

Feast of Christ the King

November 26, 2023
Catholic Community Of
St. Stephen - St. Patrick
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Whitney Point: Monday-Thursday, 9AM-Noon

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Before or After Monday's 6:00PM Mass and
Tuesday's 9AM Mass with Fr. Thomas.

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

"He will separate
people one
from another as
a shepherd
separates
the SHEEP

from the GOATS."
Matthew 25:32, NRSV

Pastor's Column



This Weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and the final weekend of the Church year. It is fitting and appropriate to celebrate this feast as we end the Church year. We are all called to honor our Lord Jesus Christ as the King of the Universe and King of our lives. There are so many things that want to creep into our lives and demand our attention and devotion. Our jobs, hobbies, sports teams and other things want to take control and dominate our time and our lives. We are called to remember that Jesus has to be the focus of our lives on earth. We are called to make Our Lord Jesus and His People the focus of our lives. May we always proclaim the Kingship of Jesus Christ by the way we live our lives. May we all realize that our Lord will ask us to give an accounting of ourselves when He comes again. May He find us recognizing Him as He came to us in the less fortunate and marginalized of our society. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!

Fr. Jim

Creation Care Tips:

With Thanksgiving behind us and the Christmas season ahead of us, remember that this is a time for feasting for some but deprivation for others.

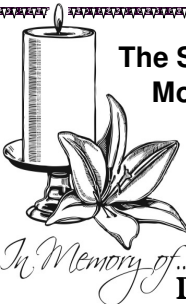
Make a conscious effort to follow Pope Francis' encouragement to give thanks to God before and after meals.

It will "remind us of our dependence on God for life ... and strengthen our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation."



**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.



**The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the
Month of November** in our Whitney Pt
Church is *In Memory Of:*

Everett & Theresa Burroughs
by Ron & Jackie Burroughs

in our Marathon Church
is *In Memory Of:*

Dc. Joseph Caminiti by Linda Caminiti

Sanctuary Candles -Please call the parish office if interested in having the sanctuary candle in memory of a loved one. Donation is \$20.00 for the month. Months available in 2024 are, in Whitney Point: March, May, July, Aug., Oct. & Nov. and in Marathon: All Months.



Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, November 19, 2023

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,565. Loose: \$468. Electronic: \$145. Total Regular Collection: \$2,178.

Diocesan Collections: Seminary-\$25. CCHD-\$60. **Other Income:** AllSaints-\$25. Fuel-\$40.

The following bills were paid this week because of your contributions: **ChR&M:** \$45. **RectR&M:** \$144. **RectExp:** \$8. **Office:** \$115.

FaithForm: \$104. **Altar:** \$238. **Utilities:** \$84. **Salaries:** \$1,500. Total Bills Paid This Week: \$2,238.

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! We still have a big balance and need others to donate and any amount will add up.**

Please prayerfully consider to make a pledge.

2023 Assessment: \$ 18,174.00

Pledges To Date: \$ 8,375.00

Balance Remaining: \$ 9,799.00

Catholic Campaign For Human Development -Thank you for your generous support last Sunday for the collection for the CCHD. Your donations support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more.

The 2024 Boxed Sets of Contribution Envelopes

are available at the entrances of our churches. If you are a boxed envelope user please make sure your find and take yours. If you do not see it please call the parish office, it may have gone to the wrong church. Thank you for your continued generosity that keeps our parish running smoothly.

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.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

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

Sacred Art: Christ the King - Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they

explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna | SEEK23 - Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!

Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5 - The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?



Christ the King Sunday

Bazaar & Bake Sale on Saturday, December 9th 9:00AM to 3:00PM at the Christian Fellowship Church, 2081 River St., Lisle (next to old Community Garden)

November 30 Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle

St. Andrew was the FIRST disciple! He is the patron saint of fishermen. He was born in what is now Israel.

World Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Lucia, Sunday, February 11th Bishop Douglas Lucia invites all married couples and their families to join him at a Mass celebrating *World Marriage Day* on Sunday, February 11th, 2:00pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Special recognition and certificates will be given to couples celebrating 25, 50 or more years of marriage in 2023.

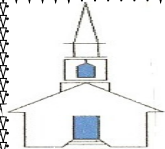
Please contact our parish office, 607-692-3911, to let them know you are a couple married 25, 50 or more years who would like to attend this Mass with Bishop Lucia. You will then receive a personal invitation. The Mass is not limited to couples celebrating special anniversaries, but only those couples should contact their parish to receive an invitation. All married couples and their families are invited to attend, and all married couples will be invited to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - This Liturgical year (Year A) began on the First Sunday of Advent, and it ends today with the Feast of Christ the King. During the Liturgical year, we re-live the life of Christ and try to immerse ourselves in the kingdom he came to establish. This is a time to reflect on our own journey through the past year with Jesus. Reflecting on the teachings we have heard each Sunday from this year's Gospels, Matthew tells us that Jesus of Nazareth is the long-awaited Messiah. Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.



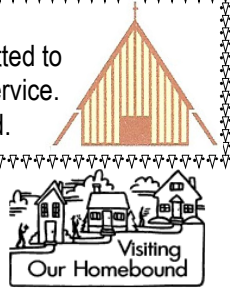
Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, LtCol Major Joy Thomas, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Sgt Heather Fox, LtCol 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
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, Nov. 26 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Elsie Zelsnack** by Elsie Poyer
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Mike Reilly** by Don & Terrie Atwood
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Cherry Hatten** by Kali Johnson & Ryan Amidon
Monday, Nov. 27 **6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**
Tuesday, Nov. 28 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**
Sunday, Dec. 03 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Pamela Corrado** by Mary Sculley
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Dick Barry** by Marie Joseph
for **Marge Carroll** by John Carroll
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Cherry Hatten** by Joe Auberger, Jr.



