



The Transfiguration of Jesus

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

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.



Pastor's Column

He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

Matthew 17:2, ESV

While many of us are still upset about the amount of money agreed to in the settlement with the victims of the Sexual Abuse Crisis, the amount of money pales in the light of the pain and damage that was inflicted upon the members of our Catholic Community. We are all called to continue to keep the victims in prayer and ask God for healing for them.

While the financial contribution to the settlement will be a challenge and difficult for our parish family, our focus needs to be upon the victims and their healing. The Diocese of Syracuse has worked to implement changes to insure that the abuse never happens again. We have made a strong commitment to the protection of all God's People and we are all called to work to protect God's People and the most vulnerable among us. I would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during this difficult time for the Church.

Our Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 10th, at Dorchester Park. We will have ONE MASS that day at St. Patrick's Church in Whitney Point at 11:00AM. This is always a wonderful event for our parish family to get together and to enjoy a late summer day. Mark your calendars now for this special day. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!

Fr. Jim



Creation Care Tips: On this feast day, when we remember how Jesus' seemingly normal human body was transfigured into dazzling white, honor it by transforming what some might see as trash or waste into something life-giving. Repurpose something you normally throw away into something useful in your home. Or start a compost bin, letting your fruit and vegetable scraps decompose into soil-building organic material. Search online for "how to start a compost bin" for hundreds of ideas of what can work for your home.

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 Pt Church. Everyone is welcome to join us to share in prayer, reflection & receiving Communion.

Weekly Stewardship Report:
Last Sunday, July 30, 2023
Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,080.
Loose: \$349. Electronic: \$1,135.
Total: \$2,564. Other: Votives-\$38.
Diocesan: Peter's Pence \$20.

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:
ChMain: \$35. Grounds: \$150.
Office: \$115. Utilities: \$264.
Sal.: \$1,000. Total Paid: \$1,564.
Thank you for your generosity!



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.

Retirement Fund for Religious - You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next Sunday, August 13th. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously. There are extra gift envelopes at the entrances of our churches.

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 for your continual support.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber - This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.

Clare and Francis - This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.

The Transfiguration | Sacred Art - Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.



Summer THRIVE

Event at

Our Lady of Good Counsel
701 W. Main St., Endicott

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.

CCSS-SP's Human Development

If you are aware of local individuals or families who are in need of food or clothes please remind them of our Food Pantry and Clothing Bank. If they have emergency financial needs (utility shutoff notices etc.) please have them contact our church office and a member of Human Development will reach out to them.

Care & Concern Cards for Sharon Barry can be sent to

11 Mara Lane
 Marathon, NY 13803



Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry:



Project Rachel Ministry
Post-abortion Help

Shame hurts. For many, the shame of abortion runs very deep. It eats away at your worth, your value, your very identity.

How did I do this awful thing?
 Can God ever forgive me?
 Can I ever forgive myself?

The answer is, yes. The Church loves you and wants you to know forgiveness. Confidentially contact Project Rachel at 855-364-0076 or

hopeandhealing@syrdio.org.

Our experienced team members are ready to walk with you on the journey to hope and healing. You are not alone. Let this be the nudge that moves you to seek the peace that passes all understanding. God loves you and is waiting for you.

I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. (Luke 15:7)

Great Things Are Happening!
Eucharistic Revival



THE EUCHARIST

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.

For more information, visit: eucharisticrevival.org and nyseucharisticcongress.org.

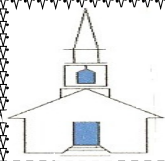
As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the bishops of the State of New York are hosting a state-wide Eucharistic Congress October 20th-22nd at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs in Auriesville, NY.



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

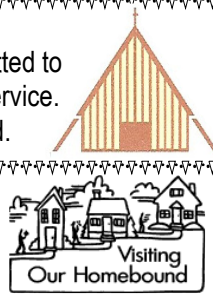
Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, Major Joy Thomas, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Sgt Heather Fox, Major John Thomas, Daniel Morehouse 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

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, 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
Monday, Aug. 07 **6:00 PM** Whitney Pt...for **Lynne Pratt Kurutz** by Robert & Susan Stevens
Thursday, Aug. 10 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...**Communion Service**
Sunday, Aug. 13 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...**Interntion for the End of Human Trafficing**
Healing Mass for Baby Wes by Mary Sculley
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Mike Reilly** by Don & Terrie Atwood
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Antonia Buttigieg** by Josephine Kellogg



Readings for August 6 through 13, 2023:

Today: Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a,34-35; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



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

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.




