



Catholic Community Of St. Stephen - St. Patrick



Rev. James Serowik, Pastor

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024

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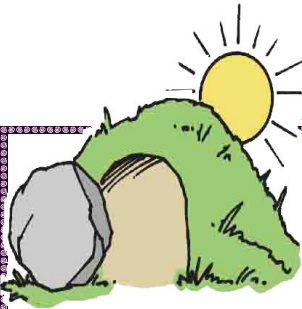
Whitney Point: Monday-Thursday, 9AM-Noon

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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.

Pastor's Column



Christ Is Risen! He is Truly Risen! This traditional Easter greeting speaks to us about the power of this wonderful day. Christ is Risen and present among us, His People and we celebrate this mystery this day. As an Easter People, we are called to journey through life together confident in the fact that nothing will happen to us that God can't handle. We are called to be a People of Hope who witnessed the hopelessness of Calvary to be replaced by the hope and new life of Easter morning. We are called to journey through life confident in the power of God's love. On this Easter day, let us always remember the power of the Risen Lord and His Presence in our lives.

This Tuesday I will be having some surgery on my ankle. The doctor tells me that I will not be able to put weight on my ankle for 4-6 weeks. Please keep me in prayer during this time. HAPPY EASTER!!

Fr. Jim



Creation Care Tips:

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!!
From death to new life.
In the northern hemisphere, this time of Easter coincides perfectly with spring with its hints of growth, color, and new life. Pay attention to the new life around you this week: the new flowers, new green shoots on the trees, etc. Spend time in nature, searching for and recognizing the signs of the Risen Lord in the natural world around you.



This evening at our 8:00PM Easter Vigil at St. Patrick's Church, we will welcome Kimberly Wheeler to the Catholic Faith in our church family. She is receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Congratulations, Kimberly!

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 & events.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE: NO MASS on Monday, April 1st and Tuesday, April 2nd. They will resume April 8th & 9th.



Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, March 24, 2024:

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,610. Loose: \$496. Electronic: \$145. Total Regular Collection: \$2,251.

Diocesan Collections: CRS-\$45. HolyLand-\$25. **Other Income:** Easter-\$50. MemSanct-\$40.

The following bills were paid this week because of your contributions.: **Utilities:** \$800. **Ph/Int:** \$190. **FaithForm:** \$18.
ChDecor: \$21. **MoSchSbsdyPymt:** \$1,165. **Office:** \$115. **Tithing:** \$125. JamaicaParish)

ChMaint: \$55. **Salaries:** \$1,500. Total Bills Paid This Week: \$3,989.

Thank you for your generosity that keeps our parish running smoothly.

2023 HOPE Appeal goal has been met! Thank you to all who donated. Pledges with balances will still be reminded by letters from the diocese.

Did you know? The 50/50 Drawing pink envelope is in our envelope box once a month. The drawing is done at the end of the month. 50% goes to the individual winner and 50% to the Capital Building Fund. There are extra envelopes at the entrances of our churches. Cost is \$5.00 per envelope.

Holy Land - There is a Good Friday (March 29) envelope in our packets for the Holy Land Collection. Please place this offering in the basket on Easter Sunday along with your Easter envelope.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3) - Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous

painting of Jesus encountered with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.

He is Alive! | Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids - Why can we have hope? Because we know how the story ends . . . with the most incredible miracle ever! Follow along and experience the joy of Jesus' friends as they discover He defeated death and rose from the grave.

Am I Saved? | The Search | Episode 6 - In this episode of The Search, explore how Jesus' profound act of love, revealed through his life, death, and resurrection, is a personal salvation for each of us. Despite feeling unworthy or burdened, God enters our messy human condition to transform us from within. His generous love, beyond what we deserve, reflects the amazing reality of God's mercy, shaping a relationship that forever changes our lives.