Readings for Nov. 26 through Dec. 3, 2023:
Today: Ez 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6,8-20; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Lk 21:12-19
Thurs: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



Whitney Point

Greeters: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick
Next Sunday: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker
Lector: Marcus Stevens
Next Sunday: Gene Jordan

Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Colleen Brown
Don Atwood, Bob Barry
Shelley Warnow
Rose Ann Holland
Shelley Warnow, Cindy Barry
Wayne & Carol Niggli
Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw
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Nov. Ushers: Don Atwood, Jim Holland
Dec Ushers: Don Atwood, Jim Holland

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Shoemaker, E. Jordan, K. Bensley
Next Sunday: Peg Orzel, John Mihalko, Ingrid Wennerod
Tabulators: Dick & Kathy Bensley
Next Sunday: Ron & Jan Ozel

WP Ecumenical Food Pantry: M-Th & Sat, 10AM-Noon, Closed Fridays, Holidays, & when school is closed for inclement weather.
FoodPantry Chairperson: John Mihalko
Dec's Pantry Need: Peanut Butter & Jelly
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 the churches. Thank you.

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.

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. Call or stop in the parish office.

➔Please call the parish office, 607-692-3911 if you would like to be added to our ministry schedule beginning Jan. 2024.

➔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.

➔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.

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/>

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

This Week In Our Parish (Masses in "Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions")

Sunday, Dec. 3rd 9:20-11:00AM - Faith Formation Family Advent Day -

Whitney Point Church Hall

2024 Church Calendars are now available at the entrances of our churches. Please feel free to take one for a homebound also.



Whole Community Catechesis

Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1 - Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

Reading 2 - Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

Gospel - Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats

Adults: *If you were to be judged today by God, what would be your greatest regret? What is one thing you could do to change that?*

Children: *To which person did you especially try to show Jesus' love and care this past week?*



A Family Perspective

Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Family life is Beatitude life.



Vocation View: "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." The Holy Catholic Priesthood and religious life are vocations of service for the least in our community. As we celebrate this Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, do you have a desire to serve? Call Fr. Jason Hage (315)470-1468, or vocations@syrдио.org.

During the month of November we especially pray for.....

Earl & Dorothy Markham, Atwood Family, Collyer Family, Robert Fleming, Lynch Family, Fleming Family, Todd Wilson, Joseph & Christine Cahill, Donald & Ethlyn Bensley,, Joe Sculley, Paul Scott, Steve Hanzlik, Fred Dutton, Monica Dutton, Barbara McDonough, Michael Joseph, Jr., Deceased Members of The Joseph Family, Deceased Members of the Gersbach Family, Rita May Young,, Edward Lenger, Buck Davis, Don Preston & Mary Hurchla



CHRISTMAS STARS

Our parish will be providing gifts for 53 children. Each star has one item and each child has four stars: shirt, pants, game and socks. If you are able to participate please purchase the item on the star, wrap the gift and attach the star to the outside of the gift. This way each child in the family will receive the same number of gifts.

Please return the gift to church on or before Sunday, December 10th. Thank you for your participation in this outreach project sponsored by our Human Development Ministry.

Advent Books with daily reflections are available for parishioners to take. They are at the entrances of our churches.



Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 11th, 6:00PM at our Whitney Point Church.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass:

4:00PM at our Whitney Point Church

Christmas Day: (notice time change)

10:15AM at our *Marathon Church*

12:00PM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Women of Faith

Group's new date is the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:30AM in our Whitney Point Church Hall.

The Homeless Jesus Statue in Syracuse-As a family, take time to visit the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, our diocesan home church. Outside of the church, take a moment to see the "Homeless Jesus" statue. Notice the details of the statue.

Learn more from this pas article in the Catholic Sun. thecatholicsun.com/homeless-jesus-cathedral/

Homebound contact needed for Marathon Church.

Our parish is in need of a Marathon contact for when one of our homebound parishioners needs a home visit and/or communion.

He or she will contact a Eucharistic Minister that's available from St. Stephen's Church for the visit/communion.

If you are able to fulfill this ministry, please contact our parish office.

THANK YOU - Sincere thanks for your generosity in contributing financially to the cost of food for the Thanksgiving Bags. We were able to provide a meal for 90 families in our Whitney Point/Lisle area.

CCSS-SP's Hospitality Committee wishes to thank all who participated, donated and gave of their time and money to support our ministry through the Holiday Bazaar. *Anne Clerkin, chairperson.* The \$100.00 Cash Drawing

Winners Were:

Diane Leonard
Mariruth Kim
Autumn Singer

Lal Mota Lopez, Shawn Dean & Jackie Burroughs!

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: The Gospel for Sunday proclaims the famous story Jesus told of the sheep and goats. The way we treat the least of our brothers and sisters is so important to our faith that it actually determines our eternal destiny. Your challenge this week is to go on a mini-retreat (10 minutes is fine.) Read Matthew 25:31-46 slowly and prayerfully. Then close your eyes and ask God to help you identify the least of your brothers and sisters. Who are the people whom Jesus wants you to feed, clothe, visit, or minister to in some special way? Now hold these people in your heart as you ask God to help you discern which person or group you are called to help right now. What do they need that you can provide? Live out the Gospel call to feed or shelter or clothe or visit them.