
The Parable of
the Talents Tells
Us In The Gospel
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Matthew 25:14-30 - The
Parable of the Talents.



Catholic Community Of St. Stephen - St. Patrick
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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

As we approach the end of the Church year, our thoughts and Readings from Sacred Scripture speak to us about the end times. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that each of us have been entrusted with the gifts that God has given us. We are called not to bury or hoard those gifts, but rather, are called to share those gifts and invest them in the lives of others. The Gospel reminds us that one day we are going to have to give an accounting to God about the way that we lived our lives and how we used the gifts that were entrusted to us. May we always share the many gifts that God has given us with others. May we live our lives in gratitude to God for all the gifts that He has shared with us. As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, may we make time to come to Mass that day and thank God for all that He has done for us. **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.

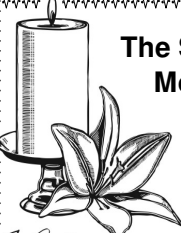


Have a Blessed & Fruitful Thanksgiving
with those you love.

We can begin the
day of being
grateful with
9:00AM Mass
at our
Marathon Church.



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 **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

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Creation Care Tips:
With Thanksgiving this week, your thoughts might be turning to the holiday season. Take the opportunity to begin a conversation with friends and family about gift-giving expectations this year. What might you do differently to cut down on the unsustainable practice of buying and consuming so much for a holiday that marks the birth of a poor child in Bethlehem? Check out adventconspiracy.org for great ideas you can broach at the Thanksgiving table this year.





Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, November 12, 2023

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,535. Loose: \$835. Electronic: \$265. **Total Regular Collection: \$2,635.**
Diocesan Collections: Seminary-\$60. **Other Income:** AllSaints-\$35. AllSouls-\$10. Flowers-\$165. IMO Ed & Lorraine Hunt: \$1,000.
IMO Ed Hunt: \$50. *The following bills were paid this week because of your contributions:* **RectR&M: \$9. RectExp: \$104.**
Ph/Int: \$161. Altar: \$478. Dumpstr: \$90. CathSun: \$88. Salaries: \$1,500. Total Bills Paid This Week: \$2,430.

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: \$ 8,025.00

Balance Remaining: \$ 10,149.00



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

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

St. Clement of Rome | Catholic Saints - Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and

Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss Pope St. Clement of Rome, who was an early Church Father and the third successor to St. Peter.
Ode to Saint Cecilia - The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.

Our Mother Mary: What is Mariology? - Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Advent Opportunity

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

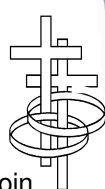


This event will be Sunday, December 3rd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 801 Main St., Vestal, and all are welcome to join. Afterwards we will have a meet and greet with fellowship and goodies in our cafe.

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.



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.

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

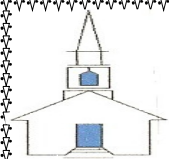
GRATITUDE! This Thanksgiving, focus on gratitude for all the blessings and gifts God has provided and that each other has given.

Create a focus area for a "gratitude tree" or "thanksgiving wreath" with pre-cut paper leaves in fall colors (bought or make yourself). Let the family add leaves to the tree by writing with a marker things they are thankful for and add them to the tree. Make this your prayer area for the week! For more ideas visit: Coolmompicks.com - 8 easy gratitude activities for kids this Thanksgiving.



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

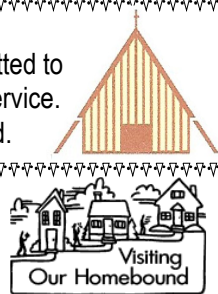
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, OR for any changes, please contact our parish office.



