



The Roman Catholic Communities Of St. Stephen - St. Patrick September 1, 2024

**There will be one Mass at 11:00 AM at St. Patrick's Church,
on Sunday, September 8th followed by the Parish Picnic at
Dorchester Park in Whitney Point.**



**Psalm 133
How Good And Pleasant It Is When
God's People Live Together In Unity!**



Rev. Thomas Macauley, Administrator

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 01, 2024

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Before or After Monday's 6:00PM Mass
or Tuesday's 9AM Mass.

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Pastoral Administrator's Column

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you and your family.

The theme of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B reminds us to follow God's laws, to listen and act on God's Word and to maintain inner purity of heart. Reflecting on these teachings help us to grow in faith and love and hope.

An important lesson to grasp - understanding the spirit of the law versus the letter of the law. In today's Gospel, Jesus addresses the Pharisees who criticized His disciples for not following traditional rituals. Jesus responds by highlighting that true defilement comes from within, not from external practices. The Pharisees were fixated on strict observance, missing the laws true purpose, which is to bring people closer to God and enhance true freedom.

Jesus emphasizes the importance of inner purity and genuine faith, urging us to focus on our hearts and relationship with God.

James encourages us to receive the words of sacred scripture with meekness and be doers of it, not just hearers. He encourages us to look into the Word, make necessary adjustments and conform our lives to Christ. By doing so, we receive many blessings and experience God's closeness.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, help us to obey God's laws, to act on them and keep our hearts pure. Guide us in showing our faith through our actions. Amen.

Rev. Thomas Macauley

WELCOME!

**We gather
We prepare
We listen
We respond
We offer
We receive
We go
We proclaim
the Good
News of
Salvation!**

**GOD
BLESS
YOU!**

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.

Stewardship Thoughts

Seeking and putting God and his Kingdom first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom not to make “idols” of passing things.

CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick's 50/50 for August was won by Loretta Husner, winning \$40.00 Congratulations!

Thank you to all who participate.

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.

Donation is \$5.00 per envelope.

During **September** we are collecting **Jiffy Cornbread Mix & cereals** for the Whitney Point 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.**



Food Pantry - Sincere thanks to the individuals who donated for the new chest freezer and the cost for delivery and take away. We are now able to partner with Good Neighbors (thanks to Tressa Smith who picks up bread products during the summer.) During the fall and winter we will have volunteers pick it up from Good Neighbors in Vestal at no cost and bring it to the pantry where it can be distributed not only to our 'usual clients' but also to the Little Pantries behind the Whitney Point Library and at the Lisle Pool. Thank you for the donations...both financial and food....as our usage has increased in the recent months.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Collection Report - Last Sunday, August 25, 2024:

Regular Collection: Envs.-\$1,190. Loose-\$605. Elect: \$145. Total Regular Collection; \$1,940.
Thank you for your ongoing generosity of your time, talents and treasure to our parish.

HOPE Appeal- Next weekend is HOPE Appeal Weekend for our parishes and the Diocese of Syracuse. It is a time when we join with members of our Catholic family to strengthen our Church and serve others in our community. You will receive a letter from Bishop Lucia asking for your support of the 2024 HOPE Appeal. Please review the information and prayerfully consider making a gift that is meaningful to you. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass, drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at www.syrдио.org.

Catholic University of America

Next Sunday, September 8th, is the diocesan collection for the Catholic University of America is a national research university with 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs on a residential campus in the heart of Washington, D.C. Founded by a papal charter in 1887, Catholic is the national university of the Catholic Church in our country and strives to educate future generations of leaders through an excellent education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition.

The collection is a critical pillar of support for students and the entire University community. Please place your gift envelope in with the regular collection next Sunday.

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 in WP: Nov & Marathon: Oct .

COFFEE HOUR

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 Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of September

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

Helmut Melzer & Daina Freimanis
by Vella Melzer

in our Marathon Church is *In Memory Of:*

Michael Joseph
by Marie Joseph

In Memory of...

PRAY MORE, WORRY LESS - Please Continue to Pray For Our Sick and Our Military:

Mary Sculley, Barry & Dottie Angel, Ron & Jackie Burroughs, Richard & Elaine Crowe, Eloise Dauley, Jim Dean, Fran Decker, Ray & Gladys Nolan, Larry & Mickey Piech, Jo Ackerman, Joanne Vega,

Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, 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,

LtCol Major Joy Thomas, A1C Brendan Schneider, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC and

LCpl Isaac James Silvanic USMC

If you have a friend or family member who's sick, homebound or 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 contact **Pat Canfield** at pattycafe@yahoo.com. She 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 or contact Pat. → If you choose to be updated about a particular prayer chain request, please recontact Pat.



