

Join Us for First Holy Communion!



Madison Bringuel
Grayson Grimes
Emma Jamison
Hayden Lidell
Daniel Price

We invite you to celebrate this
special sacrament during our
8:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick's Church.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Catholic Community of St. Stephen
& St. Patrick Church**

Rev. James Serowik, Pastor

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 05, 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.(Call office first)

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Pastor's Column

This Sunday is special for our parish family. At our 8:30 Mass at St. Patrick's our young people will be receiving the Lord Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. They call us to reflect upon this great gift that the Lord gives to us and invite us to come to a greater awareness of this great gift in our midst. I would like to congratulate our young people and their families on this special day. I would also like to thank all those who helped to prepare them for this special day, especially their families for their love and support of our young people.

This coming Saturday John Mihalko will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. This will be a historic day for John and for our parish family. Next Sunday John will be the deacon at and preach at all Sunday masses in our parish. I would like to congratulate John and his family on this special day. Please keep John and his family in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for this special day. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Fr. Jim



Creation Care Tips:

“Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion.”

–Laudato Si', 76.

How can we work together as one people to glorify and care for the gift of creation? This week, invite neighbors or friends to look at communal ways to reduce your impact on the planet.

Look into carpooling to work, school, or church.

Consider planning a neighborhood clean-up, a tool lending library, or starting a community garden.

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.



We welcome to the family of
The Catholic Community
of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church:
Rosemarie Fraľick

The Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church welcomed **Margaret Hartman** to the Waters of Baptism on Saturday, May 4th, at our St. Stephen's Church. May she be blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit all the days of her life.





Weekly Stewardship Report: Sunday, April 28, 2024:

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,185. Loose: \$534. Electronic: \$1,110.**Total Regular Collection: \$2,829.**

Diocesan Collections: HomeMissions-\$190. **Other Income:** Hosp-\$10. Votives-\$95. HopeAppealOverage-\$900.

The following bills were paid this week because of your contributions.: **Tithing:** \$151. (JamaicaParish) **Phone/Int:** \$190.
Office: \$209. **RecExp:** \$16. **Ch&RectGrnds:** \$54. **Salaries:** \$1,500.**Total Bills Paid This Week: \$2,120.**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity of your time, talents and treasure to our parish.

Catholic Communications Campaign – Next Sunday, May 12th, is the Diocesan collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Half of the collected funds remain in your diocese to support local communications projects. The other half supports the collective communication work of the bishops of the United States as well as other national projects in the United States and around the world. Please put your gift envelope in with the regular collection. To learn more about the CCC, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal
Thank you for your generous support of last Sunday’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$225.00 to date, to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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

Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller - Anna, the littlest one, is tired and bored from always playing the same thing when suddenly she finds herself at the sunken Noah’s ark! Lukas can’t resist on telling her a wonderful story about a Pope who was once a child and enjoyed playing like she did; Anna wouldn’t believe how his story ended and what she was about to do following St. John Paul II’s example! With no doubt, Anna and her friends ended that day having more fun than any other!

The Fountain of Salvation | The Bible and Baptism | Episode 1 - Dr. John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, sits down with Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, to discuss Fr. Isaac’s book The Bible and Baptism: The Fountain of Salvation (Baker Academic). This episode dives into how Baptism is the fountain of salvation for the Christian.

The Ascension | Sacred Art - Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED,



Catholic Community of St Stephen and St Patrick Parish will again offer \$200 scholarships for high school seniors who are registered and active members of our parish. To receive a scholarship is simple: submit a letter to the parish office describing your future plans and how you will continue practicing your faith. **The deadline to submit your letter is Thursday May 30, 2024.** Students may place their letters in the collection baskets during the offertory, or letters may be mailed to:
PO Box 711, Whitney Pt, NY 13862.

CCSS-SP’s 50/50 for April was won by Joanne Valachovic, winning \$40.00. Congratulations! Thank you to all who participate in this monthly that helps fund our parish’s Capital Building Fund account. Proceeds are split between winner and account. Cost is \$5.00 per envelope. There are extra 50/50 envelopes at the entrances of our churches.