Volunteers Needed To Deliver Meals On Wheels

The Meals on Wheels Program in Whitney Pt. is in need of volunteers. Due to recent circumstances, demand for this service has gone up over 70%. Meals on wheels provide nutritious, well-balanced meals but more importantly, the program preserves the independence of older adults by helping them remain in their communities. Those who would like to help can choose a day or days to deliver meals between 11:30AM-1:00PM, Monday-Friday of for those who hate to be committed can sign up for on call basis. All CDC Public Health guidelines are followed for the safety of volunteers and clients. Mileage reimbursement available. Contact 607-692-2653 or stop in at Northern Broome Senior Center, 12 Strongs Place, WPt, Mon-Fri, 11:00AM-1:30PM.

St Bernard's School of Theology Free Course Audit

Thanks to the generous support of the Knights of Columbus Finger Lakes Chapter, St. Bernard's is delighted to offer the opportunity of auditing one summer course for free. We are a Catholic graduate school committed to featuring courses that enhance the truths of our faith, and as such, wish to share our offerings with as many people as possible. Please visit <https://www.stbernards.edu/one-freeaudit> for more information.

36th Annual Knights for Life Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Meatballs and sauce provided by CORTESE RESTAURANT

Sunday, April 21, 2024 - Noon to 4 pm

St. Paul's Church, 282 Chenango St., Binghamton, NY

Adults -\$15

Children under 12 - \$10

Eat in or take out!

Family Dinners Available for \$50 - includes

4 large containers of spaghetti, 8 meatballs,

4 salads w/dressing & 8 slices of bread.

All proceeds benefit the local Right to Life and Birthright.

SAVE THE DATE: June 8th/9th Saint Anthony's Italian Festival

50 Pomeroy St., Cortland, will be held Saturday, June 8th,

from 4 - 10 PM and Sunday, June 9th from Noon - 6 PM.

Kickoff: Sat., June 1st/Spaghetti Dinner/4-7PM/Eat-In or Take-Out

Wed., June 5th/Prayer Service/Adoration/ Benediction at 7-8PM.

Festival: Saturday's events include Italian food, music, games, novelties and a fireworks display. On Sunday, June 9th, Mass will be at 9:30AM followed by the Procession. Grounds open at 12 PM and conclude at 6 PM with Italian food, music, games, novelties.

Formation for Ministry/Deacon Formation Information Session: Sunday, April 21st | 1 PM – 3:30 PM | St Vincent Blessed

Sacrament, Vestal - Is God calling you to learn more about your faith and serve the church as a lay minister or deacon?

Come and see how Formation for Ministry and Deacon Formation can help you answer that call at this information session.

Register at formationforministrysyr.org or call 315-470-1479.



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,

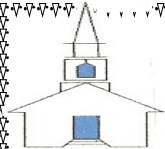
LtCol Major Joy Thomas, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, Major Caleb Miller, Sgt Heather Fox,

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,

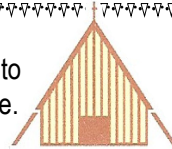
Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC and LCpl Isaac James Silvanic USMC

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
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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

Saturday, Mar. 30 **8:00 PM** Whitney Point. ...for **Dennis Duckett** by Marie Lukasik
Sunday, Mar. 31 **10:15 AM** Marathon...for **The People Of Our Parish**
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Bob Livermore** by OLPH's Altar Rosary Society
Monday, Apr. 01 **NO MASS**
Tuesday, Apr. 02 **NO MASS**
Sunday, Apr. 07 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point for **Evelyn Halloran** by The Family
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Dawn Odinek** by Linda Caminiti
for **Marge Carroll** by John Carroll .
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Millie Leszczynski** by Pat & Terri Fedele



Readings for Mar. 31 through Apr. 7, 2024:

Today: Acts 10:34a,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
Monday: Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:815
Tues: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wed: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thurs: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Fri: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Sat: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sun: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



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 if you would like to be added to our next ministry schedule beginning May 2024.

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.

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.



