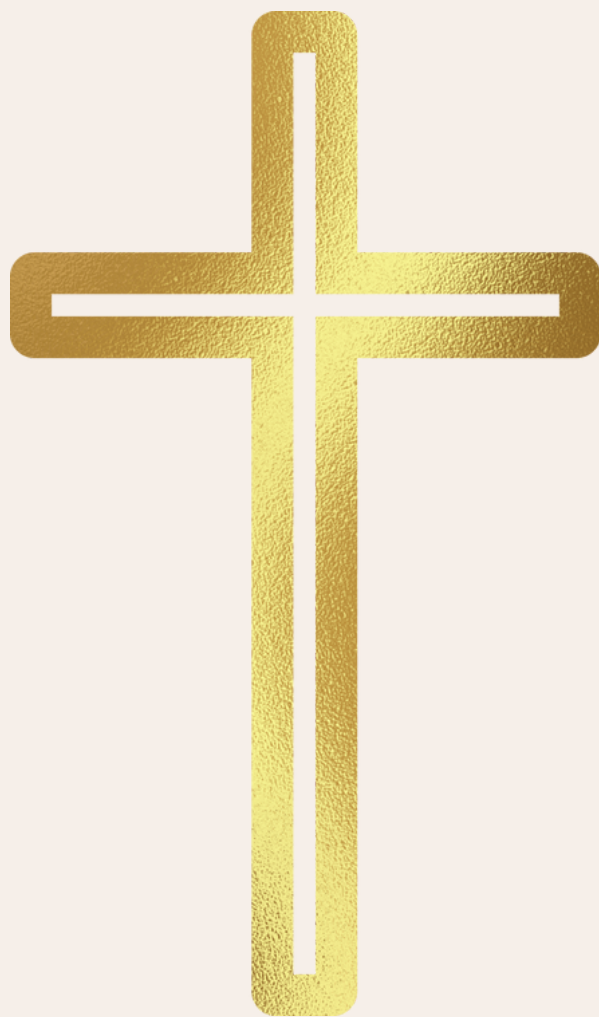


# MISSION APPEAL

WITH FR. JOSEPH DOMFEH



Catholic Community Of St. Stephen - St. Patrick  
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 25, 2023

**Rev. James Serowik, Administrator**

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Website: [www.ccsssp.com](http://www.ccsssp.com)

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

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

**Pastor's Column**



This weekend many of our high school seniors are celebrating their graduation from high school. This is a time of great joy and celebration. It is a time for you to reflect with gratitude upon all that you have accomplished and to look ahead with hope to a bright future. It is a time to dream and to look forward to all that life has in store for you. Our God has been with you as you have journeyed through your lives and will continue to be with you in the future. This gives us much confidence in the midst of life's uncertainty and challenges. As we congratulate you and celebrate all that you have accomplished, I invite you to look with gratitude on all that the Lord has done in your lives and invite you to continue to ask Him to be a part of all that is in store for you in the future. Congratulations and remember that your parish family is always here for you!  
**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

Fr. Jim



**Creation Care Tips:**

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.”

—Matthew 10:29

God doesn't lose sight of any of his winged creations. How often do you really notice and appreciate birds?

This week explore the website <https://www.birds.cornell.edu> to learn how you can support bird life in your area.

Then spend some time looking for and enjoying the birds in your neighborhood.

**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.



**Communion Service**

Our parish Communion Service is **at 9:00AM** on **Thursday mornings**, at our Whitney Point Church. Everyone is welcome to join us to share in prayer, reflection and receiving Communion.

**Weekly Stewardship Report:**  
**Last Sunday, June 18, 2023**  
**Regular Collection:**  
 Envs: \$1,300. Loose: \$503.  
 Electronic: \$145. ....Total: \$1,948.  
 Other Income: Cemetery-\$30.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:  
 Utilities: \$331. Altar: \$312.  
 RelStip: \$200. Salaries: \$1,000.  
 → Bills Paid This Week: \$1,843.  
 Thank you for your generosity!



During **July** we are collecting **potatoes & 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.

**Peter's Pence** - Next Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanietro.va/en.html).



**Adoration**- Unfortunately, due to lack of participation we will not have Adoration on Thursday evenings effective immediately. Hopefully it will be considered again in future if interest or availability for people changes. The Immaculate Conception Church at 1180 State Highway 206 in Greene has Adoration every first Friday of the month, 12:00-1:00PM.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

**St. Josemaria Escriva | Catholic Saints** - Called "the saint of ordinary life" by

Pope John Paul II, St. Josemaria Escriva centered his ministry around a simple truth: each person can experience the extraordinary grace of holiness even in the ordinary events of day-to-day life.

