

Catholic Community Of
St. Stephen - St. Patrick
August 13, 2023



Rev. James Serowik, Administrator

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2023

P.O. Box 711
Whitney Point, New York 13862
(607) 692-3911 Fax: (607) 692-7171
Parish Halls: WP(607)692-3357
M(607)849-3630

Whitney Point: Monday-Thursday, 9AM-Noon

Email: ststephenstpat@syrdio.org
Website: www.ccssp.com

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

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Pastor's Column

I was informed last week that Mary Macauley, the mother of Fr. Thomas passed away in Africa. We send our prayerful support to Fr. Thomas and his family during this difficult time. Fr. Thomas will be leaving this week to go to Africa to celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial and to spend some time with his family. I would like to ask everyone to keep Fr. Thomas in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Our Parish Picnic is coming up quickly. On September 10 we will have our Parish Picnic at Dorchester Park. We will begin the day with Mass at 11:00AM at St. Patrick's Church followed by the picnic. The 11:00AM Mass at St. Patrick's will be the only mass in our parish that weekend. Make your plans now to attend this fun event.

In the First Reading this weekend from the Book of Kings, Elijah is told to prepare himself to meet the Lord. Elijah then experiences a great wind, a great earthquake and then a fire. God was not present in these great events. It was only in the quiet, gentle breeze that Elijah recognized God's presence. This teaches us the lesson that God comes to us in the silence and stillness of our lives. May we take some time in quiet to allow ourselves to experience His gentle presence in our lives.

This Tuesday is the Feast of the Assumption and a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass in our parish on Tuesday at 6:00PM in St. Stephen's Church in Marathon for this special day. Make your plans now to celebrate this special day.
HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Fr. Jim



Creation Care Tips:

As summer fruit comes into its abundance, do you or anyone you know have extra produce to share? If you can't eat all the apples on your tree or notice a fruit tree in your neighborhood laden with good fruit, inquire about picking it and donating it to a local food bank. If you can't harvest it yourself, inquire about local volunteer fruit gleaning groups who will come and harvest the fruit and give the excess to those in need. Inspired? Start a gleaning program in your own community.

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 & receiving Communion.

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.



Weekly Stewardship Report: *Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week:*

Stewardship Report **Last Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023**

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,520.	RelStip: \$100. Office: \$363. Dmpstr: \$33.
Loose: \$489. Electronic: \$120.	FuelOil: \$1,325. Ph/Int: \$254. RecExp: \$96.
Total: \$2,129. Other: Assump-\$25.	Tith: \$108. (Jamaica) Sal.: \$1,000. Total Pd: \$3,279.
Diocesan: RetireFundRel \$25.	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 - Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need - usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously. Please put your gift envelope in with the regular collection today. There are extra gift envelopes at the entrances of our churches.



Family, Faith and Fun Day
 Family, Faith and Fun Day is August 20th! This is a great way for families to have fun and grow in faith. The day will start with Mass at 9:30 AM followed by a magic show, arts and crafts, games and food trucks, including ice cream! This FREE event will take place rain or shine at Christ the King Retreat House, 500 Brookford Rd. in Syracuse. Families must register at <https://bit.ly/3ph3mEt>.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

We have a parish subscription to Formed.org. Enter our parish name and search for the titles.
Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe - After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.

A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: Assumption (Part 4 of 5) - What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma of the faith. **Saint Maximilian Kolbe** | Lukas Storyteller Inspired by the heroic life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Lukas helps his friends understand that they should always be grateful for what they have.

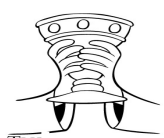
All at **The Good News Center, 10475 Cosby Manor Rd., Utica, NY**
 Please call Michele Jones at 315-735-6210 Monday – Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM or email us at info@thegoodnewscenter.org. to register for both in-person or virtual meetings for all 3 of these programs:

GRIEF SURVIVORS- A GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP-The only people who think there's a time limit for grief, have never lost a piece of their heart. Please join us for this **FREE** non-denominational support group for those suffering the loss of a loved one. Meets bi-weekly to help you face the difficulty associated with losing a loved one. For those who prefer to do so, the program is also being offered via Zoom. Meetings are every other Tuesday.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP *Find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce.* The Separated & Divorced group is here for you and led by people who have gone through it and know what you are dealing with. This **confidential** group is **FREE** and open to anyone trying to rebuild their life after the pain of a broken relationship. For those who prefer to do so, the program is being offered via Zoom. **Upcoming meetings are every other Sunday** (with some exceptions) from 5-7:00 PM.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP-Caring... it's not the hard part of caregiving. The GNC is hosting a **FREE** and open to the public monthly Caregiver Support Group, the third Monday of the month (except holidays) from 6-7:30 PM, facilitated by Susan Read, MS, RN. This group provides a source of emotional and social support and resources for those caring for a loved one. Our support group offers self-care strategies and tools to reduce stress and enhance coping. We welcome adults, spouses, family members or friends in the caregiver role to attend. For those who prefer to do so, the program is also being offered via Zoom.