Whitney Point
Easter Greeters: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker
Next Sunday: Anne Clerkin, Cathy Cummings
Lector: Marcus Stevens
Next Sunday: Gene Jordan
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Mihalko, C. Shoemaker, E. Jordan
Next Sunday: John Mihalko, Kathy Bensley, Ingrid Wennerod
Tabulators: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings(Sat)
Next Sunday: Ron & Jan Orzel

Marathon
Claire Hinman, Dot Atwood
Bob Barry, Kathleen Allen
Claire Hinman
Bill McGovern
Kathy Cusick, Cindy Barry
Karen Standish, Wayne Niggli
Mark Barry, Volunteer
Mark Barry, Volunteer
March Ushers: Bob Barry, Syd McEvoy
April: B. McGovern, A. Hartman

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

→ 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")

Today, Easter Sunday, Mar. 31st Our Lord Has Resurrected, Alleluia! Have a Blessed Easter.

Next Sunday, Apr. 7th 2:00PM - Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration - Whitney Point Church



ALLELUIA!
He Is Risen!

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

Happy Easter! As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and all around the world. Don't forget to return your CRS Rice Bowl to Church or the Parish office. You may also donate at: crsricebowl.org/donate.



The Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood you gave,
and black is for the empty grave.
Yellow is for the shining sun,
white is for the new life begun.
Green is for the grass and trees and
purple is for your majesty.
Orange is for the edge of night, and
pink is for the morning light. Amen!

O'Heron Newman Foundation
Praise And Worship Night

O'Heron Newman Hall and Newman Foundation of Cortland are hosting a Praise and Worship night on **Friday, April 5th**, with Jeremy Bobak and Thrive Ministries. We will have food at 6 PM with the program beginning at 7 PM. All are welcome to join us for a great night of music and worship.

We are located at 8 Calvert Street, Cortland.

Reading 1- Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43 Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Reading 2 - Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel - John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Adults: Why do I believe that I will live with Christ for all eternity?

Children: Who has helped me believe that I will live with Jesus forever?

A Family Perspective

That first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John "did not know" what to do. In family life, there are confusing moments when "we don't know" what to do. Like the apostles, we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.



The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of March

our Marathon Church is *In Memory Of:* **Michael Joseph, Jr.** by Marie Joseph



Vocation View: "The Lord is truly risen!" Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocations

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE:

The Good News of the Resurrection is proclaimed this week in our Scripture readings. And this good news is meant for everyone. Jesus was and is a universal savior. One of the insights we receive on Easter Sunday comes from Acts 10. Peter, struggling to be faithful to the teachings of Jesus, announces that he has learned that "God shows no partiality". This helped to shape many decisions made by the early Church leaders—and it should form our decisions as well. Your challenge this week is examine how well you live by God's example. Do you personally and/or as a household show partiality to particular groups of people based on their race, religion, economic level, occupation? Do you exclude any groups on the same basis? If your reflection reveals partiality to some and exclusion of others, make a commitment to change. Identify three steps you can take so that in the future you can in all sincerity say that you, like God, show no partiality.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church, Keibel Road in Whitney Point, NY on **April 07, 2024 at 2:00 PM.**

Fr. Thomas McCauley will be with us for confession beginning at 2:00 PM. While confessions are going on, there will be readings from St. Faustina's Diary every 10 minutes for your reflection. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00 PM followed by Benediction.

NOTE: This is the only day of the year that an EXTRAORDINARY plenary indulgence can be obtained. There are 4 conditions that need to be present to gain a plenary indulgence:

- 1. Confession within 20 days before or after intent to perform the indulgenced act.
- 2. Receive Holy Communion
- 3. Pray for the Pope's intentions (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)
- 4. Have no attachment to sin. However, it is extremely difficult to have no attachment to sin. Through the ministry of the Church, God has given us another way, which can ONLY be gained on Divine Mercy Sunday.

On this day the condition to have no attachment to sin is not required. Instead, according to Faustina's Diary #699, a soul must ASK for the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday. Here is a prayer asking to receive the graces of D.M.S: "Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God, you promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to confession, and the soul that receives Holy Communion with trust in D.M. will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Lord, please give me this grace. Jesus I trust in you." Come and experience the unfathomable mercy God extends to you on that day of all days. The extraordinary indulgence cannot be applied to another soul, living or deceased, only to oneself.

During **April** we are collecting **canned tuna and 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.