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, 607-759-1876

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, Sept. 01 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point fBlessing to Mary Sculley on her 99th Birthday for Paul Scott & Bernie Shaffer by Mary Sculley

10:15 AM Marathon...for Marge Carroll by John Carroll

12:00 PM OLPH for The People Of Our Parish

Monday, Sept. 02 **NO MASS**

Tuesday, Sept. 03 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...for The People Of Our Parish

Sunday, Sept. 08 **11:00 AM** Whitney Point for Roger Calice by Ann Calice



Readings for Sept. 1 through 8, 2024:

Today: Dt 4:1-2,6-8; Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27;

Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Mon: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tues: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wed: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thurs: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

Fri: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

Sat: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

Sun: Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37



Whitney Point

Greeters: Anne Clerkin, Cathy Cummings

Next Sunday: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick

Lector: Gene Jordan

Next Sunday: Sue McDonald

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Shoemaker, E. Jordan, S. McDonald

Next Sunday: Kathy Bensley, Ingrid Wennerod, Peg Orzel

Tabulators: Ron & Jan Orzel

Next Sunday: Dick & Kathy Bensley

Marathon

Kim McCrory, Claire Hinman

Shelley Warnow

T. Zelsnack, S. Warnow, C. Barry

Don & Terrie Atwood

Sept. Ushers: Bob Barry, Syd McEvoy

The Gospel of St. John

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

with Rev. Thomas Macaulay

Tuesday, September 3rd,

10:00-11:00AM at the

Whitney Point Church Hall.

Please bring your Bibles and writing materials

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: Jiffy Cornbread Mix & 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

New **ministry schedules** have been emailed and there are extra copies in our church sacristies.

Thank you for serving for our parish!

→ 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.

Anyone interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter or Tabulator, please call the parish office. Training will be provided.



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.

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.retirequide.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

Mon., Sept. 2nd LABOR DAY - NO MASS

Parish Office, WP Food Pantry & Clothing Bank are closed

Tues., Sept. 3rd 9:00AM - Mass - St. Patrick's, Whitney Pt.

10:00AM - Bible Study-The Gospel of John-St. Patrick's, WP

Fri., Sept. 6th 6:00PM - First Friday Holy Hour - St. Patrick's, WP

Sun., Sept. 8th One Mass at 11:00AM-St. Patrick's, followed by Parish Picnic

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings and Questions for Discussion

Introduction

Reading 1 - Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses instructs Israel to strictly follow God's law to demonstrate wisdom and receive life and land. Log's closeness and just laws set them apart from other nations.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 15

Live blamelessly, speak truth, and treat others fairly to securely dwell in God's presence, rejecting wickedness and honoring reverence for the Lord.

Reading 2 - James 1:17-18,21-22,27

All good actions and perfect gift come from God, who is unchanging. Embrace his Word, act on it, and care for those in need to maintain pure faith.

Gospel - Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Jesus teaches that true defilement comes from within, not from external sources like unwashed hands, criticizing the emphasis on human tradition over divine command.

Questions For Reflection:

1. What actions can I take to show my faith?
2. How can I help those in need around me?
3. What are some ways I can act on God's Word this week?



FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Faith Formation registrations have been mailed out.

If you don't receive one or are interested in having your child(ren) attend our Faith Formation classes, please call the parish office for a registration for grades K-11th. If you have any questions pertaining to the classes please contact our DRE, Sherry Dee, at 607-759-1876.



Mass Intention Offerings

The minimum 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.
You may give generously.

**First Sunday of the Month
HOLY HOUR**

Sunday, September 1st

7:00AM to 8:00AM

St. Patrick's Church,
Whitney Point

Jesus desires to reveal himself more deeply in the Eucharist. To heal, restore, unify. To show up and set us ablaze and show us His Goodness.



**First Friday
of the Month
HOLY HOUR**
Friday,
September 6th
6:00PM at
St. Patrick's Church,
Whitney Point

Church Council The Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick's next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday, September 9th, 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 dongirl1956@aol.com.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:

"Strive to live content in those things that cause you discontent."

St. Vincent de Paul

**The Catholic Community of
St. Stephen-St. Patrick and
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Churches' Annual Parish Picnic
is next Sunday, September 8th**

There'll be one Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 11:00AM followed by the picnic at the North Pavilion at Dorchester Park in Whitney Point. Please bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair and an outdoor game if you wish. Our parish's Hospitality Committee will be providing the meat, beverages and place settings.

Everyone join us for a fun-filled day!

FREE SEPTEMBER EDITION if you haven't picked one up yet: **DAILY PRAYER FOR TODAY'S CATHOLIC - Give Us This Day** Share the power of prayer.

Draw your community closer to God through morning and evening prayer, daily reflection and Mass texts, inspiring profiles of holy witnesses and so much more. Please take one as a gift to you! If you would like to continue receiving it, there is information there for how to order.

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.