A black and white illustration of a chalice with three lit candles on a table with bread. The chalice is in the center, with three candles on either side. The bread is on the table in front of the chalice. The background is white.

“Whoever
eats my flesh
and drinks my
blood has
eternal life...”

**Catholic Community Of St. Stephen - St. Patrick
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi
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Rev. James Serowik, Administrator

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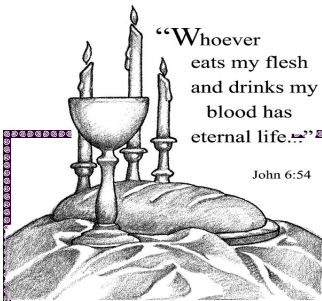
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Following Monday's 6:00PM Mass with Fr. Jim.

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.



Pastor's Column

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ or Corpus Christi in Latin. How wonderful it is for us to celebrate this feast as we are in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival in our country. The Eucharist, according to the Second Vatican Council, "is the source and summit of all Catholic Life." The Eucharist is at the heart of the Church. As we receive the Eucharist, we receive the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is not a symbol, but the actual presence of Jesus Christ. What a great gift this is to all of us. We actually receive the Real Presence of Jesus Christ every time we receive the Eucharist. I think that many of us do not actually stop and think about this great gift that we receive. Our God actually comes into our hearts every time we receive Holy Communion. Let us take some time this week to reflect upon this great gift that God gives us!

This Sunday we will resume the sharing of the cup of the Precious Blood of Jesus in Communion. While Both the Host and Precious Blood contain the full Real Presence of our Lord Jesus, the reception of the precious blood is a fuller symbol of the reality that we receive. We now have the OPTION of receiving the Host and sharing the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus. What a great gift this is for us.

I mentioned that our country is in the midst of the Eucharistic Revival. The Bishops of New York State are inviting all of us to participate in a Eucharistic Pilgrimage to Auriesville, NY on October 21-22. I am looking into securing a bus for October 21 to take anyone for this special day. This day will include talks on the Eucharist, a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dolan and a Eucharistic Procession. Make your plans now to attend this special day. To reserve a spot on this bus, please call the Parish Office. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!

Fr. Jim



Creation Care Tips:

"He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted." —Deuteronomy 8:3

We have access to more varieties of food than ever before in human history, but the processing, packaging, and transportation of many of them are unsustainable.

This week, seek out a farmer's market to buy locally grown and in-season fruits, vegetables, and snacks. The "wrapper" that a peach or cherries come in (their skin) won't pollute the environment, and no energy was used to process them into something different than what they started as. Stock your snack shelf with any colorful, beautiful fruits, vegetables, or nuts that appeal to you instead of buying pre-packaged, processed snacks this week.

Weekly Stewardship Report:
Last Sunday, June 4, 2023
Regular Collection:
 Envs: \$1,355. Loose: \$798.25
 Electronic: \$145.Total: **\$2,298.25**
Thank you for your generosity!

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:
 SchSubPymt: \$1,165. RecExp: \$116.
 Ch&RecGrnds: \$55. Ph/Int: \$233.
 RelStip: \$200. Salaries: \$1,000.
 ➔ **Bills Paid This Week: \$2,769.**



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



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

The Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart | Sacred Art - Do you have a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus? Deepen your devotion by listening to this discussion of sacred art pieces depicting the heart of Christ.
Saint Anthony of Padua | Lukas Storyteller - Don't worry about your children being exposed to unwholesome television content anymore! In this fun, family-friendly series, your children will learn important lessons, such as the value of honesty.
Saint Anthony: Miracle Worker of Padua - This beautiful Italian film depicts the life of St. Anthony of Padua, including his preaching, his love for the poor, and the wonders of his miracles. It will doubtless help you cultivate devotion to this beloved saint.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
 701 W. Main Street in Endicott is hosting the **Southern Tier Catholic Men Fellowship Breakfast** on Saturday, June 17th, 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 or Cell to text: (607)759-9270 for registration by Wednesday, June 14th.

Registration is Open for 2023 - 2024

Discover what educational advantage **"The St Mary's Experience"** could mean for your child... St Mary's is a Regional Catholic Elementary School in Cortland, NY. SMS is open to ALL faiths. Pre-K through Grade 6. Tuition assistance, student activities, foreign language, before/after school, bus transportation, hot lunch service, physical education, computer technology, sports, library, art and music are offered! Visit the school and talk with teachers. Learn more about curriculum and programs. Call for an appointment Monday through Friday, 8 AM - 2 PM, 607-756-5614. Register online at: www.smscortland.org.



The Knights of Columbus Council 206 are proud to announce the return of our Father's Day Breakfast June 18, 2023 from 8 am to Noon.

The breakfast will be held at Saints John and Andrew church hall, Vestal Ave., Binghamton. The menu includes our world famous Belgium waffles, French toast, sausage, eggs and more. Adult breakfast is \$12 and breakfast for children under 10 is \$5. Proceeds to benefit Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Binghamton.

Divine Treasures

Remember us when looking for that special gift for your family and friends. We have lots of items for Baptism, Birthday and Thank-you gifts! We are located at St Anthony's & St Mary's Parish Center, N. Main St., Cortland, and are open Monday - Thursday from 9 AM to 3 PM or by appointment if those hours don't work for you. Call Sue at 607-423-5871 or message us on Facebook.

