



CCSSSP Church Bulletin

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

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Pastor's Column

I would like to thank Fr. Peter Tassini for all his help while Fr. Thomas Macauley is away. Fr. Peter was with our parish previously and we are blessed to have him with us again. It is my hope that we continue to keep Fr. Thomas in our thoughts and prayers while he is at home in Africa after the death of his mother.

The Hope Appeal is underway again in our diocese. This offers us the opportunity to support the many ministries of the Hope Appeal that our parish community would not be able to do alone. Whether it is Campus Ministry at many local colleges in our diocese or the many works of Catholic Charities, the Hope Appeal works to provide Christ's Presence to those who are in need. In a special way it supports the Diaconate Formation Program which John Mihalko is a part of in our diocese. We continue to pray for John as he continues his journey toward Diaconal Ordination in May.

In our Gospel this weekend we are told the parable of the generous owner of the vineyard. It doesn't seem fair that he pays everyone the same amount whether they worked an hour or all day. This parable is not about the workers, but rather, is about the generous owner. Let us pause sometime this week and thank our God for His generosity. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!

Fr. Jim

Creation Care Tips: "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard." —Matthew 20:1-2

Two thousand years after Jesus told this parable, the plight of day-laborers remains precarious.

Produce in America remains relatively cheap compared to other countries because much of it is grown and harvested by poorly paid immigrants, exposed to toxic pesticides daily without proper protection. Small farms and organic farms have a better track record of treating their workers—and the land—more justly than giant corporate farms. This week, shift some of your purchasing power to smaller growers and producers.

Saturday, September 30th is Priesthood Sunday!

On this day, we recognize and honor our priests for their lifelong dedication to the Lord, and all that they do for our parishes. Consider making a card or pray a rosary for your priest to show your gratitude for their vocation!

We are in need of more Greeters and Eucharistic Ministers at our Marathon Church. Please call our parish office if interested. Training will be provided.



Weekly Stewardship Report:

Last Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,670. Loose: \$419.

Electronic: \$120. Total: \$2,209.

Other: FForm-\$10. Rental-\$288. (WIC)

Because of your contributions, we were able to pay the following bills this week: CathSun: \$90.

RecR&M:\$27. RelStip:\$200.

Office: \$115. Salaries: \$1,000. Total Pd: \$1,432.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Respect Life Sunday

Next Sunday, October 1st, is the collection for **Respect Life**, which helps fund programming and resources for the diocesan offices of Respect Life Ministry, Social Action Ministry, Public Policy, and Disabilities Ministry. Please place your Respect Life envelope donation in with the regular collection.



October is Respect Life month.

2023 Hope Appeal You Strengthen the Fabric of Our Faith! All gifts graciously and gratefully accepted! Each gift brings us closer to our goal! It is our HOPE that you will choose to participate in the Annual Diocesan HOPE Appeal Campaign. With the participation of each and every parish family we should be able to meet our parish goal of \$ 18,174.00. We accept cash, checks and even credit cards. No cash now? You can make a pledge. The diocese will send you reminders later in the year to make payments. Simply fill out the form that you will be receiving in the mail or fill out a form from the pews at church and return them via the collection basket or by mail. You may also make a secure gift online at www.syrдио.org.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

Who Are the Angels? Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair

of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels.

What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels? St. Jerome | Catholic Saints An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

Who Are the Archangels? Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

National Life Chain - Since 1987,

Life Chains have taken place in hundreds of cities throughout the USA. This is a gathering for silent, peaceful prayer for the lives of the unborn. Join the Life Chain in Cortland October 1st from 2 - 3 PM at the intersections of Groton Ave and Main Streets. We will meet in the Key Bank parking lot at 1:45 PM. For more information contact Tom &

Formation for Ministry presents PROJECT COMPASSION

with Fr. Charles Vavonese and Dr. Paul Fiacco on Saturday, October 21st, from 9:00AM-3:00PM at Christ The King Church, Liverpool.

Workshop highlights Project Compassion, an initiative to provide support and resources to those who administer to individuals and families coping with serious illness, end of life moral and medical issues, grieving and loss. Fr. Vavonese, Director of Project Compassion, will review basic skills needed for pastoral care visits. Dr. Fiacco, Medical Director of Project Compassion, will give an overview of resources available on the Project Compassion website Cost: \$35.00/individual not enrolled in Formation for Ministry. \$90.00 for parish teams of three or more. Lunch will be served. Deadline to register is October 13th and if you are interested in going please call our parish office before registering so if we get 3 or more we can register together for discounted rate and carpool.

Great Things Are Happening! Eucharistic Revival

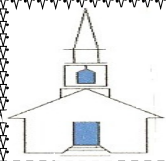
Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion 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.



Save the Date! The Syracuse Catholic Women's Commission invites all women to join them at the **Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, November 11** at the **OnCenter in Syracuse starting at 7:30 AM**. The theme this year is, *"Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done: Preparing for His Eucharistic Reign."* The event will include 3 renowned speakers, Mass with Bishop Lucia, confession, the rosary, Brown Scapular enrollment, Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and shopping. Cost is \$55 and includes plated lunch and refreshments. Bus transportation information will be forthcoming. Registration and more details can be found at www.syracusecatholicwomen.org/conference.
→ Table of 10 form gets discount and you can sit with your fellow parishioners.



