

**Catholic Community Of St. Stephen - St. Patrick**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 9, 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.

*"Come to me, all you who  
are weary  
and burdened,  
and I will  
give you rest."*

*Matthew 11:28*

**Pastor's Column**

In this weekend's Gospel we hear Jesus offering each of us an invitation. In the midst of the busyness of our lives, in the midst of life's trials and troubles, Jesus invites us to "come to him." He invites us to come to Him so that He can give us rest. Summertime is an excellent opportunity for us to slow down our lives and to spend some time with

our Lord Jesus. Maybe we can begin by spending ten minutes a day with our Lord Jesus. We can simply talk to Him like we would talk to a good friend and share with Him whatever is on our heart for the day. We can simply tell Him all the needs that we have or the people that we are concerned about and ask Him to take care of the situations. Today is a great day to begin this process.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!

Fr. Jim



**Creation Care Tips:**

Keep an empty, clean coffee mug in your car or your bike pannier so that you can get your coffee in a re-usable cup rather than a disposable one. Bring a mug from home when you're headed to a cafe to meet a friend.

Compostable coffee cups are a second-best option, but they don't often make it to a composting facility and are sent to the landfill anyway.

**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.

**Check Out the Diocese Online:** Facebook: [www.facebook.com/DioceseOfSyracuse](http://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfSyracuse)  
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**Keep the Bottles Coming, please.** Thank you so much for your generous support of our recyclable can and bottle collection. The money is going towards the cost of our parish youth activities. Special thanks to Ted Champney who continues to take the bottles for redemption in all kinds of weather!!!





**Weekly Stewardship Report:**  
**Last Sunday, July 02, 2023**  
**Regular Collection:**  
 Envs: \$2,320. Loose: \$324.  
 Electronic: \$145. ....Total: **\$2,789.**  
 Diocesan: Peter's Pence-\$212. Other: Hosp-\$33. *Thank you for your generosity!*

*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.**



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** - Thank you for your generous support in last Sunday's Peter's Pence Collection. As a parish we collected \$212.00. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

**Respirator & Surgical Masks** are available at the entrances of our churches for parishioners to take. These masks are especially helpful for the forest fire smoke we've been having in our area. These are free of charge from Fr. Thomas.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

**The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1 - Where did death come from?**

What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.

**Saint Benedict** - Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.

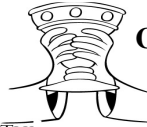
**St. Kateri Tekakwitha** - Listen to this powerful audiodrama to learn more about the holy life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint. Her heroic endurance and courage in following Christ despite ridicule offer a model for all Christians today.

**Men In Black Softball Game**

Please save the date for our MIB Softball Game that will be hosted by Spirit of Hope Catholic Community in Oneida and will take place on Sunday, July 23rd at 5:30 PM at St. Helena's Church in Sherrill, NY. No RSVP is necessary to attend. Come out and enjoy a great summer night with our bishop, priests and seminarians.

**Family, Faith, and Fun Day, Sunday, 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 at: <https://bit.ly/3ph3mEt>. Questions? Call CTK at 315-446-2680.



**Great Things Are Happening! Eucharistic Revival**

Our world is hurting. 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.*



**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.

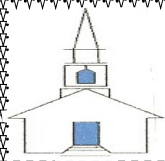
**Become a Medical Foster Home Caregiver For Veterans** -The Syracuse VA is looking for compassionate caregivers to provide a safe home-like environment for Veterans as a nursing home alternative. Care for the Veteran would be provided in your home with support from the VA and our medical Home Care Team. 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

**June's 50/50** was won by Dennis & Jackie Wright, winning \$42.50. Congratulations! Thank you to all who participate, proceeds are split between winner and our parish's Capital Building Fund. There are extra 50/50 envelopes at the entrances of our churches. Cost is \$5.00 per envelope.



**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

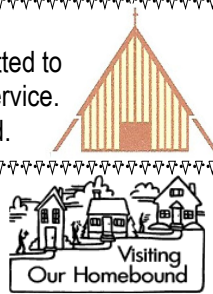
**If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, OR for any changes, please contact our parish office.**



## 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)  
**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 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** and  
for **Buttigieg Family**...by Josephine Kellogg  
Monday, July 10 **6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**  
Thursday, July 13 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...**Communion Service**  
Sunday, July 16 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Joe Sculley, Anniv.** ...by Mary Sculley  
for **Andrew Ruffo**...by Jim & Pat Dean  
**10:15 AM** Marathon...for **The People Of Our Parish**  
**12:00 PM** OLPH...for **Mary Cook**...by Theresa & Doug Murray



### Readings for July 09 through 16, 2023:

**Today:** Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9,11-13; Mt 11:25-30  
**Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26  
**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38  
**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a; Mt 10:1-7  
**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15  
**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7,28-30; Mt 10:16-23  
**Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33  
**Sunday:** Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23



### 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.

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.



