
God Bless Our Dads! Happy Fathers' Day!

Recognizing the guidance and love of fathers.

Catholic Community of
St. Stephen & St. Patrick Church

June 16, 2024



Rev. James Serowik, Pastor

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 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)

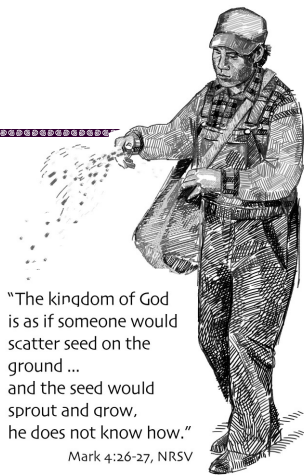
Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Pastor's Column

I would like to congratulate all fathers as we celebrate Fathers' Day weekend. We are grateful to all fathers, grandfathers, God fathers, uncles and those who fill a fatherly role in our world. Your powerful witness to us shows us what our God is like as Jesus taught us that God is "Our Father". Take some time to celebrate who you are and thank you for all that you do for our Parish Family!

Jesus tells us in this weekend's Gospel that the Kingdom of God is like seed that is planted and a mustard seed that is planted. In both cases, growth takes place without our noticing it day by day. God is able to take the seed that is planted and help it to produce abundant fruit. God does the same with all the works that we do in our daily lives. Every act of charity, every act of kindness and love is able to be used by God to help build His kingdom. May we always sow seeds of love and kindness in our world. HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Fr. Jim



Creation Care Tips:

"On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar."

—Ezekiel 17:23.

Trees play such a huge role in sustaining the environment.

They suck up CO₂, produce fruits, provide shade, etc.

This week, spend some time with trees and consider their slow and amazing growth.

Take a walk around your neighborhood to see if you can find fruit trees. Research and look for native trees in your region.

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.



Check Out the Diocese Online:

Twitter: twitter.com/SyrDiocese

YouTube: [Youtube.com/user/syrdio](https://youtube.com/user/syrdio)

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Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, June 9, 2024:

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,458. Loose: \$529. Elec: \$260. **Total Regular Collection: \$2,247.**

Other Income: CemMaintEnvs-\$80.(cemetery) MemSanct-\$20. Ascension-\$13.

The following bills were paid this week because of your contributions.: **MoTithing:** \$505. (WPFoodPantry)

Dmpstr: \$90. Grdskpg: \$54. FForm: \$8138. Adv: \$226. RectExp: 116. Ph/Int: 263.

Altar: \$241. Office: \$162. Salaries: \$1,500. **Total Bills Pd This Week: \$3,295.**

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

Electronic Tithing

Your donations will be debited from your savings, checking or credit card account monthly, weekly or bi-weekly. Please call our Parish Office for more information and a form.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH
ON DEMAND.

→→Our subscription to **Formed.org** expires the end of

June. If you are viewing a series you may want to plan ahead so you can complete it.

To Be a Pilgrim - An ancient trail of pilgrimage runs through south-east England, a pathway along which so much of English identity converges. It is the way of St. Thomas Becket, the martyr who stood up to a King and inspired Christendom. It is a route that drew countless pilgrims in ages past, captured the imagination of Chaucer, and interest in this pilgrim path is strongly reviving again today.

Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author - This engaging series delves into the lives of the saints who led the Catholic Counter-Reformation. In this episode, learn about St. Thomas More, a patient witness to the faith who endured a heroic martyrdom at the hands of Henry VIII.

Episode 124: Dryness in Prayer - Probably the most important relationship in our life is our relationship with God, and we are building that through prayer. Prayer is real - it's for everyone, but we know that prayer is not always easy. Sometimes it can even be really hard.



Arise And Be Healed

Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? You're not alone.

This ministry is open to all who have suffered the loss of loved ones. Through God's Love and Mercy, we meet once a month to support and encourage one another on this journey of hope and healing.

Come join us Monday, June 24th at 6:30 PM at St Anthony's & St Mary's Parish Center, No. Main St., Cortland, between St. Mary's School and their parking lot. For more information, please contact

Peggy Vormwald at pvormwald@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Parish Office: 607-756-9967



ANNUAL MEN IN BLACK SOFTBALL GAME

Join us on Sunday, July 28th at 5:30 PM at Mirabito Stadium in Binghamton as our priests and seminarians take on our youth from around the Southern Tier!