CCSS-SP's Monthly 50/50

The few April 50/50 envelopes were combined with May's. There were 23 participants and the winners were Garret & Joyce Van De Weert, winning \$57.50. Congratulations! Thank you to all who participate in our monthly 50/50. Proceeds are split between winner and our parish's Capital Building Fund. For those who don't have boxed sets of contribution envelopes, there are extra 50/50 ones at the entrances of our churches. Cost is \$5.00 per envelope. Good luck for this month!



Summer THRIVE Event at

Our Lady of Good Counsel, 701 W. Main St., Endicott on Friday, August 18th, 6:30-8:00PM. Evening of Praise & Worship with Jeremy Bobak and the THRIVE Band. Special Eucharistic Revival Message
 Food, Fun & Fellowship on the patio to follow. All ages are welcome!

Contact: Tori Reynolds, Evangelization Coordinator, treynolds@syrdio.org or (607) 748-7417.

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 1st. For those intentions scheduled and already paid for, the increase will not apply.

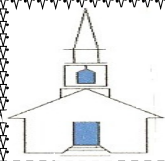
John Carroll is recovering from a foot infection and is in rehab at Guthrie Cortland Nursing facility, 134 Homer Ave., Misty Glen, Room 3013B, Cortland. He can have visitors and would love to see people from the church.



Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:

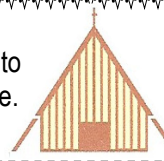
Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, Major Joy Thomas, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Sgt Heather Fox, Major John Thomas, Daniel Morehouse USMC, LCDR Paul McDonald, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF, LCDR Maria Lescord, SSgt Dan Votra USMC, SSG Steven Gross, SSG 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. 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.ccsssp.com



Our face book page: www.facebook.com/ccsssp

Parish Council

Chairperson - Shelley Warnow, dongirl1956@aol.com
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Secretary - Sue Stevens
Trustees - Kathy Cusick, Ron Orzel
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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, June 11 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point for **Alice Mesceda...** by CCSS-SP's Hospitality
10:15 AM Marathon...for
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Salvu & Maria Buttigieg & Family** by Josephine Kellogg
for **James Drury & Theodore Hain...** by Jean Drury
Monday, June 12 **6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**
Thursday, June 15 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...**Communion Service**
Sunday, June 18 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **All Deceased Fathers**
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Joe Vega...** by his daughters, **Hope & Mary**
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Joe Auberger...** by Ellie Auberger
for **James Drury & Theodore Hain...** by Jean Drury
Healing Mass for Fr. Doug, Healing Mass for Fr. Corey by Sharon Massar



Readings for June 11 through June 18, 2023:

Today: Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58
Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1,3-6; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8



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.



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.

Whitney Point

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

Marathon

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



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

WP Ecumenical Food Pantry: M-Th & Sat, 10AM-Noon, Closed Fridays, Holidays, & when school is closed for inclement weather.
FoodPantry Chairperson: John Mihalko
June's Pantry Need: baby needs & 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



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.



RetireGuide 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/>

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

This Week In Our Parish

Thursday, June 15th 9:00AM - **Communion Service** - Whitney Point Church

7:00PM - **Adoration** - Whitney Point Church

Saturday, June 17th 8:00AM - **Catholic Men of Faith Mtg.**-Whitney Pt Hall

Sunday, June 18th **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

Corpus Christi - "Eat my flesh, [Jesus] says, and drink my blood.' The Lord supplies us with these intimate nutrients, he delivers over his flesh and pours out his blood, and nothing is lacking for the growth of his children.' ~St. Clement of Alexandria

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion
Reading 1 - Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
 Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

Reading 2 - 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
 Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ

Gospel - John 6:51-58
 Jesus says, "I am the living bread."
Adults: *What does it mean for you right now to be bread for others as Jesus was?*
Children: *In what ways can Jesus' presence in the Eucharist help you do good things for others?*



Please keep your thoughts and prayers with our High School Seniors that will be graduating this month.

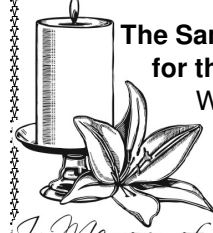


We're Proud of You!

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, June 17th.**



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 Memory of... 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: Aug - Oct & Dec.



Sanctuary Plaque

Did you notice the

plaque inside the side entrance to the church in Whitney Point?

It was purchased several years ago to help finance improvements/changes in the sanctuary of the church. If you would like to donate \$100 in the memory of a loved one a gold plate will be inscribed and added to the plaque.

The money will be used when we need to purchase items for the sanctuary.

Please contact Mary at the office, 692-3911, if you would like more information or to make a donation.

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

➔ Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.



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.

A Family Perspective
Parenting is a Eucharistic activity because from the first moment of conception children consume us, our flesh, blood, energy, time and resources. If we don't sacrifice ourselves, our children would not have life. This is the priesthood of parenting. Christ is present in this selfsacrifice.



Vocation View: "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Most Holy Eucharist brings life into the world, to each of our lives. May more young men respond to the commission to bring Christ to others through the Blessed Sacrament.

Are you being called to serve at the Altar as another Christ? Call Fr. Jason Hage

(315)470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

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.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is a powerful reminder of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We celebrate the gift of the Eucharist, the sacrament in which each of us is nourished and sent forth. This day reminds us that we don't do things on our own power – but from strength gained from the Eucharist. Before Jesus died, he asked his disciples if they could drink from the cup. He was asking if they were willing to endure what might come if they chose to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, heal the sick and blind and set captives free. They said YES. The Body and Blood of Jesus is a gift to us, yet it is a challenge too. Ask yourself this week, "How does the Eucharist nourish and strengthen me? How am I being sent like the disciples? To whom am I being sent?" Reflect on how you have responded to these questions in the past. What will your response be from now on?