Christ the King Retreat House will offer a presentation on **Our Blessed Mother on Friday, May 31, 10AM- 3 PM.** The retreat is facilitated by Regina Harty from the CNY Marian Center. Volunteers from the CNY Marian Center will also help participants make a five decade Rosary and a Seven Sorrows Rosary. **The retreat is on the Feast of the Visitation.**

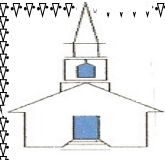
Relics and the Pilgrim Rosary of Our Lady of Medjugorje will be present for veneration. Come and join us for this Marian retreat. (Don’t worry if you’re not crafty. We have plenty of helpers to help with knotting and final touches.)Offering:\$35 includes lunch.

May 10 - St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka’i
In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government’s leper colony on the island of Moloka’i,there Damien volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people’s physical, medical, and spiritual needs. Soon the settlement had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage. A few years later, he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope, to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa. He was canonized in 2009 and is the patron saint of lepers, Garlic shrimp is a staple in Hawai’i and can often be found served from food trucks and in local restaurants all along the Hawaiian Islands. cookinclassy.com - **Garlic Shrimp (Hawaiian Style)**

Flowers at Marathon- The last day to help yourself to the faded Easter plants at Marathon is May 12. They are on the shelf near the restrooms.



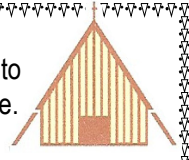
Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military: Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, LtCol Major Joy Thomas, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler, 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, donsgirl1956@aol.com

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Maintenance - (Please call parish office w/maintenance concerns)

Parish Business/Office Manager - Mary Wied **Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday, Noon - Phone, Mail or Email, ststephenstpat@syrdio.org

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, May 05
8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Lucy Swanson** by Peggy Kemp & Jim Harner
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Marge Carroll** by John Carroll
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Trevor Warner** by OLPH's Altar Rosary Society for **John DeMonte** by Pat & Terri Fedele

Monday, May 06
6:00 PM Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Tuesday, May 07
9:00 AM Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Thursday, May 09
10:00 AM Whitney Point...**The Ascension of the Lord**
6:00 PM OLPH...**The Ascension of the Lord**

Sunday, May 12
8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Irene McDonald** by Joe & Sue McDonald
10:15 AM Marathon...for **The People Of Our Parish**
12:00 PM OLPH...for **John DeMonte** by OLPH's Altar Rosary Society

Readings for May 5 through 12, 2024:

Today: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48;
1 Jn 4:7-10; **Jn** 15:9-17

Mon: Acts 16:11-15; **Jn** 15:26-16:4a

Tues: Acts 16:22-34; **Jn** 16:5-11

Wed: Acts 17:15,22-18:1; **Jn** 16:12-15

Thurs: Acts 1:1-11; **Eph** 1:17-23; **Mk** 16:15-20

Fri: Acts 18:9-18; **Jn** 16:20-23

Sat: Acts 18:23-28; **Jn** 16:23b-28

Sun: Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26; **1 Jn** 4:11-16;
Jn 17:11b-19



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 see new ministry schedules beginning May 2024 in the church sacristies and that were emailed to you. Thank you for serving in our parish..

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

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

Marathon

Claire Hinman, Don Atwood
 Kathleen Allen, Bob Barry
 Claire Hinman
 Bill McGovern
 Tony Zelsnack, Shelley Warnow
 Kathy Cusick, Cindy Barry
 Don & Terrie Atwood
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Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Bensley, I. Wennerod, Peg Orzel
Next Sunday: Kathy Bensley, Cathy Shoemaker, Emily Jordan
Tabulators: Dick & Kathy Bensley
Next Sunday: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

May Ushers: Don Atwood, Joe Van De Weert

WP Ecumenical Food Pantry: M-Th & Sat, 10AM-Noon, Closed Fridays, Holidays & when school is closed for inclement weather.

FoodPantry Chairperson: John Mihalko

May's Pantry Need: Cereals (hot & cold)

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

➔ Please make sure lights are shut off and doors are **closed shut and locked** when you leave one of the churches.