Pre-Game: Join us for 3:00 PM Mass with Bishop Lucia at St. Vincent de Paul - Blessed Sacrament Church in Vestal

for our Seminarians, Cornelius Deep &

Joe Kolcun's Rite of Candidacy.

Newman House Catholic Community at Binghamton University Annual Captain and Crew Golf Tournament.

Date: Sunday August 4, 2024 - 1PM Shotgun Start

Location: Traditions at the Glen - Watson Blvd. Johnson City, NY

Cost: \$ 100/player or \$ 400/Foursome

(Includes Golf, Cart, Meal, Limited Drinks, Gift Bag, Golf/ Major Hole in One Prize, Door Prizes)

Hole Sponsor: \$ 200 (Includes Tee Sign and Program Recognition)

Hole/Team: \$ 500 Includes Hole Sponsorship-Golf Team Combo(Save \$100)

Event \$ 500 Silver Sponsorship (Non-Golfing)

Sponsorship: Event Sponsors Receive Signage, Flyer Recognition, Meal, Golf, and Promotional Opportunities. **Questions:** Call Jim Tofte at 607.222.4787 or Sister Rose at the Newman Center 607.798.7202.

Send check to the Newman House, 400 Murray Hill Rd, Vestal, NY 13850 or go online and register at <http://newman.binghamtonsa.org/>. All proceeds go to help fund the Newman House Budget and Maintenance of the Building.

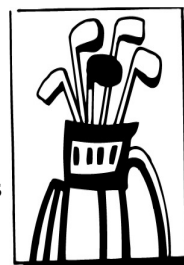
13th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament in honor

of the late Catherine Keep- The Lisle Fire Company is hosting the 13th annual memorial golf tournament in honor of the late Catherine Keep. It will be held at Ford Hill Country Club on **Saturday, August 10th.**

CAPTAIN / CREW EVENT: \$75 PP / \$300 PER TEAM

Price to play **INCLUDES** 18 holes, cart, buffet lunch

For more information please contact Tatiana Keep (607)759-0723



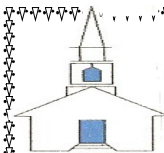
Funeral Planning Booklets are available at the church entrances if you would like to begin selecting the readings and music that you would like played at the time of your death. A member of the bereavement ministry would be glad to meet with you or the completed booklet can be returned to the office so it is available when needed.



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, 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, LtCol Major Joy Thomas, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC and LCpl Isaac James Silvanic USMC

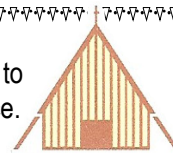
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, OR for any changes, please contact our parish office.



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

ViceChair - Dan Burke, dburke1114@gmail.com

Secretary - Sue Stevens

Trustees - Kathy Cusick, Ron Orzel

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)

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

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, June 16 8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Ella & Garret Van De Weert**
by Garret & Joyce Van De Weert
10:15 AM Marathon...for **The People Of Our Parish**
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Joe Auberger** by Ellie Auberger
for **Francis Pratt, Bernie Massar, Sr.** by Sharon Massar

Monday, June 17 6:00 PM Whitney Point...for **Gerald Mackey** by The Stevens Family

Tuesday, June 18 9:00 AM Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Sunday, June 23 8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **John Halloran, Jr.** by Family
for **Michael Carroll & Elsie Zelsnack Carroll** by Elsie Poyer
10:15 AM Marathon...for **The People Of Our Parish**
12:00 PM OLPH...for **The People Of Our Parish**



Readings for June 16 through 23, 2024:

Today: Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34
Mon: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
Tues: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
Wed: 2 Kgs 2:1,6-14; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thurs: Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
Fri: 2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20; Mt 6:19-23
Sat: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34
Sun: Jb 38:1,8-1; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41



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.



Whitney Point

Greeters: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick

Next Sunday: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker

Lector: Gene Jordan

Next Sunday: Ingrid Jordak

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Shoemaker, Emily Jordan

Next Sunday: Ingrid Wennerod, Peg Orzel

Tabulators: Dick & Kathy Bensley

Next Sunday: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

Marathon

Bob Barry, Kathleen Allen

Kim McCrory, Claire Hinman

Rose Ann Holland

Kathy Cusick

Wayne & Carol Niggli

Tony Zelsnack, Kathy Cusick

Karen Standish, Wayne Niggli

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June Ushers: John & Kim McCrory

➔ 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.

