



**FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**JUNE 4, 2023**

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
ST. STEPHEN - ST. PATRICK**

**Rev. James Serowik, Administrator**

The Most Holy Trinity

June 04, 2023

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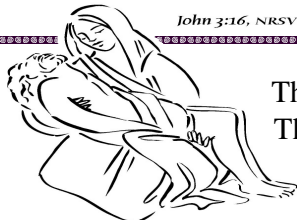
Following Monday's 6:00PM Mass with Fr. Jim.

*For God so loved  
the world that he gave  
his only Son.*

John 3:16, NRSV

**Pastor's Column**

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.



This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast of our God reminds us that our God is a trinity of persons Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is impossible for us to be able to understand this great mystery and this feast teaches us that our God is a mystery to be entered into. We all are called to experience our God in prayer and to have a relationship with each person of the Holy Trinity. We relate to God our Father who created the world and us. We relate to Jesus Christ who is God's Revelation to the World, the Word made Flesh. We relate to the Holy Spirit who continues to lead and guide the Church. May we all take some time this week to enter into a deeper relationship with our God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Next weekend is the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. Next weekend we will resume the receiving of the Precious Blood during Mass. This is an option that we have, it is not mandatory that all of us drink from the cup of the Precious Blood of Jesus. Please take some time this week to reflect upon this great gift that the Lord gives us and to make a prayerful decision as to whether you want to partake of the Precious Blood of our Lord during Mass. **HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!!**

Fr. Jim



**Creation Care Tips:**

Pope Benedict said, "Purchasing is always a moral—and not simply economic—act." What things do you purchase that have a disproportionate environmental footprint? Bananas shipped from South America? Clothing manufactured in Asia? Tissues made from the wood of boreal forests in Canada? Choose one item you can do without and boycott the purchase of that item. Better yet, let the manufacturer know you are boycotting them and/or share with friends your decision.

**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, May 28, 2023**

**Regular Collection:** Envs: \$1,425. Loose: \$389. Electronic: \$1,110. ....Total: **\$2,924.**

**Diocesan Collections:** CCC-\$10. **Other Income:** MemDay-\$108. (Cemetery)

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: **ChR&M:** \$135.

**Grounds:** \$100. **Utilities:** \$570. **FuelOil:** \$2,072. **Ph/Int:** \$163. **RelStip:** \$200. **Salaries:** \$1,000.

➔ **Bills Paid This Week: \$4,240.**

*Thank you for your time, talent and treasure!*

**New Mass Intention Offerings**

The offering for all Mass intentions (both living and deceased) has been increased to \$15 per Mass, effective immediately for any Masses scheduled beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. For those intentions scheduled and already paid for, the increase will not apply.

**St. Patrick's, Whitney Point Cemetery** - Thank you again to those who donated to the Whitney Point Cemetery with their Memorial Day Envelopes, in honor of loved ones and all military that lost their lives. These donations will help with the maintenance of the cemetery. There will be an additional donation envelope on June 11<sup>th</sup> specifically stated for the maintenance of it. These are the only two donation envelopes for the year in your boxed sets of contribution envelopes.



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

➔ **God Is with Us: Presence | Episode 1** - What does it mean to say that God is with us in the Eucharist? What is the Eucharist? Watch Episode 1 of Presence today! ➔ **The Bread of Life: Jesus and John 6** by Dr. Brant Pitre - Dr. Brant Pitre unpacks Jesus' hard saying in John 6 and dives in the mystery of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. ➔ **Corpus Christi | Sacred Art** - Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today.



**Saint Anthony's Italian Festival**

St. Anthony's Festival will be held **Parish Saturday, June 10th from 4-10 PM & Festival Sunday, June 11th from Noon - 6 PM**

Saturday's events include:

4 - 7 PM: Spaghetti Dinner(Eat-in or Take-out)

4 - 10 PM: Italian food, live entertainment, games, raffles and novelties.

9:30 PM: Fireworks

Sunday's events include:

9:30 AM: Mass followed by procession

12:30 - 6 PM: Italian food, live entertainment, games, raffles & novelties. The Festival is held at St. Anthony's Church, 50 Pomeroy Street, Cortland. Visit [www.saintanthonysfestival.org](http://www.saintanthonysfestival.org)



**Pantry Needs**

During **June** we are collecting **baby needs** and **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.



*Trinity*

The feast of the **Most Holy Trinity** may well be regarded as the Church's Te Deum of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost.

This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is the day of the Most Holy Trinity.

—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch*



**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**

701 W. Main Street in Endicott is hosting the

**Southern Tier Catholic Men Fellowship Breakfast**

on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 9 AM Mass.