### Whitney Point

**Greeters:** Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker  
**Next Sunday:** Cathy Cummings, Pat Tredo  
**Lector:** Marcus Stevens  
**Next Sunday:** Joe McDonald  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Peg Orzel, C. Shoemaker, Emily Jordan  
**Next Sunday:** I. Wennerod, J. Mihalko, S. McDonald  
**Tabulators:** Ron & Jan Orzel  
**Next Sunday:** Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

### Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Colleen Brown  
Don Atwood, Bob Barry  
Terrie Atwood  
John Ewanciw  
Cindy Barry, Karen Standish  
Eric Barry, Shelley Warnow  
Karen Standish, Wayne Niggli  
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**July Ushers:** Bob Barry, Don Atwood

**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**

**Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM - Communion Service - Whitney Pt Church**

**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM - Catholic Men of Faith Mtg. - WP Ch Hall**

**Whole Community Catechesis**

**Readings and Questions for Discussion**

**Reading 1 - Zechariah 9:9-10**

The Lord shall come to reign in Zion.

**Reading 2 - Romans 8:9, 11-13**

Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh.

**Gospel - Matthew 11:25-30**

Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

**Adults:** *When has Jesus refreshed you when you felt burdened by problems?*

**Children:** *What burden do you need Jesus to help you carry?*



**A Family Perspective**

Just as Jesus received a mission today, parents accept the mission of raising a family. Parents are not alone in this exhausting and difficult mission. Today Jesus tells us "Come to me and I will give your rest."

**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.

**Church Yard Sale at Christian Fellowship Church, 2081 River St., Lisle (next to old Community Garden) Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> & Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

If you have any items you would like to donate for this sale please drop off items at front or back doorway of church and someone will check every day. If you have any questions please contact Jane Nohle at 607-692-3080.

**WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE:** July 14th is the feast day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the patron of the environment and ecology. She was from an Algonquin tribe that had been hit with a small pox epidemic which took the lives of her family. As a teenager, she was introduced to Scripture by missionaries and she was baptized. She led a very prayerful life devoted to the Eucharist and to serving others. Some in her tribe ridiculed her and she endured great suffering for her faith. Yet she never wavered in her beliefs. Your justice challenge this week is to take a step out in faith like Kateri, talk with a friend or someone in your family about your faith. Share what is important to you about it and then encourage those you talk with to do the same. You may be laughed at or ridiculed, or even surprised by a warm reception. Whatever the response, thank God in prayer for the opportunities you have to bring the good news to others and continue to be a living witness of your faith.

**Marathon Food Pantry**

Our Whitney Point and Marathon Churches will take up a second collection next 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 Memory of...* in our Marathon Church is *In Memory Of:* **Garret & Ella Van De Weert** by Garret & Joyce Van De Weert  
**Mary & Warren Lynch** by Garret & Joyce Van De Weert

**Sacristan for our Marathon Church -** We are in need of another Sacristan at our Marathon Church. You will be shown what needs to be done in setting up for Masses and turns are taken monthly. If you are interested please contact our parish office. Thank you for stepping up for this ministry position needed.



Today, July 9<sup>th</sup>, we recognize our high school graduates at the 8:30am Mass at

Whitney Point. Our prayers are with you as you begin your new journeys in life, guided by the Holy Spirit. God Bless You All!

**Feast Day of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. July 14<sup>th</sup>**

St. Kateri was a Native American woman and descendant of the Mohawk and Algonquin tribes of Central New York. Mohawk, Choctaw, Algonquin, Navajo, Ojibwa, and other tribes refer to her as "Princess of the Eucharist" because of her deep devotion to the Eucharist.

Looking for a family outing? Visit the National Shrine of St. Kateri in Fonda, NY. Candle Chapel, outdoor sanctuary, and hiking trails are open year-round, dawn to dusk, weather permitting.



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 Benediction 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.



**The Good Shepherd 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.