

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

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

It was the summer of 1973. I had just received my BFA degree, and I headed west to the Rosebud Reservation. It is the home of the Indigenous Brule/Lakota People in South Dakota. I will teach Art at St. Francis Indian School, Sciangu Oyte Ho, Inc. Having already been there three previous summers, I was excited to actually stay for a while to become more involved and integrated into the life and culture of a people I grew to love, and still do. This time, I would live in a house that would provide a homey setting for some high school girls along with another sister from a different community. It became a difficult situation as we, (the sister and I) had differing opinions and ways to "run" the household regarding rules and regulations. My room in a rather unfinished basement was my refuge. I recall crying, begging God to help me make sense of what I was doing there. As *Psalm 97* prays, *Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live...*, I opened scripture to what is today's first reading and also Solomon's prayer for wisdom. In that I found peace and direction not only for that moment, but for years ahead, a lifetime in ministry. Have you ever found yourself in a situation when you just begged God for clarity? Life can be like a fisherman who throws a net into the sea and retrieves all kinds of things besides the good fish. It is for us to sort, discern and figure out the mess with God's help. With faith in the Word of God, *We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.* I have had a rich life of listening to the Spirit and moving from ministry to ministry, as an itinerant Franciscan while seeking the treasure that I would give everything to hold. I did find a treasure in a field. Rather symbolic. It was an eagle feather! I still have this feather for 50+ years now. Have you ever found something that is symbolic of your love and life? Perhaps a ring, a pearl, or a simple shell washed up on shore? The treasure, the Love that one holds, is one we are to let go of and give only to have it returned a hundred fold! The whole field, a string of pearls, a beach filled with gifts from the sea are given in return.

Earlier in Matthew's Gospel we hear, *Where your treasure lies, there will your heart also be.* Look deep into your heart and there you will find the Kingdom of God. There you find Jesus who reigns and knows your deepest desires, with the treasures that are so precious to sustain you for a lifetime. Fill in the blanks! No wrong answers!

My treasure is _____!

The Kingdom of Heaven is like _____!

Daily Reflection by Candice Tucci, OSF




Creation Care Tips: What policies does your local government have in place to reduce plastic use? Consider writing a letter or email, or speaking at a city council meeting to encourage passing policies limiting plastic waste such as plastic straws. See <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/category/local-government/> for more ideas.

Weekly Stewardship Report:
Last Sunday, July 23, 2023
Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,505.
Loose: \$290. Electronic: \$120.
Total: \$1,915. Other: MemSanc-\$20.
..... MarathonFoodPantry: \$150.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:
ChMain: \$441. Ph/Int: \$163.
RecExp:\$5. RelStip: \$100.
Sal.: \$1,000. Total Paid: \$1,709.
Thank you for your generosity!




SAVE THE DATE:
 Our parish picnic will be on Sunday, September 10th at the North Pavilion at Dorchester. We will gather for Mass at our Whitney Point church. More details to follow. We hope to see everyone there.

 Thank you for the potatoes & cereal donations this month. During **August** we are collecting spaghetti sauce & cereal for the Whitney Pt 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.

Marathon Food Pantry
 Thank you to all who donated for the Marathon Food Pantry. To date we've collected **\$530**. This will be forwarded to them this coming week.

Care & Concern Cards for Sharon Barry can be sent to 11 Mara Lane, Marathon, NY 13803



WP Food Pantry-We have had a request for gluten free products. If you are able to donate these to the pantry please leave them in the labeled baskets or drop off during pantry hours. Thank you!



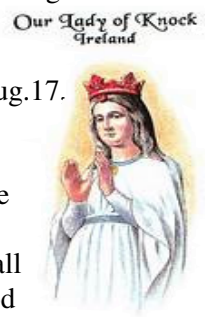
We have a parish subscription to Formed.org. Enter our parish name and search for the titles.

→ **Ignatius of Loyola** - This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.
 → **Stations of the Cross** by *Saint Alphonsus Liguori* - The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.
 → **Saint John Vianney | Catholic Saints** - Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Arns and patron saint of parish priests.

Great Things Are Happening!
Eucharistic Revival
 Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are **THE EUCHARIST** 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. For more information, visit: eucharisticrevival.org and 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, NY.*



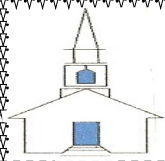
Join us for the 2023 Knock Novena at St. Patrick's Church, 9 Leroy St., Binghamton. Novena prayers will conclude each of the regularly scheduled masses from August 14-22. On August 16, 18, and 21, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during the 7PM Novena Service. There will be special masses at 7PM on the Solemnity of the Assumption, Aug. 15, the Feast of Our Lady of Knock, Aug. 17, and the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary, Aug. 22. After the Mass on August 17th, there will be an ice cream social to celebrate the feast. We are excited to have visiting preachers from around the diocese for these evening liturgies. On the evening of August 21, 1879, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist on the gable wall of the parish church in Knock. Alongside the three saints, the Lamb of God stood on an altar surrounded by choirs of angels. The people of the village knelt in awe for two hours in the pouring rain praying their rosaries. Devotion to Our Lady of Knock has grown since the approval of this apparition and is celebrated each year with a novena from August 14th-August 22nd, beginning on the Vigil of the Assumption and concluding on the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary. The faithful are encouraged to attend Mass and pray the Rosary during the days of the Novena. Visit www.sta-sp.org/knock-novena for more information. → Fr. Corey Van Kuren will be at the Monday, August 14th Mass.



