



*Therefore, I Say To You, The Kingdom
Of God Will Be Taken Away From You
And Given To A People That Will
Produce Its Fruit*

Matthew 21:43

CCSSSP Church Bulletin

October 8, 2023

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Pastor's Column

This Sunday we celebrate Deacon Sunday. We give thanks to God for the gift that Deacon Tony is for our Parish Family. We thank Deacon Tony for the many sacrifices that he makes for our parish family. Deacon Tony freely gives of his time and talents for our parish and is an important part of our parish family. We also thank his wife Sue Ellen for all the sacrifices that she makes to enable Deacon Tony to minister in our parish. I would also like to invite everyone to pray for John Mihalko who will be ordained a deacon in May of this year. Let us also ask the Lord to open the hearts of many more men to serve our parish in this important ministry.

The Gospel this Sunday reminds us that we are tenants in the vineyard of the Lord and that we are called to give our Lord the fruit at harvest time. We all are called to make a return to God from the many gifts that He has entrusted to us. Let us take some time this week to look at the ways that we can better share God's many gifts with others. **HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

Fr. Jim

(We will have a picture of Dc. Tony from our church next week.)



Creation Care Tips:

“My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines.”
—Isaiah 5:1-2

Even in biblical times, wine was revered as a great gift from God. If you enjoy this gift, rather than choosing wine brought from a distant country, sending hundreds of kilograms of carbon into the atmosphere for each bottle, spend some time reading the labels on the wine bottles and choose to buy from wineries closer to 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.



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.

Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,885. Loose: \$452 Electronic: \$1,110. **Total: \$3,447.**

Diocesan: Resplife-\$127. WorldMiss-\$25. **Other Income:** Fuel-\$75. Hosp-\$25. Flowers-\$25.

Bills Paid Last 2Weeks: \$5,418. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Respect Life Sunday

Thank you to those who donated to the Respect Life Diocesan Collection last Sunday. We collected \$127.00.



October is Respect Life month.

CCSS-SP's 50/50 for September was won by Cathy Cummings, winning \$32.50.

Thank you to all who participate. Proceeds are split between winner and our parish's Capital Building Fund. There are extra 50/50 envelopes at the entrances of our churches.

2023 Hope Appeal You Strengthen the Fabric of Our Faith! The HOPE Appeal provides support for the immediate needs across the Diocese of Syracuse. Did you know your donation helps to support Campus Ministry Programs, Catechesis, Catholic Charities,

Catholic Schools, Catholic Sun and Catholic TV? All gifts graciously and gratefully accepted! Simply fill out the form that you received 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.syrdio.org. **Thank you to all those who have already donated!**

2023 Assessment: \$ 18,174.00

Pledges To Date: \$ 2,795.00

Balance Remaining: \$ 15,379.00



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

John XXIII: The Pope of Peace - This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth

through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.

Father Elijah: An Apocalypse by Michael D. O'Brien - This audiobook explores the state of the world and the faith through the story of Father Elijah, a Carmelite priest sent on a mission for the Vatican that leads to crises and conflicts ultimately affecting the fate of the Church.

Every Park Needs a Lark | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello - This episode of Benjamin Cello reveals that every part of creation has a purpose and brings beauty into the world.

CCSS-SP's next Parish Council Meeting is

tomorrow, October 9th, 6:30PM, at our Whitney Point Church Hall.

Parishioners are more than welcome to attend. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact our chairperson, Shelley Warnow, at donsgirl1956@aol.com



ST. STEPHEN'S/ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

meets on the third Tuesday of every month in our Whitney Pt Church Hall. **Our next meeting for October only is Wednesday, October 18th, 9:30AM, due to a conflict with use of church hall.** We invite young and older, male and female and from all three church locations to join us. All are welcome!



Safe Environment Re-Certification

Safe Environment trainings are mandatory for all employees and volunteers working with children in our parish and school. A completed training course and background check is required every five years to allow you to work and volunteer with children. A re-certification Safe Environment training will be held on Wednesday, November 8th at 6 PM at St Anthony's and St Mary's Parish Center, Cortland. To register go to the Syracuse Diocesan website at syracusediocese.org and follow the menu links under 'safe environment' or call 315-470-1421.

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 nyeucharisticcongress.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.

