

Christ is Risen!

A large, dark, rounded stone in the foreground on the left, with a wooden cross on a hill in the background under a sunset sky.

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

Catholic Community Of
St. Stephen - St. Patrick

Rev. James Serowik, Administrator

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 09, 2023

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

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.



Pastor's Column

Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen! This traditional Easter greeting is a powerful statement of today's feast. We celebrate the central mystery of our faith today as we celebrate the victory of Jesus over sin and death. Jesus' resurrection gives us hope as we all carry our daily crosses. We know that while we may have to suffer and struggle, our God will conquer all our struggles and sins. This Easter feast gives us hope as we journey through this world as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the joy and hope of Easter enter into our daily lives and may we always proclaim the Good News by the way we live our lives.

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Liturgies so beautiful for the Sacred Triduum. I would like to thank Fr. Thomas and Deacon Tony for all that they do for our parish family. I would like to thank Jennifer and our Music Ministry for enhancing our liturgies and making them so special. Thank you all Lectors, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, ushers and all who help to prepare our liturgies. Thank you Mary Wied, our parish secretary, for all the work, effort and love you daily give to our parish family. Our community is truly blessed with so many talented and generous members that make our parish family so special.
HAPPY EASTER!

Fr. Jim



Creation Care Tips:

Celebrate new life today by planting some seeds or seedlings, or plan your summer garden. Pot up some herbs on a windowsill or plant a dwarf tree in a container on a porch or deck. Eating food grown locally saves drastically on the carbon footprint from food grown at great distances. Check out Barbara Kingsolver's book *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* for some great inspiration about growing and eating locally grown food.

Are you new to the Parish? Welcome to our church!

We are glad you are here!!! Feel free to ask questions, introduce yourself, [pick up a Welcome Bag at the church entrance](#) and read through our Volunteer Ministry Booklet. We have a lot going on for different age groups. We are looking forward to getting to know you better and have you participate in worship and events.



Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, April 2, 2023

Reg Collection: Envs: \$1,430. Loose: \$1,112. Electronic: \$145. Total: \$2,687.

Other Income: Easter-\$20. MemSanctuary-\$20.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: Ph/Int: \$82.

Liturgy: \$21. FuelOil: \$2,072. RelStip: \$200. Salaries: \$1,000.Bills Pd This Week: \$3,375.

Your continued generosity keeps our expenses paid in a timely manner, thank you!

The CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church's operating account has paid the 2022 HOPE Appeal balance of \$749.00. **Thank you again to all who participated and really helped get our goal down.** Thank you to Kathy Bensley for helping with the paperwork.

The winner of Feb/March 50/50 was Jennifer Austin, winning \$30.00, which she donated back to our parish. Thank you, Jen!

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./env.

Boxed Envelopes UPDATE: This past week I was told they are done and waiting for shipping. 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. **Please also use the extra envelopes we have for 50/50.**



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

We have a parish subscription to Formed.org. Enter our parish name and search for the titles. Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine

Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on FORMED includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.

The Necessity of Divine Mercy by Fr. Chris Alar - Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life.

Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina - St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His unfathomable mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.



Vocation View: "He commissioned us to preach to the people." Have you ever considered a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Call Fr. Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

The Catholic Men of Faith is an organization of men from our three parishes that meet twice a month, 1st and 3rd 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. **The next meeting is this Saturday, April 15th.**



Pantry Needs

During April we are collecting **canned tuna & cereal** for the Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry. Please place your donations in designated baskets at the entrances of our churches. Thank you for your food and monetary donations that help to feed those less fortunate in our community.



Easter Flower Donations Given In Memory Of....
Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Stevens, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bates, Deceased Members of the Bensley/Cahill Families, Jane Cook, Nichols Family, McMahan Family, John Cronin, Roger Calice, Ronald Husner, Jane Cook, Jack Cook, Frank & Mary Zelsnack, Frank Zelsnack, Jr., Victor & Tony Havran & Family, Stephen & Martha Zelsnack, Jr., Jean Mayer, Christopher Canfield, Mabel Carr, Dawn Odinek, Lucibert Deasy & Evie Allen
In Honor Of.... Eloise M. Dauley

Thank you for your donations towards the Easter flowers that so beautifully decorate our churches for the Easter Season.

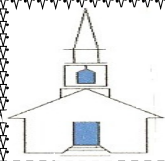
NO Coffee Hour today, Easter Sunday, at Marathon Church. It will resume next Sunday, April 16th.

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.

SAVE THE DATES for SAINT Anthony's ITALIAN FESTIVAL
Saturday, June 10, 4-10PM -Italian food, music, games, novelties, and fireworks display
Sunday June 11- 9:30 AM- Mass followed by Procession
Sunday June 11, 12:00PM- 6PM-Italian food, music, games, novelties. St. Anthony's Church, 50 Pomeroy Street, Cortland

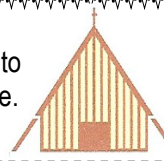


Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, Major Joy Thomas, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major 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/ccsssp

Parish Council

Chairperson - Shelley Warnow, dongirl1956@aol.com
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PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation - Sherry Dee, 759-1876
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Church Organist/Music Director - Jennifer Austin
Maintenance - (Please call parish office w/maintenance concerns)

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, Apr. 09	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Maurice Hitt ...by Barry & Mariruth Kim
	10:15 AM Marathon...for Dawn Odinek, Birthday ...by Linda Caminiti for Joe Vega ...by Daughters, Hope & Mary
	12:00 PM OLPH... for Kathryn Kemak ...by Mike & Lorraine Kemak for Mary Cook ...by Pat & Terri Fedele
	NO MASS
Monday, Apr. 10	9:00 AM Whitney Point... Communion Service
Thursday, Apr. 13	8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Robert Hitt ...by Barry & Mariruth Kim
Sunday, Apr. 16	10:15 AM Marathon...for Michael Joseph, Jr. ...by The Askew Family
	12:00 PM OLPH...for Matty Ricca ...by Pat & Terri Fedele for Patsy Fedele ...by Pat & Terri Fedele for Ray Williams ...by Jean Drury



Readings for April 9 through 16, 2023:

Today: Acts 10:34a,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
Monday: Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



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.