All men are invited to come for a free hot breakfast with camaraderie and prayer. Please contact the OLCG Parish Office, (607) 748-7417 Ext. 19, [khamilton@syrdio.org](mailto:khamilton@syrdio.org) or Cell to text: (607)759-9270 for registration by Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Christ the King Retreat House, 500 Brookford Rd., Syracuse.**

Join us for a retreat weekend with Fr. Gerry McKeon, SJ.

Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 6.

During this weekend retreat, we will explore 12 Step Spirituality from the perspective of the Spiritual Exercises. The four talks will explore themes of the Exercises which address the call to become freed from our addictions, and freed for a life of loving service, walking with the Risen Christ.

Offering: \$30 for overnight and \$200 for commuters.

For reservations go to our website at [ctkretreat.com](http://ctkretreat.com) or call 315-446-2680.

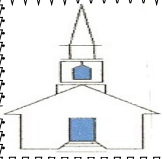
➔ Please make sure lights are shut off and doors are **closed shut** and locked when you leave one of the churches. Thank you!



**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, Sgt Heather Fox, Major John Thomas, Daniel Morehouse USMC, LCDR Paul McDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup>Lt. Emily Steele USAF, LCDR Maria Lescord, SSgt Dan Votra USMC, SSG Steven Gross, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III, A1C Brendan Schneider, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC and PFC Isaac James Silvanic 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](mailto: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](http://www.ccssp.com) Our face book page: [www.facebook.com/ccsssp](http://www.facebook.com/ccsssp)

### Parish Council

**Chairperson** - Shelley Warnow, [dongirl1956@aol.com](mailto:dongirl1956@aol.com)  
**Vice Chair** - Dan Burke, [dburke1114@gmail.com](mailto:dburke1114@gmail.com)  
**Secretary** - Sue Stevens  
**Trustees** - Kathy Cusick, Ron Orzel  
**Parish Business/Office Manager** - Mary Wied

### 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)  
**Bulletin Deadline**: Tuesday, Noon - Phone, Mail or Email, [ststephenstpat@syrdio.org](mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org)

### Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Sunday, June 04**  
8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Helmut Melzer**...by Vella Melzer  
for **Paul O'Donnell**...by The Family  
10:15 AM **Marathon**...for **Marge Carroll**...by John Carroll  
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Guzep & Maria Anna Buttigieg** by Josephine Kellogg  
for **James Drury & Theodore Hain**...by Jean Drury  
**Monday, June 05**  
6:00 PM Whitney Point...for **Josephine McConnell**...by CCSS-SP  
**Thursday, June 08**  
9:00 AM Whitney Point...**Communion Service**  
**Sunday, June 11**  
8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Alice Mesceda**...by CCSS-SP's Hospitality  
10:15 AM **Marathon**...for **Fred Zoll**...by Wayne & Carol Niggli  
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Salvu & Maria Buttigieg & Family** by Josephine Kellogg  
for **James Drury & Theodore Hain**...by Jean Drury



**Readings for June 4 through June 11, 2023:**  
**Today:** Ex 34:4b-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18  
**Monday:** Tb 1:3;2:1b-8; Mk 12:1-12  
**Tuesday:** Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17  
**Wednesday:** Tb 3:1-11a,16-17a; Mk 12:18-27  
**Thursday:** Tb 6:10-11;7:1bcde,9-17;8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34  
**Friday:** Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37  
**Saturday:** Tb 12:1,5-15,20; Mk 12:38-44  
**Sunday:** Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a;1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58



### Whitney Point

**Greeters:** Cathy Cummings, Pat Tredo  
**Next Sunday:** Earl Markham, Cris Broderick  
**Lector:** Gene Jordan  
**Next Sunday:** Tom Nichols

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cathy Shoemaker, Emily Jordan  
**Next Sunday:** Ingrid Wennerod, John Mihalko  
**Tabulators:** Dick & Kathy Bensley  
**Next Sunday:** Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

### Marathon

Don Atwood, Don Barry  
Kathleen Allen, Bob Barry  
Terrie Atwood  
Shelley Warnow  
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Cindy Barry  
Don & Terrie Atwood  
Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw  
**June Ushers:** John & Kim McCrory

**WP Ecumenical Food Pantry:** M-Th & Sat, 10AM-Noon, Closed Fridays, Holidays, & when school is closed for inclement weather.  
**FoodPantry Chairperson:** John Mihalko  
**May's Pantry Need:** all cereals(dry, instant)  
**WPClothing Bank:** M,T & Sat, 10AM-Noon  
**The Mobile Food Truck** is at Fairgrounds the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**A guide was created to Meals on Wheels** for seniors, covering what the program is, how to sign up, and what types of meals are offered. Please feel free to take a look: <https://www.retireguide.com/retirement-life-leisure/senior-housing/aging-in-place/meals-on-wheels/>

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.