**St. Junípero Serra: A Man of God, A Mission of Love** - In this documentary, learn about Father Serra's heroic missionary activity to Indigenous peoples in 18th-century North America.

**Saint Irenaeus of Lyons | Catholic Saints** - In this episode of FORMED Now, Dr. John Sehorn and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this second-century Church Father, explaining his importance to the history of Christianity and his title, the "Doctor of Unity."

**The Northern Broome Senior Center**

is located at 12 Strongs Place in Whitney Point. The senior center is opened Monday through Friday (9am - 3pm) for in person dining and a variety of activities.



The Northern Broome Senior Center currently offers:

- In person dining: a hot lunch is served every day at noon.

Advanced reservations are required for the meal program. To reserve your meal call: 607-692-3405. For the current meal menu and list of activities please review the latest edition of: [Senior News](#).

If you would like to receive the Senior News by mail, please call 607-778-2411.

- Activities: the Northern Broome Senior Center offers a variety of activities such as Bingo, quilting, sunrise yoga, shuffleboard, chair yoga and other health & wellness options.

The senior center has an exercise equipment room available for daily use. For the current list of activities and classes please review the latest edition of: [Senior News](#).

You can contact the Northern Broome Senior Center by calling 607-692-3405.

**TOTUS TUUS 2023**- Don't miss out on the coolest catholic week for kids this **Summer at Totus Tuus**, sign up today!!

Our Lady of Sorrows church is hosting a regional summer camp for all ages, July 23rd to 28th . This program is young adult lead with amazing games, fun, inspirational talks, lessons on our Catholic Faith, prayer time, living the sacraments, spreading the Gospel message, and so much more!

The "day program" is for first through sixth graders from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, Monday through Friday. The discounted cost of the day program is \$45 per child or \$90 per family, with scholarships available as needed.

The "evening program" is for students entering 7th through 12th grade, Sunday through Thursday, 7:00PM to 9:00PM each night, for only \$20, including a fun night out at CK'sters (Chucksters).

For more information or to register visit [www.olsvestal.org](http://www.olsvestal.org).



**Summer THRIVE Event at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 701 W. Main St., Endicott on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>. For those intentions scheduled and already paid for, the increase will not apply.

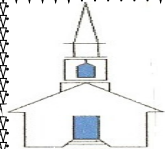


**Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:** Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2<sup>nd</sup>Lt. Trevor Jones,

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

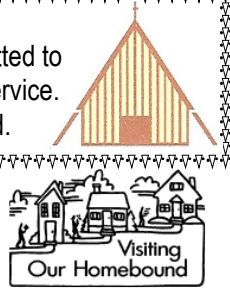
**If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, OR for any changes, please contact our parish office.**





### 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/ccssp](http://www.facebook.com/ccssp)

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

#### 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)

#### Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, June 25  
**8:30 AM** Whitney Point for **Elsie Zelsnack**...by Elsie Poyer  
for **John Halloran, Jr.**...by The Family  
**10:15 AM** Marathon for **Joe Vega, Birthday** by his daughters, **Hope & Mary**  
for **Mary & Warren Lynch** by Garret & Joyce Van De Weert  
**12:00 PM** OLPH...for **Mary Cook**...by Theresa & Doug Murray  
for **James Drury & Theodore Hain**...by Jean Drury  
Monday, June 26  
**6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**  
Thursday, June 29  
**9:00 AM** Whitney Point...**Communion Service**  
Sunday, July 02  
**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 **Patsy Fedele**...by Pat & Terri Fedele  
for **Morgan Ricca Lucente**...by Pat & Terri Fedele



#### Readings for June 25 through July 02, 2023:

**Today:** Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33  
**Monday:** Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5  
**Tuesday:** Gn 13:2,5-18; Mt 7:6,12-14  
**Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12,17-18; Mt 7:15-20  
**Thurs:** Acts 12:1-11,2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18;Mt 16:13-19  
**Friday:** Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22; Mt 8:1-4  
**Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17  
**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16a; Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42



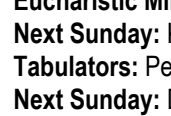
#### Your Empty Bottles and Cans With Deposit Returns help fund

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).