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. 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

ViceChair - Dan Burke, dburke1114@gmail.com

Secretary - Sue Stevens

Trustees - Kathy Cusick, Ron Orzel

PARISH STAFF

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Ministry Coordinator - Peg Orzel, porzel10@yahoo.com

Church Organist/Music Director - Jennifer Austin

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, 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
Monday, Nov. 20 **6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **Joseph John Bates** by The Tye Family
Tuesday, Nov. 21 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...for **Josephine McConnell** by CCSS-SP Church
Thursday, Nov. 23 **9:00 AM** Marathon...In **Thanksgiving**
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



Readings for Nov. 19 through 26, 2023:

Today: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10

Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thurs: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28;
Mt 25:31-46



Whitney Point

Greeters: Cathy Cummings, Anne Clerkin

Next Sunday: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick

Lector: John Mihalko

Next Sunday: Marcus Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers: Ingrid Wennerod, John Mihalko, Peg Orzel

Next Sunday: Cathy Shoemaker, Emily Jordan, Kathy Bensley

Tabulators: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

Next Sunday: Dick & Kathy Bensley

Marathon

Don Atwood, Bob Barry

Kathleen Allen, Colleen Brown

John Ewanciw

Shelley Warnow

Karen Standish, Kathy Cusick

Shelley Warnow, Cindy Barry

Don & Terrie Atwood

Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw

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. 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.

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) 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.

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

Today, Nov. 19th 9:20-11:00AM - Faith Formation Classes - Whitney PtCh Hall
 12:00-1:00PM - Thanksgiving Basket Pickup - WP Food Pantry
Mon., Nov. 20th 12:00PM - Dick Barry Funeral - Marathon Church
Tues., Nov. 21st 9:30AM - CCSS-SP's Hospitality Meeting - Whitney Pt Ch Hall
Thurs., Nov. 23rd - Happy Thanksgiving - Parish Office, WP Pantry & Clothing Bank closed

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.

Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

Reading 2 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Adults: What gift haven't you developed as you had hoped?
What could you still do?

Children: What gift has God given you?
What do you want to do with it?

A Family Perspective

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has "entrusted" our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to invest ourselves selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

A Family Perspective

November 23, 2023: Thanksgiving

(LK 19:41-44) As we gather to give thanks this week, we must also ask how well we share with "the least." Happiness is secured not by having, but by sharing.

Christmas Star Program

begins today, Nov. 19th. We will be providing gifts for 53 children. Please only provide the gift on the star so that all family members receive equal gifts.

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

THANKSGIVING BASKETS SINCERE THANKS!

Thank you for your generous donations for Thanksgiving Food. We were able to provide food for 90 families to go along with the turkeys provided by the collection at Walmart by Catholic Charities. You are awesome to reach out and help others!!!



Hospitality Committee

ST. STEPHEN'S/ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

meets on the third Tuesday of every month in our Whitney Pt Church Hall. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 21st, at 9:30AM. We invite young and older, male and female and from all three church locations to join us.

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 from St. Stephen's Church for the visit/communion.

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



WELCOMED HOME

Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **Dick Barry** who has entered into the Kingdom of Heaven.

May he rest in peace.

Funeral: Monday, November 20th, at Marathon Church.

Calling hour: 11AM-12PM, in church, 12PM Funeral Mass



Vocation View: The servant is told to "come, share your master's joy" is the one who used what gifts he was given to bring more glory to his master. Jesus is our master if only we allow ourselves to receive Him. Go and glorify the Lord by your life by inquiring about the priesthood or religious life.

Call Fr. Jason Hage (315)470-1468, or vocations@syrdio.org.

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:

10:00AM at our Marathon Church
12:00PM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Immaculata Award

Congratulations to

Joe & Sue McDonald, who will receive the

2023 Immaculata Award on Sunday, December 10th, from Bishop Lucia, in honor of being outstanding volunteers of our parish. (represents all 3 churches)

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: The Sunday gospel focuses on the gifts which God gives to each one of us. We are called to use our talents and gifts, not hide or neglect them. And God always wants us to share what He has given to us with the most vulnerable. Your challenge this week is to share one of your special talents with someone in need. If you have the gift of speaking, perhaps you could make a call to your legislators, asking them to support bills which ensure food security for all. If you have a gift for music, consider visiting a homeless shelter or nursing home and brightening residents' day with song. If you are talented in sports, call a family shelter and offer to organize a game for the children. If finances are your field of expertise, offer your services to a service organization which is doing fund-raising. Share your God-given gifts with others so your light can shine for all to see!