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/ccssp

Parish Council

Chairperson - Shelley Warnow, dongirl1956@aol.com
ViceChair - Dan Burke, dburke1114@gmail.com
Secretary - Sue Stevens
Trustees - Kathy Cusick, Ron Orzel
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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, Sept. 24 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Joe Sculley** by Kathy Scott
 for **Elsie Zelsnack** by Elsie Poyer
10:15 AM Marathon for **Michael Joseph** by Marie Joseph
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Joe Auberger** by Ellie Auberger
 Monday, Sept. 25 **NO Mass**
 Thursday, Sept. 28 **No Communion Service**
 Sunday, Oct. 01 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point for **Venerina Mattia, Anniv.** by Nicoletta Masciarelli
 for **Thomas Bates** by Bob & Sue Stevens
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Marge Carroll** by John Carroll
12:00 PM OLPH...for **James Drury, Nora Hain** by Jean Drury



Readings for Sept. 24 through Oct. 1, 2023:
Today: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24,27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10,13-14; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; PHil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32



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.



Whitney Point

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

Marathon

Don Atwood, Bob Barry
Kathleen Allen, Colleen Brown
Shelley Warnow
Carol Niggli
Shelley Warnow, Kathy Cusick
Cindy Barry, Eric Barry
Don & Terrie Atwood
Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw
Sept. Ushers: Syd McEvoy, Bob Barry
Oct: Eric Barry, Bill McGovern

→ New Ministry Schedules will be for Oct., Nov. & Dec. Please call or email our parish office if you know dates you cannot serve. I will begin emailing and calling ministers also in case this message is missed. Thank you for serving in our parish.

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

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.

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.



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/>

→ If anyone notices any kind of church maintenance need from needing a bulb or battery for something, if something has fallen or is broken, to any major need, please call our parish office, so it can be taken care of asap.



Community Blood Drive on
Friday, September 29th, from
2:00-7:00PM at United Methodist
Church, 7311 Collins St.,
Whitney Point.

This Week In Our Parish

Tuesday, Sept. 26th 6:30PM - **RCIA Information Night** - Whitney Pt Church Hall
Thursday, Sept. 28th **NO Communion Service today**
 10:00AM - **CCSS-SP's Finance Committee Mtg.** - Parish Office
Sunday, Oct. 1st 9:20-11:00AM - **Faith Formation Classes** - Whitney Pt Church Hall

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1 - Isaiah 55:6-9

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

God is near to those who call upon him.

Reading 2 - Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

Adults: Which has deepened your faith more - being treated justly or being treated with love and care? Who needs you to treat them with care this week?

Children: When have you been very fair? When have you been very generous? Which felt better?



A Family Perspective

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.



The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of September

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

Lucie & Larry Frechette
by Jim & Pat Dean
in our Marathon Church
is *In Memory Of:* **Michael Joseph**
by Marie Joseph

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: This Sunday's Gospel challenges us to treat others as we want to be treated. The example which Jesus uses to illustrate this teaching is the one of debtors and forgiveness of debt. Throughout the Scriptures, we hear God challenging us to forgive debt and give people a second chance. Your challenge this week is to focus personally or globally on debt forgiveness. If you go the local route, ask yourself who most needs a second chance in your life. Whose "debt" can you forgive? If you want to meet the global challenge, ask who most needs a second chance, or a chance to start over, in the world. Is it victims of a natural disaster? Could it be those who have suffered from political persecution? Pay attention to what is happening in the world, then choose a group or individual in need of a second chance. How you can help them get it?



FAITH FORMATION NEWS:



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

RCIA is a process for becoming a fully initiated member of the Catholic Faith. It is for those who are seeking Baptism in the Catholic Faith, those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and now seek to be a member of the Catholic Faith, and for those who have been baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

There will be an RCIA Information Night on Tuesday, September 26th, 6:30PM at our Whitney Point Church, with our RCIA Director, Kathy Cusick.

KINSHIP CARE - Are you, or someone you know, raising your grandchildren, nieces, nephews or younger siblings? If so there is a group at the Whitney Point Schools that bring together other families like yours for support and connection. You can make new friends, learn about local resources, share information, experiences, ideas frustrations and joy! The group is called Raising Eagles.

For more information email:

jjurena@wpcsd.org or



Blessing of Animals - In Honor of St Francis Feast Day October 1st

at 1 PM St Anthony's Church, Pomeroy St., Cortland.

Divine Treasures will have pet medals for sale. Cost \$7.50 (includes tax)

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: Oct & Dec.

Rita Suma has gone to live with her daughter near Buffalo and her new address is: Rita Suma, c/o Karen Borst, 8873 Hammond Dr., Eden, NY 14057. We'll miss you, Rita. God Bless!

Consider coming to **Coffee Hour** after mass in Marathon to visit/meet fellow parishioners and visitors. Coffee, milk, juice, and baked goodies are there for your enjoyment. Free will offering.



Vocation View: "For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." We are not called to live for ourselves, but for the Lord. How is the Lord calling us to live? Is He calling us to live as His priest, deacon, or religious? Call Fr. Jason Hage (315)470-1468, or vocations@syrdio.org.

Please kindly pray for the repose of the souls of
WELCOMED HOME Ed Hunt & Frank Bianco, Sr.
 who have entered into the Kingdom of Heaven.
 May they rest in peace.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD The Ecumenical Peace Garden

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.