

**Catholic Community Of
St. Stephen - St. Patrick
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2023**

Rev. James Serowik, Pastor

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 01, 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 would like to welcome Fr. Tomas Macauley back to our St. Stephen-St. Patrick Parish Community. It is great to have him here back with us. I hope that he knows that he has been in our thoughts and prayers as he was attending the funeral of his mother. I would also like to thank Fr. Peter Tassini for all his help during the absence of Fr. Thomas. It is always good to see Fr. Peter back here again.

This past week I was attending the annual Clergy Conference for the Diocese of Syracuse. The theme of the conference was on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is good for us to reflect upon this great gift that God has given to His Church. It is important for us to realize that in this sacrament we encounter a loving and merciful God. That is the focus of this sacrament. When was the last time you met our Lord Jesus in this special way. The sacrament of Penance is offered every Monday evening before and after our 6:00 Mass.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Fr. Jim

Creation Care Tips:

Most of us are conscious of our use of paper and try to recycle it. What about other paper products, though, like paper towels and tissues? How can you reduce your use of those? Swap out paper towels with dishcloths or rags this week, and consider switching to handkerchiefs instead of using tissues to blow your nose.



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.



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

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

Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, Sept.24, 2023

Stewardship Report **Regular Collection: Envs: \$927. Loose: \$385.53 Electronic: \$145. Total: \$1,457.53**
Diocesan: CathUnivAmer-\$30. *Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

Respect Life Sunday

Today, 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.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Sacred Art - By studying Sacred Art, we fuel our

prayer and contemplation. In this episode, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Taylor Kemp to examine the theological nuances contained in Bartolome Murillo's depiction of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love - Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: **Mother Teresa of Calcutta.** - This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

National Life Chain - Since 1987, Life Chains have taken place in hundreds of cities through out 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 & Judy at 607-351-6688.

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.**



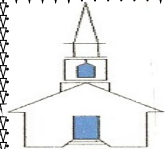
Great Things Are Happening! Eucharistic Revival

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.**

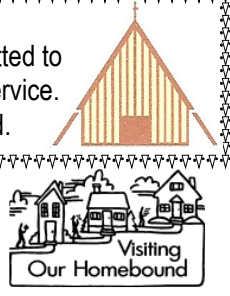


Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, Major Joy Thomas, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major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

Parish Council

Chairperson - Shelley Warnow, dongirl1956@aol.com
ViceChair - 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, 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
Monday, Oct. 02 **6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**
Thursday, Oct. 05 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point... **Communion Service**
Sunday, Oct. 08 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Margaret Pendell** by CCSS-SP's Hospitality
for **Ed Hunt**...by Mary Sculley
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Joe Vega**...by John & Sherry Ewanciw
12:00 PM OLPH...for **James Drury, Nora Hain**...by Jean Drury



Readings for Oct. 1 through Oct. 8, 2023:

Today: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5,10
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12,27-29; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



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: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker
Next Sunday: Cathy Cummings, Anne Clerkin
Lector: Ron Orzel
Next Sunday: John Mihalko
Eucharistic Ministers: Peg Orzel, Emily Jordan, Cathy Shoemaker
Next Sunday: Kathy Bensley, Ingrid Wennerod, Peg Orzel
Tabulators: Ron & Jan Orzel
Next Sunday: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Colleen Brown
Don Atwood, Bob Barry
Carol Niggli
John Ewanciw
Cindy Barry, Eric Barry
Kathy Cusick, Volunteer
Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw
Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw
Oct. Ushers: Jim Russell, 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.

This Week In Our Parish

Today, Oct. 1st 9:20-11:00AM - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney Pt Church Hall
Tuesday, Oct. 3rd 9:30AM - Women In Faith Meeting - Whitney Point Church Hall
 6:30PM - RCIA Meeting - Whitney Pt Church Hall
Thursday, Oct. 5th 9:00AM - Communion Service - Whitney Point Church
Friday, Oct. 6th 6:00PM - Holy Hour w/Dc. Tony - Whitney Point Church

**Welcome Home
Fr. Thomas!
We missed you!**



During **September** we are collecting **Jiffy Cornbread Mix & 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.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Faith Formation Classes today, October 1st

Parents are the Primary Catechists of their Children

“Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.” (USCCB.org)



A Family Perspective

In today's gospel

Jesus asked, “What is your opinion?” Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by “your opinion.”



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 Meeting on

Tuesday, October 3rd, 6:30PM at our Whitney Point Church, with our RCIA Director, Kathy Cusick.



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)

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.

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!



The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of October

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

Einer & Grace Erickson
by Ron & Jackie Burroughs

Individuals and families living in Broome County can sign-up for a Thanksgiving basket until October 13th, 2023 by calling the United Way 211 phone number (dial 2 1 1) from Monday -Friday 7:30AM to 4:30PM. For additional information please contact Hannah Burge at 607-729-9166.

Holy Hour

with Dc. Tony on Friday, October 6th, 6:00PM at our Whitney Point 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, October 3rd..

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

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: This Sunday's gospel focuses on the difference between words and actions. Jesus teaches us that promising to do something is meaningless when it is not backed by action. Your challenge this week is to reflect on a time when you resolved to do more to help the poor and vulnerable, but then got busy with everyday life and never got around to serving. Or think of a time when you were specifically asked to do something to help others, but said no. Then choose one action you thought of doing or previously turned down and just do it! You may find it so uplifting that you make a commitment to do it on a weekly or even monthly basis. The important thing is to act.



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.