Whitney Point

Greeters: Cathy Cummings, Pat Tredo
Next Sunday: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick
Lector: Marcus Stevens
Next Sunday: Tom Nichols
Eucharistic Ministers: K. Bensley, P. Orzel, C. Shoemaker
Next Sunday: E. Jordan, I. Wennerod, J. Mihalko
Tabulators: Ron & Jan Orzel
Next Sunday: Dick & Kathy Bensley

Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Bob Barry
Don Atwood, Colleen Brown
Shelley Warnow
Carol Niggli
Cindy Barry, Kathy Cusick
Eric Barry, Karen Standish
Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw
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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.
FoodPantry 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>

 **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

Thursday, Aug. 10th 9:00AM - Communion Service - Whitney Pt Church

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1 - Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

The prophet Daniel describes his vision of one like the Son of Man who received dominion from God

Reading 2 - 2 Peter 1:16-19

Peter says that the voice heard from Heaven confirmed the truth of his testimony about Christ.

Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Adults & Children: Which self-interest of mine will I promise to put aside and what cross will I pledge to carry, transfiguring my life and my little part of the world?



A Family Perspective

At the Transfiguration the disciples saw a different side of Jesus. All of us have 'another side' which we reveal only to those we trust. A family is the sacred place where we can be transfigured to be our truest self.



Vocation View: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." Are you being called to help the Lord feed His people with the truth of His gospel as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be calling you to serve Him more closely, contact Fr. Jason Hage (315)470-1468, or write: vocations@syrдио.org.

BINGO PRIZES for

Bridgewater Nursing Home

Today is our last collection day.

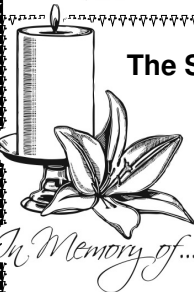
Thank you for supporting our outreach.



John Carroll is recuperating from additional surgery, in Cortland. Please keep him in your prayers.

CCSS-SP's 50/50 for July was won by Dick & Kathy Bensley, winning \$40.00. Congratulations! Thank you to all who participate. Proceeds are split between winner and our parish's Capital Building Fund account. There are extra 50/50 envelopes at the entrances of our churches.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: On August 7 and 9, we mark the bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima during World War II. Today we have nuclear weapons which are much more devastating than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan almost 70 years ago. Our U.S. Bishops have written courageously about nuclear war. Applying the Catholic Church's teaching about just war, which has evolved over the past two thousand years, the bishops have concluded that they cannot justify the use of nuclear weapons. Your challenge this week is to look at how you can contribute to a peaceful world so that the threat of nuclear war is made remote and unimaginable. How are you a peacemaker in your home? At school or at work? In your community? In how you engage in civic life? What is one thing you can do this week to make our world safer for everyone?



The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of August

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

Alice Mesceda

by Yvonne Austenfeld

in our Marathon Church is *In Memory Of:*

Joe Vega by daughters, Mary & Hope

CHURCH Picnic Our parish picnic for all three church locations will be on **Sunday, September 10th** at Dorchester Park. Be sure to save the date. More details will follow.

Intercessions for Life

May the Lord generously provide for the needs of mothers as they dedicate themselves to caring for their children; *We pray to the Lord:*

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life"

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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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are offering 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.

Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15th

6:00PM Mass at

St. Stephen's Church,

Marathon

Note: No Mass on

Monday, August 14th.



The Solemnity of the Assumption

celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory.

The Catechism explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974).



Vision/Question Box

Remember if you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed you can write them on the paper provided in both locations and place it in our vision box near the entrance to our church. Remember there is no concern too small. If you sign your name you will receive a private response. If you want to write an anonymous concern your response will be answered in the bulletin or as an announcement.

CCSS-SP's Catholic Men of Faith Group has been taking a break for the summer. They will resume next month.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD The Ecumenical Peace Garden

Music is once again playing in the Peace Garden and we are planning to send in an order for engraved bricks on Monday, August 21st. Applications are available on the table in the vestibule or by contacting Mary Wied at the parish office, 692-3911. If you have any questions, please contact either Ken or Sylvia Bates at 607-237-9762 or 607- 743-6317.