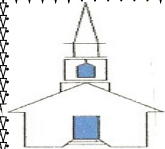
Save the Date! The Syracuse Catholic Women's Commission

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.**

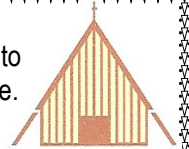


Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, Major Joy Thomas, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major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

Director of Faith Formation - Sherry Dee, 759-1876
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Maintenance - (Please call parish office w/maintenance concerns)

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

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
Monday, Oct. 09 **6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **Josephine McConnell** by CCSS-SP Church
Thursday, Oct. 12 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point... **Communion Service**
Sunday, Oct. 15 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Ann Ryan, 2nd Anniv.** by Ron & Jan Orzel
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Mary Macauley** by CCSS-SP's Hospitality
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Mary Macauley** by OLPH's Altar Rosary Society for **James Drury, Nora Hain**...by Jean Drury



Readings for Oct. 8 through Oct. 15, 2023:

Today: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14



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: Cathy Cummings, Anne Clerkin
Next Sunday: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick
Lector: John Mihalko
Next Sunday: Marcus Stevens

Marathon

Don Atwood, Bob Barry
Kathleen Allen, Colleen Brown
John Ewanciw
Rose Ann Holland
Kathy Cusick, Volunteer
Shelley Warnow, Cindy Barry
Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw
Mark Barry, Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, Ingrid Wennerod, Peg Orzel
Next Sunday: John Mihalko, Emily Jordan, Cathy Shoemaker
Tabulators: Dick & Kathy Bensley
Next Sunday: Ron & Jan Orzel

Oct. Ushers: Jim Russell, Bill McGovern

➔ **New Ministry Schedules for Oct., Nov. & Dec. are available in our church sacristies. Thank you for serving in our parish.**


➔➔➔ **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.

RCLA  **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.

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

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

Monday, Oct. 9th

6:30PM - Parish Council Meeting - Whitney Pt Church Hall

Thursday, Oct. 12th

9:00AM - Communion Service - Whitney Point Church



First Friday Holy Hour
with Fr. Tony. Our next one is Friday,
Nov. 3rd at St Stephen's Church.

**Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion**

Reading 1 - Isaiah 5:1-7

The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Reading 2 - Philippians 4:6-9

Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel - Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

Adults: What would your reaction be if you found that someone you thought you could trust was taking money from you without your knowledge? How would you handle the situation?

Children: What would you do if you found out that a friend had not been loyal to you?



A Family Perspective

Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying "cornerstone" where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.



Vocation View: In today's passage

Jesus relates his parable with scripture. "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?" Let the Lord become the cornerstone in your life. Let him overwhelm you with love and mercy. In that prayer ask the Lord if he is calling you to be a priest, deacon, or religious. Call Fr. Jason Hage (315)470-1468, or vocations@syrдио.org.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: On October 11 we honor Blessed John XXIII. This is the pope who shepherded the Second Vatican Council. He also wrote several encyclicals, one in his last year of life in which he focused on war and peace. In *Pacem in Terris* (or Peace on Earth), Pope John wrote that the root cause of war is people not getting the resources they need to live a life of dignity. We know that there are enough resources in the world to support all of God's people. But some have too much while others don't have the barest necessities of life. Your challenge this week is to ask yourselves (as individuals and households) if you have too much, if you over-use resources while people around the globe are starving or living in despair. If you answer yes to this question, choose one thing you have which you can donate to someone in need. Drop it off at the St. Vincent de Paul Society or a local shelter to take one step toward ensuring lasting peace in our world.

Hospitality Holiday Bazaar - Clean out your closets... what may be trash to you, may be someone else's treasure. Please begin saving items for our White Elephant Sale for our Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 18th, 8:30am-4pm. New or gently used Items (no clothes or baby items, please) can be brought to our Whitney Point Church Hall November 13th-17th, 9:00AM-3:00PM.

More details about bazaar in upcoming bulletins.



During October we are collecting Ramen noodles & Jello 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.



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

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.

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.

For those homebound, you can access our 8:30AM Sunday Mass:

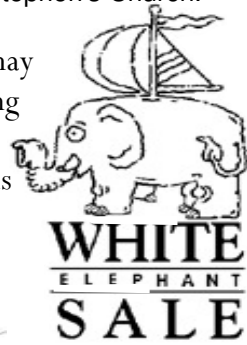
<https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>



THE GOOD SHEPHERD The Ecumenical Peace Garden

The order of engraved bricks that was placed at the end of August has arrived and we have placed them in the garden. If you have any questions, or would like them placed in a different spot, please contact either Ken or Sylvia Bates at 607-237-9762 or 607-743-6317.

We can place one more order for this year if we receive enough applications by October 21st. We have a few new symbols that the company has offered us (Celtic Cross, Cross with Music Notes wrapped around it and Wedding Rings that are intertwined). Applications are available in the vestibule or by contacting the Mary Wied at 607-692-3911.



Laundry Love

The Last Thursday

of each month the Whitney Pt. Methodist Church sponsors an evening where community members can go to the Laundry Mat on Main St. and wash their clothes for free. The members of the church donate quarters to pay for the laundry.

The use of this ministry has increased. Let's join with them and contribute our quarters during the month of October to help with the cost. Contributions can be placed in the jars at the church entrances of our Whitney Point Church.