Thank you.

➔ 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>



A Family Perspective - Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

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

Today, May 5th First Holy Communion - During the 8:30AM Mass
 Mon., May 6th 6:30PM - CCSS-SP Parish Council Mtg - WPt. Ch Hall
 Tues., May 7th 10:00AM - Weekly Bible Study - Whitney Point Church
 Sat., May 11th 8:00AM - Catholic Men of Faith Mtg. WPt Ch Hall
 2:00PM - Ordination Reception for John Mihalko - WPtCh Hall
 Sun., May 12th May Crowning at 3 Churches/Final FF Classes at WPtCh Hall

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1- Acts of the Apostles
 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptized.

Reading 2 - 1 John 4:7-10
 God is love.

Gospel - John 15:9-17
 Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

Adults and Children: What sacrifice have I made this past week for someone I love? What sacrifice can I make this coming week? What sacrifice am I willing to make for someone I hardly know?



Vocation View: The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram @vocations Syracuse or call Fr. Jason Hage at (315)470-1468.



Today, May 5th, we will celebrate *First Holy Communion* during our 8:30AM Mass at St. Patrick's Church.

Please keep the following in your prayers as they are invited to the table of the Lord:

Madison Brinquel Grayson Grimes
 Emma Jamison Hayden Lidell Daniel Price

Everyone please join us downstairs after Mass to congratulate them and celebrate with cake, coffee and drinks provided by our Hospitality Committee.

All are invited to our EUCHARISTIC MEAL (MASS) at 9:00 AM, followed by WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

with Rev. Thomas Macauley, O.P.

Tuesday, May 7th,
 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the Whitney Point Church Hall.

The Gospel of St. Mark

Please bring your Bibles and writing materials.



CCSS-SP's next Parish Council Meeting is tomorrow,

May 6th at 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



HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN →→→ **Masses for Ascension**

Thursday will be held on May 9th at **9:00AM** at St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Point and **6:00PM** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Cincinnatus. This is a holy day of obligation.



MAY CROWNING
 We will crown our Blessed Virgin Mother next Sunday, May 12, Mothers' Day, at all our Masses.

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of May in our

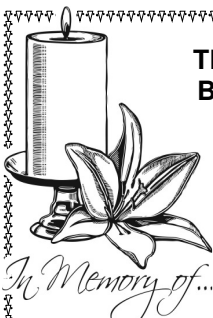
Whitney Point Church is *In Memory Of:*

Pagano & Giovanni Families

by Joe & Carolyn Pagano in our Marathon Church

is *In Memory Of:* **Jean Mayer**

by Ralph & Pat Canfield



The Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia, Bishop of Syracuse, with gratitude to Almighty God calls to the order of Deacon **John D. Mihalko**

for the service of God's people in the Diocese of Syracuse, NY.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders will be celebrated on Saturday, May 11th, 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
 259 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse.

→ Please join us for a luncheon reception following ordination at 2:00 PM at our St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Kindly RSVP by tomorrow, May 6th to Mary at the Parish Office, 607-692-3911.



WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: St. Damien of Molokai is honored on May 10. Damien was canonized a saint because of his dedication and service to the lepers on the island of Molokai in Hawaii. Lepers were considered pariahs who were a threat to healthy people because of their contagious illness. Many of them were torn from their families when they were diagnosed with leprosy. They were taken to Molokai and never saw their loved ones again. (Lepers at the time of Jesus faced a similar alienation. They were often forced to wear a bell around their necks so that people could run from them when they heard the bell.) Damien ministered to the physical and emotional needs of the lepers on Molokai. He followed Jesus' example of reaching out to these rejected human beings, offering them the human contact—the simple touch—which they were denied. Your challenge this week is to look for a leper in your life, but not necessarily in the literal sense of a person with a skin disease. Rather, look for someone who craves human contact and human touch but is denied it. It might be someone who is lonely or angry, smelly or dirty, mentally ill or imprisoned in some way. Whatever the person's reality, reach out in love and compassion. Offer the human touch which every person on earth needs to survive and thrive.