#### 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.



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

#### Whitney Point

**Greeters:** Cathy Cummings, Pat Tredo  
**Next Sunday:** Earl Markham, Cris Broderick  
**Lector:** Ron Orzel  
**Next Sunday:** Ingrid Jordak

#### Marathon

McEvoy Family  
Don Atwood, Bob Barry  
Shelley Warnow  
Carol Niggli  
Eric Barry, Cindy Barry  
Shelley Warnow, Kathy Cusick  
Mark Barry, Volunteer  
Mark Barry, Volunteer

**June Ushers:** John & Kim McCrory  
July: B. Barry, D. Atwood



**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/>

**This Week In Our Parish**

**Today, June 25<sup>th</sup> Mission Appeal w/Fr. Joseph Domfeh at all 3 Masses**

**Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM - Communion Service - Whitney Pt Church**

**Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00AM - CMOF Mtg. - Whitney Pt. Church Hall**



Copies of the new book by Bishop Robert Barron, **This is My Body. A Call to Eucharistic Revival,** are available for you to take home and read.

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

**Reading 1 - Jeremiah 20:10-13**  
Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

**Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 69:8-10,14,17,33-35**  
God responds to the prayers of those in need.


**Reading 2 - Romans 5:12-15**  
Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

**Gospel - Matthew 10:26-33**  
Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.


**Adults: When have you faltered or looked back during your journey of faith?**

**Children: What can you do to be a stronger follower of Jesus this week?**

**A Family Perspective**

 Jesus says "Do not be afraid" three times in today's gospel and reminds us "all concealed secrets will be revealed."

Do not be afraid to acknowledge problems in your family. If they remain "hidden in darkness" they will "destroy body and soul." Healing, understanding, and hope are found only "in the light" of openness. "Do not be afraid."

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

**WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE:** There is much in our neighborhoods and communities that needs attention: parks and streets, homes and businesses. Our bishops challenge us as Catholics to care for God's creation and to be good stewards of all we have been given. Make a list of things in your community that you are thankful for. Take time to volunteer with something on the list or to thank those who make it possible for you to enjoy the place you call home. Be a good steward to ensure that those who come after you have the same things to enjoy!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**our Parish's High School Seniors  
that are graduating this weekend:**

*Samuel Castellot Victor Gofkowski  
Conor Holland Eli Hoyt Lana Jordan  
Lillian Penrose Grace Russell  
Ariana Silva Sarah Somers*

**God Bless You All and May The Holy Spirit  
Keep Guiding You Down Your New Path In Life!**



**We're Proud of You!**

Today, June 25<sup>th</sup>, we welcome **Fr. Joseph Domfeh**, from the Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana, West Africa, who will speak on behalf of his Mission Appeal. Please welcome him and listen to his appeal with generous hearts. There will be a second collection taken for this appeal. If donating by check, please make payable to our parish and total funds collected will be forwarded to the Pontifical Mission Societies Office at the Diocese of Syracuse who will forward accordingly. Last Sunday's insert explains the needs of this mission appeal.



**Mission Needs**

**Sanctuary Candles**-Please call the parish office if interested in having the sanctuary candle in memory of a loved one.

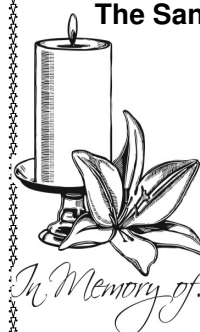
Cost is \$20.00 for the month. Months available in 2023 are, in Whitney Point: Sept and in Marathon: Sept, Oct & Dec.

**St. Mary Recycle Mission Group**

and we have been working with Catholic churches, Convents, Schools, The Knights of Columbus, and other organizations, as well as with Parishioners who have things at home in helping rescue and recycle used Religious items that are no longer needed. Please see flyers on our bulletin boards for examples for their collection.(Please No Religious Books/ Reading Books/Story Books or Pamphlets /Magazines /DVD's or VHS Tapes or Wax Candles)

→ We will be in your area for pick ups the weeks of July 24th. Please consider cleaning out your closets and bring in religious items from your home to recycle. Please call our parish office and arrangements will be made to get your donations. Please contact or bring in items no later than July 20<sup>th</sup>.

→ Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.



**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



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**The Ecumenical Peace Garden**

Applications for engraved peace bricks in memory of a loved one are available on the table in the vestibule or by contacting Mary Wied at the parish office, 607-692-3911.

If anyone has any questions, please contact either Ken or Sylvia Bates at 607-237-9762 or 607-743-6317.

**The Catholic Men of Faith** is an organization of men from our three parishes that meet twice a month, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, July 2nd.**



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