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.

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

FoodPantry Chairperson: John Mihalko

June's Pantry Need: Baby needs & 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



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.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")

Tues., June 18th 10:00AM - Weekly Bible Study - Whitney Point Church

→No Hospitality Committee Meeting in June, July & August

Thurs., June 20th 6:00PM - WP Food Pantry Mtg. - WP Food Pantry

Fri., June 21st 5:00PM - Case/Camino Wedding Rehearsal - WP+ Church

Sat., June 22nd 3:00PM - Case/Camino Wedding - Whitney Point Church

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1- Ezekiel 17:22-24

I, the Lord, bring low the high tree and lift high the lowly tree.

Reading 2 - 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

The lives of all are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ.

Gospel - Mark 4:26-34

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

Adults: What is the "good soil" that allows my faith to grow like a mustard seed?

Children: What can help my faith grow like the mustard seed?

A Family Perspective

Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process.

In fact the farmer doesn't even understand it, for the seed grows even when he sleeps. As parents we can influence our children but nothing we do can guarantee results.

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of June

in our Whitney Point Church is In Memory Of:

Helmut Melzer & Daina Freimanis
by Vella Melzer

in our
Marathon Church
is In Memory Of:
Marge Carroll
by John Carroll

All are invited to our EUCHARISTIC MEAL

(MASS) at 9:00 AM, followed by

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

with Rev. Thomas Macauley, O.P.

Tuesday, June 18th, 10:00-11:00AM
at the Whitney Point Church Hall.

The Gospel of St. Mark Please bring your Bibles and writing materials.



The Catholic Community of St. Stephen-St. Patrick and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Churches Annual Parish Picnic is on

Sunday, September 8th.

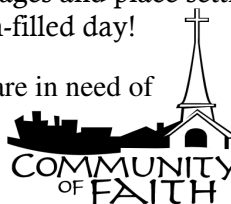
There'll be one Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 11:00 AM followed by the picnic at the North Pavilion at Dorchester Park in Whitney Point. Please bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair and an outdoor game if you wish.

Our parish's Hospitality Committee will be providing the meat, beverages and place settings. Everyone join us for a fun-filled day!

Council of Churches - We are in need of a person from our parish to represent our church.

The Council of Churches is made up of clergy and lay people from the various churches in the area. They meet every other month and the individual can attend in person or on zoom. The purpose is to share God's love in our community. The main role of our representative will be to help plan common events, share information about our parish and to bring back information to our church. Please contact Peg Orzel:607-372-7036 for more information or to volunteer.

It is very important we unite with other denominations in our area.



Vocation View: "When the crop permits, the harvest has come." Are you being called by the Lord of the Harvest to proclaim His kingdom 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.



"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of

fathers, may fathers come to know the *irreplaceable* role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre,
Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

**God Bless Our Dads!
Happy Fathers' Day!**

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.

Did you know???? ...we are in need of one or two people to care for the **Peace Garden**, the flower bed in front of the clothing bank and the flowers in front of our Whitney Point Church. Please consider volunteering a few hours a month to keep our parish grounds beautiful. Contact Sylvia Bates, 607-237-9762 or Peg Orzel, 607-372-7036, for details.

....**Jamie McGowan**, playing the flute has joined our music ministry and that Larry McDonald has returned as a vocalist for the summer. We are grateful they have joined Jennifer Austin, our organist. Their talent certainly adds to our liturgical celebration.

.....**Visions Credit Union employees** donated a huge amount of food to our Ecumenical Food Pantry this week and that the area churches make monetary donations on a regular basis.

.....**Our Hospitality** will be providing dessert for the Community Meal at the Methodist Church on Thursday, June 27th. Call 607-692-3638 to make dinner reservation...either take out or eat in and socialize.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: If ever there was a "how to" manual for Christians, it is in the readings this week. Using parables and stories, Jesus tells the people how to live.

1. Have faith; a little goes a long way.
2. Love your enemies.
3. If someone asks you for something, give it and more.
4. When you do something generous, do it in secret.
5. Don't store up treasures here on earth.
6. Don't worry about it; God has everything under control.

Your challenge this week is to read the six summaries above slowly. Which one is the Holy Spirit calling you to live? Be, in the words of Pope Francis, a "living Gospel in the world" by practicing one of these six teachings of Jesus.