Women of Faith Group Mtg. - Whitney Pt. Ch Hall
Wednesday, Mar. 8th 6:30pm - Altar Server Training - Whitney Point Church
Thursday, Mar. 9th 9:00am - Communion Service - Whitney Point Church
 7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church
Friday, Mar. 10th 3:00pm - Stations of the Cross - OLPH Church, Cincinnati
 5:30pm - Soup Supper/Stations of the Cross - Marathon Ch
Sunday, Mar. 12th St. Patrick's Day Brunch following the 8:30am Mass
 Coffee Hour following the 10:15am Mass, downstairs in hall



Calling all Altar Servers!

Deacon Tony is holding an Altar Server training session at the Whitney Point Church this **Wednesday, March 8th**, at 6:30 PM. Current, former and all those interested in Altar Serving are welcome. We hope to see many who feel God's call to take part in this important ministry. You can call or text Deacon Tony at (607) 374-9360 for more information.

Second SUNDAY IN



Soccer and a Broken Reservoir - In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



CCSS-SP will be STATIONS of the CROSS spraying the stations of the cross on Fridays during Lent. We will begin with a soup supper at 5:30pm followed by praying the stations. The remaining dates are at **Marathon Church: Mar. 10**
Whitney Pt. Church: Mar. 17, 24&31
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will be praying the stations of the cross at 3:00pm on Fridays during Lent.

Lenten Mini Retreat
Thursday, March 9th, 6:30PM
 at St. Anthony's Church Hall, 50 Pomeroy St., Cortland.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
 This year's presenter will be **Bishop Douglas Lucia**.
 See flyer at the entrances of our churches for details.

Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1- Genesis 12:1-4a
 God promises Abram a great blessing.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2 - 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 Through God's grace we are called to holiness.

Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Adults: What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

Children: What does it mean to you to be a holy person?

St. Patrick's Day Brunch

Next Sunday, March 12th, to celebrate our patron saint, Saint Patrick, with a brunch hosted

by our parish's Hospitality Committee, after the 8:30am Mass. Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks will be provided by Hospitality. Everyone is invited to come downstairs to enjoy wonderful food and fellowship.



→ Bishop Lucia has granted a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day (see letter on our church bulletin boards.)

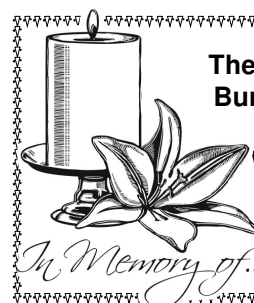
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IGNITE 2023 Catholic Men's Conference - The IGNITE Catholic Men's Conference is back at the SRC Arena, Saturday, March 25th!

This year's theme is "Empowered." We are going BIG this year with our Keynote Speaker: Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York. His Eminence will be joined by Michael McGinn and the return of Gus Lloyd, and of course Bishop Lucia will start the day with Holy Mass celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation. We have a great day planned. Mark your calendar, register and bring a family member and/or friend. Please go to the event website for the bios of the speakers, schedule for the day and to register at www.ignitecatholicmen.org. Our mission is to ignite the Catholic faith in men so they can grow in their faith and bring it back to their families, parishes and work places. If you have any questions, Don Barry has gone many times and can be reached at dkekbarry12@live.com.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: Sometimes we think about making big plans for Lenten sacrificing, only to fall behind with work, family, and other responsibilities. We find ourselves in the Second Week of Lent with no commitment to better prayer lives, doing good deeds, or practicing acts of self-denial. But it is never too late. Catholic Relief Services offers a great resource to parishes and families for praying, fasting and charitable giving—all in one simple project. What is so great about this project, known as Operation Rice Bowl (ORB), is that it makes all the right connections. When you put the money you would have spent on a CD or that mocha latte you crave into your Rice Bowl box, you participate in Jesus' sacrifice. CRS provides prayers to accompany your giving. And it uses the money you would have spent on yourself to help people in need across the world. Participating in ORB is an act of solidarity—standing with your brothers and sisters as one human family. Your challenge this week is to adopt Operation Rice Bowl (go to CRSRiceBowl.org if your parish doesn't do ORB.) Give up the extra energy drink, candy bar, movie, or trip to the mall. Put the money in your Rice Bowl, knowing it will be sent to CRS. You will be walking with Jesus while making a difference in the lives of others.



The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of March in our Whitney Pt Church is **In Memory Of: Woodie Wood** by Mary Ann Wood

A Family Perspective-Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

Encounter the Heart of Jesus this Lent



TO WHOM DO YOU BELONG?

A living and breathing relationship with Jesus Christ is awaiting you and your family!

The Lord in His mercy and love, seeks to liberate each one of us from chains that bind us in our day-to-day lives, and indeed it is only the Lord who can truly liberate us from whatever keeps us down in this life.

Welcoming Jesus into your home as King, Savior, and Friend, through the enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a conscious decision to place Jesus at the center of your lives and home. This devotion is unique because it has been spoken about in papal letters and is centered on the love of Jesus Christ.

The enthronement of the Sacred Heart is a spiritual practice intended to strengthen families in their lives together, and to bring them closer to God.

The image of the Sacred Heart can serve as the focal point for the family's prayer times together. By honoring Jesus in this way, the family members acknowledge the presence of Jesus in their midst. They turn to him often with their prayers and love and ask for help in times of trouble. They will not be disappointed, for Jesus promised to bless families consecrated to his Sacred Heart. "I will bless those homes where an image of my heart is displayed and venerated. I shall give peace in their families. I shall bless all their undertakings. I shall be their safe refuge in life and especially at the hour of death." There are 12 promises in all.

If you would like additional information or would like to enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home as King, Savior, and Friend of your family, contact Tom & Kathy Nichols at tomnich@hotmail.com or knichols3@hotmail.com. It is our mission to invite you to Welcome His Heart this Lenten Season and make your home a place of refuge. Our primary phone is 607-760-4138.