

Whoever Receives You Receives Me, And  
Whoever Receives Me Receives The One  
Who Sent Me.



Catholic Community Of St. Stephen - St. Patrick  
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 2, 2023

**Rev. James Serowik, Administrator**

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

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.



And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones... he will certainly not lose his reward.  
Matthew 10:42

**Pastor's Column**

In this weekend's Scripture Readings we see how God can use the simplest of things to accomplish His purpose. We see how God uses a widow to take care of His servant Elisha the prophet. We see Jesus telling His disciples that anyone who gives even a cup of cold water to someone in need will be rewarded. Really?

Even a thing that seems to be as small as a cup of cold water? God takes all the seemingly insignificant acts of love and care in our lives and is able to transform them into building blocks for His Kingdom. Too many times we think that God uses the huge and daunting moments of our lives to make His presence felt. The opposite is true. Very often, God uses the ordinary, seemingly small moments of our lives to make His loving presence and Kingdom present in our midst. Let us as the Lord to open our eyes to recognize this simple truth this week. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Fr. Jim



**Creation Care Tips:**

Plastic Free July® is a global movement to help people be part of the solution to plastic pollution so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities.

Will you be part of Plastic Free July?

Take the plastic free quiz [Pesky Plastics Quiz Tool \(thinkfieldpanel.com.au\)](http://thinkfieldpanel.com.au) to become aware of how much plastic you use and how you might eliminate some of it.

One simple idea:

Bringing or borrowing a reusable coffee cup to dine-in at your local café or meeting. Keeping a reusable cup in your reusable kit, car, bag, or at your desk means it will always be within arms-reach if the coffee urge strikes.

**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.



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**Weekly Stewardship Report:**  
**Last Sunday, June 25, 2023**  
**Regular Collection:**  
 Envs: \$1,790. Loose: \$620.  
 Electronic: \$1,110. ....Total: \$3,520.  
 Diocesan: MissionAppeal-\$1,590.

*Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:*  
 Office: \$115. SchSubPymt: \$1,165.  
 ChR&M: \$165. Salaries: \$1,000.  
 ➔ Bills Paid This Week: \$2,445.  
**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.

Thank you for the generous response to last Sunday's Missionary Appeal with Fr. Joseph Domfeh for the Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana, West Africa. These funds get forwarded to our Diocese of Syracuse who will forward to the proper Mission Appeal office.

**Peter's Pence** - Today, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please put your gift envelopes in with the regular collection. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

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

**Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth**-Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.

**The Resurrection of Jesus: Luke 24 | The Bible Project** - Luke's video wraps up his depiction of Jesus of Nazareth. The disciples find an empty tomb, leading to a life-altering encounter with the risen Jesus. This marks the climax of Jesus' mission to establish the kingdom of God, and sets the stage for its continuation in Luke's Acts.

**The Annie Moses Show - Salute To America** - The Annie Moses Show "Salute To America" honors the past and looks to the future with eyes of faith! Featuring world-champion yodeler, Don Derby, a Mark Twain Broadway blowout, and up-and-coming virtuosos from across the fruited plain.

**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 No. 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 them by calling 607-692-3405.

**The 10th Hour: Bishop's Vocation Picnic** - Please save the date for the Bishop's Vocations Picnic that will take place at Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse on Thursday, July 20th from 4 - 8 PM. The Tenth Hour is an evening of dinner, conversation, prayer, and discernment with our bishops, priests, seminarians and religious sisters from the Diocese of Syracuse. This is a great follow-up for young people who responded to the vocation altar call at the Steubenville Youth Conference. Jeremy Bobak will be leading us in Praise & Worship! Please pre-register by Sunday, July 16th by using the Safe Environment registration links found on the homepage of our website, [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org).

**Family, Faith, and Fun Day, August 20**

Looking for ways to entertain the family this summer? Join us for a free event filled with family, faith, and fun! The day starts off with Mass at 9:30AM, followed by a magic show, arts and crafts, games, and food trucks, including ice cream! This event will take place rain or shine at Christ the King Retreat House, 500 Brookford Rd., Syracuse. Please note that anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

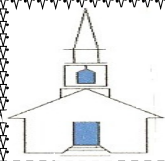
Registration is required and can be done at: <https://bit.ly/3ph3mEt>.  
 Questions? Call CTK at 315-446-2680.

**Become a Medical Foster Home Caregiver For Veterans** -The Syracuse VA is looking for compassionate caregivers to provide a safe home-like environment for Veterans as a nursing home alternative. Care for the Veteran would be provided in your home with support from the VA and our medical Home Care Team. Caregivers must have prior caregiving experience (formal or informal) and have compassion and motivation to provide 24/7 supervision and care to Veterans placed in their home.