Whitney Point

Greeters: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick
Next Sunday: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker
Lector: Tom Nichols
Next Sunday: Ingrid Jordak

Marathon

Bob Barry, Colleen Brown
McEvoy Family
Kathy Cusick
Carol Niggli
Karen Standish
Don Barry
Don & Terrie Atwood
Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw
April Ushers: Bill McGovern, Don Atwood

Eucharistic Ministers: Ingrid Wennerod, John Mihalko
Next Sunday: Kathy Bensley, Peg Orzel
Tabulators: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings
Next Sunday: Ron & Jan Orzel



Adoration - 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, at 7pm, in our Whitney Pt Church.

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.

WP Ecumenical Food Pantry: M-Th & Sat, 10AM-Noon, Closed Fridays, Holidays, & when school is closed for inclement weather.

FoodPantry Chairperson: John Mihalko
April's Pantry Need: cereal & canned tuna
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



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.

➔Please make sure lights are shut off and doors are closed shut and locked when you leave one of the churches. Thank you!



For those homebound, you can access our **8:30AM Sunday Mass:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>

This Week In Our Parish

Today, Apr. 9th Easter Egg Hunt - Whitney Point Church, following Mass
 Thursday, Apr. 13th 9:00AM - Communion Service - Whitney Point Church
 7:00PM - Adoration - Whitney Point Church
 Saturday, Apr. 15th 8:00AM - Catholic Men of Faith Mtg. - WP Church Hall
 10:00AM - Iyla Stewart Baptism - Whitney Point Church
 Sunday, Apr. 16th 9:30-11:00AM - Faith Formation Classes - WP Church Hall



Christ
The Lord
is risen
today,
Alleluia!



A Blessed Easter To All!

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

Reading 1 - Acts 10:34a,37-43
Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

**Reading 2 - Colossians 3:1-4 or
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8**

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel - John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Adults: How can you show this week that you truly believe in the Resurrection of Jesus?

Children: To whom could you tell the story of Jesus' rising from the dead?

HAPPY EASTER! Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya and commit to share our Easter joy with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to return your CRS Rice Bowl to Church or the Parish Office. You may also donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.



Easter Egg Hunt

today,
Easter Sunday,
following our
8:30am Mass at Whitney Point.
All children listen for Sherry Dee to direct you and have fun!

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of April in our Whitney Pt Church is
In Memory Of:
Helmut Melzer & Daina Freimanis
 by Vella Melzer
 in our Marathon Church is
In Memory Of:
Christopher Canfield
 by Ralph & Pat Canfield

In Memory of...

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, April 16 at 2:00 PM.

There will be priests available for confession beginning at 2:00 PM. While confessions are going on, there will be readings from St. Faustina's Diary every 10 minutes for your reflection. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00 PM followed by Benediction.

NOTE: This is the only day of the year that an **EXTRAORDINARY** plenary indulgence can be obtained.

There are 4 conditions that need to be present to gain a plenary indulgence:

1. Confession within 20 days before or after intent to perform the indulgence act.
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Pray for the Pope's intentions (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)
4. Have no attachment to sin.

However, since it is extremely difficult to have no attachment to sin, God has given us another way which can **ONLY** be gained on Divine Mercy Sunday.

On this day the condition to have no attachment to sin is not required. Instead, according to Faustina's Diary #699, a soul must **ASK** for the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday. Here is a prayer asking to receive the graces of D.M.S:

"Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God, you promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to confession, and the soul that receives Holy Communion with trust in D.M. will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment.

Lord, please give me this grace. Jesus I trust in you." Come and experience the unfathomable mercy God extends to you on that day of all days. **The extraordinary indulgence cannot be applied to another soul, living or deceased, only to oneself.**



A Family Perspective

Today's gospel instructs us Jesus "had to rise from the dead."

The dying we experience with unmet expectations in marriage and parenting is normal to family life. Families must rise above disappointments and be Easter people all year long.



ECUMENICAL GATHERING

The Whitney Point United Methodist Church members have invited us to a pot luck luncheon on **Sunday, April 23rd, from 2:30 to 5:00PM.**

Drinks and table settings will be provided. Please bring your favorite dish to pass (main dish, side dish, or dessert) and share in conversation and fellowship. RSVP at 607 692 3638, whitneypointumc@gmail.com or Sherry Sculley 607 692 4328 or sherrysculley@gmail.com

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: We celebrate the core event of our faith this week, the Resurrection of Jesus. Through the Resurrection, we are brought to new life and grace. We are assured that God's love is more powerful than anything—even death—and that Jesus fulfilled his mission of redemption. Your challenge this week is to celebrate your own new life in Christ by promoting respect for life in your community. Think of a way you can promote life. You could pray for women who are considering abortion so that they have a change of heart, and pray for doctors who perform abortions, that they, too, will have a conversion and remember their oath to protect, not destroy, life. You could pray for an end to war and violence, or for an end to the death penalty in our nation. If you aren't already, consider becoming active in your local pro-life community. How can you promote the Catholic vision of life that says every human life is sacred, from womb to tomb?