Who knew you could use stick figures to learn Salvation History! St. Margaret's Church, 14 Copeland Ave., Homer will be holding a unique and fun 7-week Fall workshop called, **"SALVATION HISTORY IN STICK FIGURES"** It will run on successive Tuesdays from September 5th to October 17th. Class times are from 6:30PM to 8PM. The workshop is facilitated by Fr. Dennis Walker and Deacon Dan Reynolds. Please email Deacon Dan at dreynolds@syrdio.org to sign up. All participants may want to bring a notebook & pen.

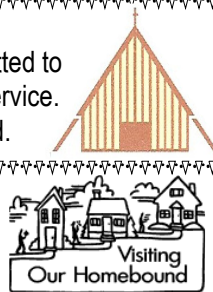


Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, Major Joy Thomas, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major 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, 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. 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



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

Parish Council

Chairperson - Shelley Warnow, dongirl1956@aol.com
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PARISH STAFF

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Church Organist/Music Director - Jennifer Austin
Maintenance - (Please call parish office w/maintenance concerns)

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, July 30 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Peter Tobis**...by Vella Melzer
for **Paul Fusco**...by Bob & Joanne Livermore
Monday, July 31 **6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**
Thursday, Aug. 03 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...**Communion Service**
Sunday, Aug. 06 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Jack & Jane Cook**...by Loretta Husner
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Marge Carroll**...by John Carroll
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Marianne Konka**...by Ellie Auberger
for **Mary Cook**...by Theresa & Doug Murray



Readings for July 30 through Aug. 6, 2023:

Today: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
Monday: Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1,8-17; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9



Mass Intention Offerings The offering for all Mass intentions (both living and deceased) has been increased to \$15 per Mass, effective July 1st. If paying by check, please make payable to: CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church.



Whitney Point


Greeters: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker
Next Sunday: Cathy Cummings, Pat Tredo
Lector: Ron Orzel
Next Sunday: Marcus Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Orzel, J. Mihalko, K. Bensley
Next Sunday: K. Bensley, P. Orzel, C. Shoemaker
Tabulators: Dick & Kathy Bensley
Next Sunday: Ron & Jan Orzel

Marathon

No Mass
Kathleen Allen, Bob Barry
No Mass
Shelley Warnow
No Mass
Cindy Barry, Kathy Cusick
No Mass
Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw
Aug Ushers: Wayne Niggli, Tony Zelsnack

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

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



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

If you have any questions about the current ministry schedule please contact Justin VanTassel at 607-343-9577 or jvantassel@gmail.com. If you would like to be added as a minister please call the parish office.

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.

 **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/>

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.

This Week In Our Parish

Tuesday, Aug. 1st 9:30AM Women In Faith Mtg. - Whitney Pt. Church Hall

Thursday, Aug. 3rd 9:00AM - Communion Service - Whitney Pt 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, August 1st.

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1 - 1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Reading 2 - Romans 8:28-30
God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel - Matthew 13:44-52
(shorter form: Matthew 13:44-46) Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Adults: *What would you be willing to "sell", or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?*

Children: *What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?*



A Family Perspective

The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are once again able to offer Children's Liturgy during the 8:30AM Mass. Children between 3 years of age and those going into 2nd grade are welcome. Please encourage your child(ren) to participate. It helps your child understand the readings.

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 and able please contact our parish office. Thank you for stepping up for this ministry position needed.



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

Mary & Warren Lynch

by Garret & Joyce Van De Weert



The Northern Broome Senior Center

is located at 12 Strongs Place in Whitney Pt. 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.



Vocation View: We hear in the Gospel today of a person finding a "pearl of great price" and then going to sell everything he has to buy it. The great pearl is a metaphor for the kingdom of God. Priests and consecrated religious give their life completely over in service to God and His people because they recognize God is the most important person in their life. Do you feel called to completely give your life over to God and His people? If so, call Fr. Jason Hage (315)470-1468, or write: vocations@syrдио.org.

Feast of the Assumption



Tuesday, August 15th
6:00PM Mass at
St. Stephen's Church,
Marathon
Note: No Mass on
Monday, August 14th.

Formation for Ministry/Deacon Formation Information Session

Sunday, August 13, 1:00-3:30PM at Immaculate Conception, Fayetteville

Learn how Formation for Ministry and the process of becoming a deacon can help you answer God's call to serve the church. This session will include an overview of FFM from 1-2PM and an overview of deacon formation from 2-3:30PM. Formation for Ministry is a prerequisite for applying to the permanent diaconate. Those interested in the permanent diaconate who are married should attend with their wives. Call 315-470-1479 to register or for more information.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: Family reunions happen a lot during the summer months. You may have seen signs or notices in parks where families have reserved space to come together to catch up on news, share family stories and food and to celebrate their heritage. When we take time to nurture relationships and to support and celebrate our families, it is a blessing. Our families are the first places we learn about faith and what it means to be a part of God's family. There are some things we know about being a part of God's family: we must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give drink to those who thirst and visit those in prison. Our families help us do this good work. How has your family been a witness to you of being Christ in the world?

BINGO PRIZES - Please support **Bridgewater Nursing Home** in their effort to provide Bingo prizes for their residents. Puzzle and coloring books, snacks, craft projects, jewelry etc. are greatly appreciated. Next Sunday will be our last collection day. Thank you for supporting our outreach.



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.