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. 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.

Cards for John Carroll can be sent to 481 Nye Road Cortland, NY 13045.



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



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

Vice Chair - Dan Burke, 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

PARISH STAFF

Director of Faith Formation - Sherry Dee, 759-1876

Ministry Coordinator - Peg Orzel, porzel10@yahoo.com

Church Organist/Music Director - Jennifer Austin

Maintenance - (Please call parish office w/maintenance concerns)

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, Aug. 13 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point **Intention for the End of Human Trafficking**
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

Tuesday, Aug. 15 **6:00 PM** Marathon...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Thursday, Aug. 17 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...**Communion Service**

Sunday, Aug. 20 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Raymond Shorts** by Robert & Susan Stevens
10:15 AM Marathon...for **The People Of Our Parish**
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Jennie Ricca** by Pat & Terrie Fedele
 for **Theodore & Nora Hain** by Jean Drury



Readings for August 13 through 20, 2023:

Today: 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17 Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1,6-7; Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15:21-28



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: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick
Next Sunday: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker
Lector: Tom Nichols
Next Sunday: Ingrid Jordak

Marathon

Don Atwood, Colleen Brown
 McEvoy Family
 Carol Niggli
 Terrie Atwood
 Eric Barry, Karen Standish
 Cindy Barry, Shelley Warnow
 Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw
 Mark Barry, Volunteer

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. 17th 9:00AM - Communion Service - Whitney Pt Church

Saturday, Aug. 19th 11:00AM - Leia Conpropst Baptism-WP Church

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1 - 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a

The Lord appears to Elijah in a whisper.

Reading 2 - Romans 9:1-5

Paul speaks of the blessings that have come to the Israelites.

Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on water, and the disciples acknowledge him as the Son of God.

Adults: When have you doubted God's loving care for you?

Children: What helps you keep trying even when you are afraid?



A Family Perspective

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray."

When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel: "Lord, save me."



Vocation View: We hear in today's Gospel Jesus calling out for Peter to get out of the boat and walk to Him on the water. Do you feel called to leave what you are doing or what you have planned to follow God?

Peter had the courage to get out of the boat to walk to Jesus, do you have the courage to answer God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life? If so, contact Fr. Jason Hage (315)470-1468, or write: vocations@syrdio.org.

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

A HUGE Thanks

Thank you so very much for the Bingo prize items you contributed for Bridgewater Nursing Home and Rehab Center. We were able to donate several gifts for both men and women and such an awesome variety. Thank you for your generosity in reaching out to others through our Human Development Ministry.

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

A NEW VISION 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.

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE

For those grieving after a miscarriage: May they be comforted by God's everlasting love and His presence amidst their sorrow; *We pray to the Lord:*

Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **WELCOMED HOME**

Mary Macauley (Fr. Thomas' Mom) who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven. May she rest in peace.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

We will hold off Children's Liturgy until some time next month. Look in the bulletin for when it will resume for 3 year olds through 2nd graders. Please consider having your child(ren) participate. This is a great way for them to understand the Sunday readings.



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

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.

We will welcome **Leia Jacqueline Conpropst** to the Waters of Baptism on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at our Whitney Point Church. **Baptism Celebration** May she be blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit all the days of her life.



Our parish picnic for all three church locations will be on Sunday, September 10th

We will have Mass at 11:00 AM at our Whitney Point Church and then go to Dorchester Park for a wonderful day of good food, fun and fellowship with our church family. Our Hospitality Committee will provide the meat, drinks and place settings. Please bring a dish to pass.

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.



WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: On August 14 we celebrate the feast day of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe. He gave up his life in a concentration camp during World War II, offering to take the place of a father who was selected for the gas chamber. He was canonized a saint in 1982. Your challenge this week is to give up something on behalf of another person. It won't be your very life as it was for St. Maximilian, but it might be something you really like. Maybe you are called to give up television to help someone with their homework, or to sacrifice a meal in order to pray for a loved one suffering from cancer. It might be taking money you saved for a smart phone or tablet and donating it to people suffering from a hurricane or typhoon. What are you willing to give up for others?