### Your Empty Bottles and Cans With Deposit Returns help fund

The CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick's Youth Activities. They can be deposited in the bin at our Whitney Point Church parking lot. Thank you for your support.

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



**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.



**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.

**This Week In Our Parish**

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES (apologies for the error)  
**Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** 6:30PM - CCSS-SP's Parish Council Mtg.-WP Church Hall  
**Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** 9:30AM - Women In Faith Meeting-Whitney Point Church Hall  
**Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** 9:00AM - Communion Service - Whitney Point Church  
7:00PM - Adoration - Whitney Point Church



**Women of Faith Group**

We 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, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Reading 1 - Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9**

Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.

**Reading 2 - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

**Gospel - John 3:16-18**

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

*Adults: How could God's mercy and love for the world be revealed through you this week?*

*Children: Do you know anyone who is sick or feeling badly and with whom you could visit?*



**A Family Perspective**

As the Father "sent his son into the world" so parents send their children into the world "so that the world might be saved." This is the missionary role of the Christian family. Your family is a school where your children develop convictions which enable them to make a difference in the world.



**Vocation View:**

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.." The great work of Salvation is still unfolding in each and every heart of the world. As the Father sent His Son into the world, so we are sent to others. Who may be waiting for you to bring them the Good News of salvation? Call Fr. Jason Hage (315) 470-1468, or write: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org).



Thank you to those who donated in remembrance of our loved ones with the Memorial Day Envelopes in your boxed sets that will go to help upkeep maintenance at our St. Patrick's Cemetery in Whitney Point.

*In Memory Of.....* Duckett Family, Orzel Family,

Harold & Dorthy Bateman, George & Kathleen Sculley, Roger Calice, Steve Verfuss, Donald Bensley, Joseph Cahill, Eugene Nichols, Robert McMahon, Ralph Canfield, Sr., Paul Wheaton, Frank Mayer, Frank Passery

**Power and Purpose Conference**

Come and experience the Holy Spirit's power and healing at the **Power and Purpose Conference on June 9-11.** *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.* 2 Timothy 1:7

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](http://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc)

OR contact Don Barry at

607-423-6584 for more information.



Church Council Meeting

**CCSS-SP's Parish Council Meeting**

is tomorrow evening, June 5th, 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 [dongirl1956@aol.com](mailto:dongirl1956@aol.com)



**The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of June**

in our Whitney Pt Church is *In Memory Of:*

**Helmut Melzer & Daina Freimanis**

by Vella Melzer

in our Marathon Church is

*In Memory Of:* **Marge Carroll** by John Carroll



**Sanctuary Candles**

Months available in 2023 are, in Whitney Point: Sept and in Marathon: July-Oct & Dec.

**John Carroll** is recovering from a foot injury and is in rehab at Guthrie Cortland Nursing facility, 134 Homer Ave., Misty Glen, Room 3013B, Cortland. He can have visitors and would love to see people from the church.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**The Ecumenical Peace Garden**

The Peace Garden was installed in the spring of 2016 and has been a place for silent prayer, contemplation and remembering loved ones ever since. Now it is time for us to form a committee for the perpetual care of the Peace/Prayer garden, for not only the care and maintenance of the garden, but also for help with ordering bricks, monitoring the music system and balancing income and expense sheets on an excel spreadsheet. If anyone is interested, please contact either Ken or Sylvia Bates at 607-237-9762 or 607-743-6317. Soon the music will be playing in the garden again when we correct a small glitch in the sound system. We will also begin accepting new applications for engraved bricks this weekend and you will notice that the price has increased to \$60 for a brick with no symbols and \$65 for a brick with a symbol. This is due to the increased cost and shipping of engraved bricks, but each brick is laser cut and carries a lifetime guarantee.

Applications are available on the table in the vestibule or by contacting Mary Wied at the parish office, 607-692-3911.

**WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE:** Today we celebrate a mystery—the mystery that is the Most Holy Trinity, three Persons yet one God. The Trinity exists in perfect communion and community as Father, Son and Spirit. God doesn't just give perfect love—God is Love, and that love reveals itself in the relationship of Father, Son and Spirit. Your challenge this week is to make the connection between love and justice. As Pope Benedict wrote in Caritas in Veritate, "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace. It is a force that has its origin in God, Eternal Love and Absolute Truth." Reflect this week on the following questions (as individuals and as families): "How does God's love for us compel us to take action to fight injustice? Who needs our love the most this week—in the family, in our community, and in our world? How can we share our love? Is it through service, advocacy, financial support or something else?" Select one way of living justice through the lens of love—and do it!"