For more information contact Syracuse VA Medical Foster Home Coordinator at 315-425-4000, Ext. 51086 or Syracuse VA Medical Foster Home Program Assistant at 315-425-4400, Ext. 51087



**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)  
**ViceChair** - 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, July 02 **8:30 AM** Whitney Pt **Healing Mass for Brandi Johnson** by Mary Sculley  
**Healing Mass for Larry Ruffo** by Jim & Pat Dean  
**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  
Monday, July 03 **NO MASS**  
Thursday, July 06 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...**Communion Service**  
Sunday, July 09 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Steve Hanzlik, Birthday** by Dorothy Hanzlik  
for **Gabriel & Mary DeSantis** by Loretta Husner  
**10:15 AM** Marathon...for **Frances Parshall** by Kathy, Terry & Jim Cusick  
**12:00 PM** OLPH...for **Michael & Josephine Buttigieg,**  
for **Buttigieg Family**...by Josephine Kellogg



#### Readings for July 02 through 09, 2023:

**Today: 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16a; Rom 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42**  
**Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29**  
**Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27**  
**Wednesday: Gn 21:5;8:20a; Mt 8:28-34**  
**Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8**  
**Friday: Gn 23:1-4,19,24:1-8,62-67; Mt 9:9-13**  
**Saturday: Gn 27:1-5,15-29; Mt 9:14-17**  
**Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9,11-13; Mt 11:25-30**



**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.



**Whitney Point**  
**Greeters:** Earl Markham, Cris Broderick  
**Next Sunday:** Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker  
**Lector:** Ingrid Jordak  
**Next Sunday:** Marcus Stevens  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** K. Bensley, I. Wennerod, J. Mihalko  
**Next Sunday:** Peg Orzel, C. Shoemaker, Emily Jordan  
**Tabulators:** Dick & Kathy Bensley  
**Next Sunday:** Ron & Jan Orzel

**Marathon**  
Don Atwood, Bob Barry  
Kathleen Allen, Colleen Brown  
Carol Niggli  
Terrie Atwood  
Shelley Warnow, Kathy Cusick  
Cindy Barry, Karen Standish  
Mark Barry, Volunteer  
Karen Standish, Wayne Niggli  
**July Ushers:** Bob Barry, Don Atwood

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).

**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 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



**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**


**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Office, WP Food Pantry/Clothing Bank Closed**

**Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM - Communion Service - Whitney Pt Church**

**Great Things Are Happening!**

**Eucharistic Revival**

Our world is hurting.

 **THE EUCHARIST** We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Get involved and be a part of the Eucharistic Revival. Visit these websites for more information: [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) and [nyseucharisticcongress.org](http://nyseucharisticcongress.org).

**As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the bishops of the State of New York are hosting a state-wide Eucharistic Congress October 20th-22nd at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs in Auriesville, New York.**



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.

**Devotions to St. Ann**

*The Church of the Holy Trinity, 346 Prospect St. Binghamton* is once again offering our annual devotions to St. Ann, July 24, 25, 26. The schedule is as follows:  
July 24: 7pm – Vespers .  
July 25: 7PM –Exposition, Adoration and Benciction of the Holy Eucharist,  
July 26: 7pm - Solemn Mass of St. Ann, followed by a reception in our hall.

We will pray the Angelus to begin each evening and veneration of the relic of St. Ann will take place at the end. For more information, please call the parish office at 724-1372. The church is both handicapped accessible and air-conditioned.

**Whole Community Catechesis**

**Readings and Questions for Discussion**

**Reading 1 - 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a**

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

**Responsorial Psalm-Psalm 89:2-3,16-19**

Sing God's praises forever.

**Reading 2 - Romans 6:3-4,8-11**

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

**Gospel - Matthew 10:37-42**

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

**Adults & Children: How is God asking me to sacrifice my will today? Whom can I help carry their cross in an act of Christian solidarity?**



**A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share especially to the "lowly ones."

What has been freely given needs to be shared freely. No strings attached.



**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).

**Soothe Your Soul**

Did you know St Mary's Marian Chapel, N. Main St., Cortland, is open daily from 8 AM to 7 PM for personal prayer? A visit will renew and refresh your being. Stay for a while or stop in for a short prayer. Let God's Peace envelope you each and every day of the week.

**Marathon Food Pantry**

Our Whitney Point and Marathon Churches will take up a second collection on Sunday, July 16th, to help fund the Marathon Food Pantry. The Marathon Food Pantry operates out of the Civic Building in Marathon on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00PM. The pantry is "client choice" allowing the person to take only what they need and what their family will use.

→We also offer Food Sense, an opportunity to stretch your food budget with quality food and a discount price. Check out their face book page or call Mary Bliss at 607-849-3246 or 607-423-8768 and if you have questions regarding the donation of specific items. Stop by and check us out. Thank you, *The Crew at the Marathon Food Pantry.*

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

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

**Joe Sculley** by Mary Sculley

in our Marathon Church is *In Memory Of:*

**Garret & Ella Van De Weert**

**Mary & Warren Lynch**

by Garret & Joyce Van De Weert



**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 Marathon: Sept, Oct & Dec.

**John Carroll** is still recovering at Guthrie Cortland Rehab,134 Homer Ave., Misty Glen, Room 3013B, Cortland. He can have visitors and would love to see people from the church.

**WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE:** We mark Independence Day every July to celebrate our freedom as a democratic nation. We honor the creation of the Declaration of Independence, which describes the equality of all people and their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Your challenge this week is to celebrate human rights, but to also ask yourselves—as individuals and as families—how much you uphold these rights. Do you vote? Do you study the positions of candidates so you can vote with an informed conscience? Do you advocate with your state and national legislature for bills which defend the human rights of all God's people?



**The Ecumenical Peace Garden**

Applications for engraved peace bricks in memory or 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.