

# 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Therefore, Stay Awake,  
For You Know Neither  
The Day Nor The Hour**



**CCSSSP Church Bulletin  
November 12, 2023**

**Rev. James Serowik, Pastor**

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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**

During this month of November, our thoughts are turned toward the Holiday of Thanksgiving and what lies at the heart of this holiday. Gratitude dominates my thoughts and prayers during this month. I am grateful to God for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon me in my life. One of the greatest blessings that I have been given is our St. Stephen-St. Patrick & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Family. I feel blessed to be able to serve the people of this special parish. I am grateful to God for the many ways that the People of our parish have opened up their lives and hearts to me. I am grateful to God for the extremely talented staff that support and strengthen my priestly ministry. I am also grateful to God that I have the opportunity to minister with Fr. Thomas and Deacon Tony. During this month of November, I feel extremely blessed as I reflect upon the many ways that God has blessed my life.

This weekend's Gospel speaks to us about the importance of being ready to meet the Lord Jesus, our Bridegroom. Too many times we focus, not on our Lord Jesus, but upon the passing things of this world. Let us take some time this week to refocus our lives on the many ways that God reveals Himself to us this week. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Fr. Jim

**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 Memory of...* in our Marathon Church  
is *In Memory Of:*

**Dc. Joseph Caminiti** by Linda Caminiti

**Creation Care Tips:**

"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

—Matthew 25:13

As Al Gore's documentary title suggests, it's an inconvenient truth how many signs point to a dramatically changing climate. It would be much easier to stay asleep to the scientific studies because the predictions are frightening. But Jesus continually called his followers to stay awake to the signs of the times and to keep working to usher in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This week, keep alert for how God is inviting you to be a partner in renewing the world.





Stewardship  
Report

### Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, November 5, 2023

**Regular Collection:** Envs: \$1,870. Loose: \$560. Electronic: \$145. .... **Total Regular Collection: \$2,575.**

**Diocesan Collections:** Seminary-\$87. CCHD-\$1. **Other Income:** MemSanct-\$80. AllSaints-\$52. AllSouls-\$60. Flowers-\$95.

Fuel-\$10. Hosp-\$5. Sunset-\$88.50 (donation for calendars)

*The following bills were paid this week because of your contributions:*

**RCIA: \$115. MoDioAssess: \$2,232. Ph/Int: \$90. Calendars: \$177. Salaries: \$1,500. .... Total Bills Paid This Week: \$4,114.**

### Catholic Campaign For Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United State live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at : [usccb.org/cchd](http://usccb.org/cchd).

**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](http://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: \$ 7,335.00**  
**Balance Remaining: \$ 10,839.00**



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

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

**Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection** - The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.

**Saint Peter** - Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.  
**Saints Peter and Paul** - Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss an icon depicting Sts. Peter and Paul.

### A Cathedral Event

The Diocese of Syracuse presents Franz Schubert's *Magnificat* and *Mass No. 2 in G Major* on **Sunday November 19, starting at 2 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 259 East Onondaga St., Syracuse.** The concert includes a diocesan-wide chorus and four guest soloists (Laura Enslin, Katie Weber, Dominick Corbacio and David Rudari) along with orchestral musicians from the surrounding area, Cathedral Organist and Director of Music Ministry Brian DuSell, all under the direction of Peter Ciarelli. The concert is free and open to the public. Voluntary donations will be accepted by Music for the Mission to feed the homeless and hungry in the Syracuse area.

Our Lady of Sorrows is excited to host an Advent evening called "**Light the Way**" with nationally renowned speaker and musician **Sean Forrest.**

This event will be on Sunday, December 3rd from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at OLOS and all are welcome to join. We will be preparing our hearts for the Advent season with a personal testimony and an inspirational talk from Sean. Sean's message is uplifting, spirit filled, and will help us focus on how to truly prepare for the coming of Christ.

This evening will be centered around teenagers and parents but all ages are sure to benefit from attending this free event. Afterwards we will have a meet and greet with fellowship and goodies in our cafe. Please help spread the word and fill the church! 701 W. Main St., Endicott, (607) 748-7417 Ext. 19



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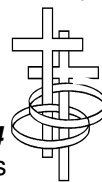
During **November** we are collecting **canned vegetables and cereal** for the Whitney Pt Ecumenical Food Pantry. Please place your donations in designated baskets at the entrances of our churches. Thank you for your food and monetary donations that help to feed those less fortunate in our community.

### World Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Lucia, Sunday, February 11, 2024

Bishop Douglas Lucia invites all married couples and their families to join him at a Mass celebrating **World Marriage Day** on 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 your parish 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.



### 2024 Church Calendars are now available at the entrances of our churches.

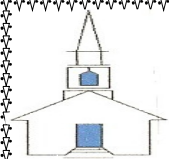
Please help yourself to one and for any homebound person you know that would like one.



**Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:** Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2nd Lt. 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, 2nd Lt. 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.**

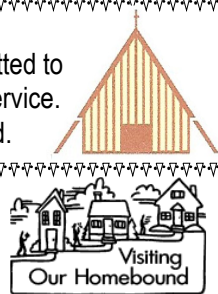




## Mission Statement for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen - St. Patrick

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](mailto: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](http://www.ccssp.com)  Our face book page: [www.facebook.com/ccssp](http://www.facebook.com/ccssp)

### Parish Council

**Chairperson** - Shelley Warnow, [donsgirl1956@aol.com](mailto:donsgirl1956@aol.com)

**ViceChair** - Dan Burke, [dburke1114@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org)

### PARISH STAFF

**Director of Faith Formation** - Sherry Dee, 759-1876

**Ministry Coordinator** - Peg Orzel, [porzel10@yahoo.com](mailto:porzel10@yahoo.com)

**Church Organist/Music Director** - Jennifer Austin

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

### Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, Nov. 12 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Carl Wennerod** by Ingrid Wennerod  
**10:15 AM** Marathon...for **John Evanick** by John & Sherry Ewanciw  
**12:00 PM** OLPH...for **Cherry Hatten** by JoAnn & Mark Johnson & Ashly  
Monday, Nov. 13 **6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**  
Tuesday, Nov. 14 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**  
Sunday, Nov. 19 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Ed Hunt** by Joe & Sue McDonald  
**10:15 AM** Marathon...for **The People Of Our Parish**  
**12:00 PM** OLPH...for **Richard & Cecilia Spann** by Pat Spann & Pat Squires



### Readings for Nov. 12 through 19, 2023:

**Today:** Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13  
**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6  
**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23-39; Lk 17:7-10  
**Wed:** Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19  
**Thurs:** Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25  
**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37  
**Sat:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8  
**Sunday:** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6  
Mt 25:14-30



### Whitney Point

**Greeters:** Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker  
**Next Sunday:** Cathy Cummings, Anne Clerkin  
**Lector:** Ron Orzel  
**Next Sunday:** John Mihalko

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Shoemaker, E. Jordan, K. Bensley  
**Next Sunday:** Ingrid Wennerod, John Mihalko, Peg Orzel  
**Tabulators:** Ron & Jan Orzel  
**Next Sunday:** Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

### Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Colleen Brown  
Don Atwood, Bob Barry  
Terrie Atwood  
John Ewanciw  
Wayne & Carol Niggli  
Karen Standish, Kathy Cusick  
Don & Terrie Atwood  
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**Nov. Ushers:** Don Atwood, Jim Holland

**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.

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

**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](http://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.

→ 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

**Mon., Nov. 13 thru Fri., Nov. 17-9:00AM-3:00PM - Bazaar Items - WP Ch Hall**  
**Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM-3:00PM - Hospitality's Holiday Bazaar-WPt Ch Hall**  
**1:00PM - Elias Plocinski Baptism - Marathon Church**  
**Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 9:20-11:00AM - Faith Formation Classes -Whitney PtCh Hall**

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

##### **Reading 1 - Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

##### **Reading 2 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

(shorter form: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

God will raise all those who have died.

##### **Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Adults:** *When have you regretted that you did not look ahead and foresee the consequences of an action?*

**Children:** *Is there something coming up this week that you could be better prepared for? What might happen if you do not prepare?*



#### **A Family Perspective**

The bridesmaids in today's gospel were considered "foolish" because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.



**Vocation View:** "Those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him." To pursue the holy priesthood or religious life is to prepare yourself and your community for the wedding feast of Jesus.

Come share in this beautiful mission.  
Call Fr. Jason Hage (315)470-1468, or  
[vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org).

**SINCERE THANKS** - Thank you for reaching into your pockets and your coin collection and contributing quarters for the Laundry Love Ministry that the Whitney Methodist Church sponsors. Because of your generosity our parish was able to contribute \$114.75. They are very grateful for our support!!

**WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE:** November 13 is the feast day of St. Frances Cabrini, the Patron Saint of Immigrants and the first U.S. citizen ever canonized. She herself was an immigrant, encouraged by Pope Leo XIII to leave her native Italy and come to America with her community of religious women. Her service to those in need, including immigrants from Italy, was inspiring. She cared for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. Your challenge this week is to go on the Justice for Immigrants website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, click on "Take Action," and find one thing you can do to seek justice for the immigrants in our country today. The website is [JusticeForImmigrants.org](http://JusticeForImmigrants.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*



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

#### **CCSS-SP's** **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 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30AM to 3:00PM.**

New or gently used Items (no clothes or baby items, please) items can be brought to our Whitney Pt Church Hall,

November 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM-3:00PM and Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, after the 8:30AM Mass.

There will be raffles, bake sale and a bag sale (from 2-3PM) There are extra raffle tickets at the entrances of our churches. It will be a day of great fun and good holiday shopping!

We will welcome  
**Elias James Plocinski**  
to the Waters of Baptism  
on Saturday,  
November 18<sup>th</sup>,  
at our Marathon Church.  
May he be blessed and  
guided by the Holy Spirit  
all the days of his life.



**Baptized**  
with  
the  
**Holy Spirit**

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.



#### **THANKSGIVING BASKETS**

Catholic Charities has asked up to supply Thanksgiving Food for **90 local families** that registered by October 13<sup>th</sup> which was the deadline for signups.

Our original anticipated number was 55 (as we did last year.)

The need is much greater in our area this year so we are asking our community to help us finance the additional food.

If you are able to help with this outreach ministry please place your donation in an envelope marked Thanksgiving Food and place it in the offertory basket, mail it to the church office or give to Peg Orzel. Thank you so much for your help in feeding the hungry in our area.

#### **CCSS-SP's Human Development**

If you are aware of local individuals or families who are in need of food or clothes please remind them of our Food Pantry and Clothing Bank. If they have emergency financial needs (utility shutoff notices etc.) please have them contact our church office and a member of Human Development will reach out to them.

**CCSS-SP's 50/50 for October** was won by Dick & Kathy Bensley, winning \$37.50. Congratulations! Thank you to all who participate. Proceeds are split between winner and our parish's Capital Building Fund Account. There are extra 50/50 envelopes at the entrances of our churches. Cost: \$5.00/envelope.

**Homebound contact needed for Marathon Church.** Our parish is in need of a Marathon contact for when one of our homebound parishioners need a home visit and/or communion. If you are able to fulfill this ministry, please contact our parish office.