



The Calming Of A Storm At Sea

Catholic Community of St. Stephen & St. Patrick Church

Rev. James Serowik, Pastor

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024

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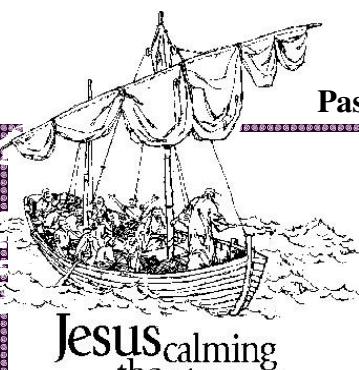
Whitney Point: Monday-Thursday, 9AM-Noon

Email: ststephenstpat@syrdio.org
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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.

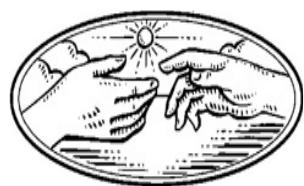
Pastor's Column



In this weekend's Gospel story, we see the disciples in a boat encountering a terrible storm. As the wind is blowing and the waves are crashing into the boat, Jesus is asleep in the back of the boat on a cushion. The disciples awaken Jesus and He quickly calms the storm. How many times in our lives do we feel like the disciples in the boat with Jesus asleep. How many times do the storms of life want to overwhelm us. How many times do we feel like Jesus might be asleep as we go through the struggles of life. Our Gospel this weekend challenges us to trust in the Lord Jesus and His presence in our lives. He calls us to believe in the power of God's love and that He is always in control.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!!!!

Fr. Jim



Creation Care Tips:

As we head into the prime of summer, many begin considering summer vacations and travel. Although it's tempting to hop on an airplane to get someplace more quickly, consider putting a big dent in your carbon footprint by driving instead of flying, choosing a nearer location for vacationing, or even doing a "staycation."

Without being judgmental of others who still fly, share why you are making these choices to start creating some "positive peer pressure."



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

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Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, June 16, 2024:

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,280. Loose: \$640. Elec: \$145.**Total Regular Collection:** \$2,065.

Other Income: CemetMaint-\$20. The following bills were paid this week because of your contributions:

Utilities: \$385. ChR&M: \$120. ChDecor: \$70. **Salaries:** \$1,500. **Total Bills Pd This Week:** \$2,075.

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.

MISSION APPEAL FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORORO

The Archdiocese of Tororo, found in the Eastern part of Uganda has about 4 million people, of whom a little less than half are Catholics. They have 47 parishes, each of which has 20 mission churches on average, served by 130 priests. Therefore, each priest serves about 10,000 Catholics, and visits each village for Mass and the sacraments every couple of months. They have far more needs than local income is able to support. That is why they are extremely grateful that our diocese and parish invite them to make this appeal to us. They are grateful to have us as their brothers and sisters in Christ and in mission. How can we help them? What exactly does our donation do for their mission?

See some examples on the more detailed flyers at the entrances of our churches.

Reverend Michael Oluka, a Catholic Priest of Archdiocese of Tororo in Uganda, East Africa, will come and speak on behalf of this mission next Sunday, June 30th.

Please take note that since this mission appeal is next Sunday, we will take the Diocesan collection for Peter's Pence on July 21st instead of next Sunday also.

During June we are collecting **baby needs & 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.



→→Our subscription to [Formed.org](https://formed.org) expires the end of June. If you are viewing a series you may want to plan ahead so you can complete it.

* **The Woman at the Well | Drawing Closer to God: Lent | Episode 4** - In this episode, Ms. Kim draws

Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well from John 4. Through this scene, Ms. Kim explains how Jesus is the living water that quenches our thirst and gives us eternal life.

* **Saint Paul the Apostle and His Letters | The Augustine Institute Show** - Join Dr. Prothro as he discusses Saint Paul and his Letters on The Augustine Institute Show!

* **St. John the Baptist | Catholic Saints** - Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they talk about St. John the Baptist, the forerunner to Christ.



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 tomorrow, 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

A big thank you to Wayne Niggli for volunteering his time to repair the basement wall and damaged ceiling tiles at our Marathon Church.

Congratulations to Austin Case and Cassandra Canino as they joined in union on Saturday, June 22nd with the Sacrament of Matrimony at our St. Patrick's Church. May they be blessed



St. Mary's Recycle Mission Pick Ups

will be in our area the week of July 29th.

If parishioners and our churches have any religious items that they don't need and can be recycled. Please see flyers at the entrances of our churches and OLPH's Seton Hall with more detail to who they are and what they will and will not take.



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,

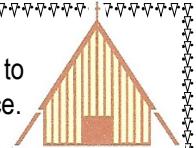
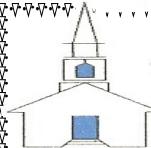
LtCol John Thomas, Daniel Morehouse USMC, LCDR Paul McDonald, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF, LCDR Maria Lescord,

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.ccsssp.com



Our face book page: www.facebook.com/ccsssp

Parish Council

Chairperson - Shelley Warnow, donsgirl1956@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@syradio.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)



Readings for June 23 through 30, 2024:

Today: Jb 38:1-8-1; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

Mon: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80

Tues: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36; Mt 7:6,12-14

Wed: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20

Thurs: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

Fri: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4

Sat: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Sun: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15; Mk 5:21-43



Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

Monday, June 24 **NO MASS**

Tuesday, June 25 **NO MASS**

Sunday, June 30 8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Warren & Mary Lynch** by Garret & Joyce Van De Weert
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Patsy Fedele** by Pat & Terri Fedele



Whitney Point

Greeters: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker

Next Sunday: Anne Clerkin, Cathy Cummings

Lector: Ingrid Jordak

Next Sunday: Marcus Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers: Ingrid Wennerod, Peg Orzel

Next Sunday: Emily Jordan, Ingrid Wennerod

Tabulators: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

Next Sunday: Ron & Jan Orzel

Marathon

Kim McCrory, Claire Hinman

Don Atwood, Bob Barry

Kathy Cusick

Shelley Warnow

Tony Zelsnack, Kathy Cusick

Shelley Warnow, Cindy Barry

Karen Standish, Wayne Nigglie

Don & Terrie Atwood

June Ushers: John & Kim McCrory

July: Bob Barry, Don Atwood

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

→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>



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.

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

Tues., June 25th

No Bible Study

Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1- Job 38:1,8-11

The Lord answers Job's complaints.

Reading 2 - 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Those in Christ are a new creation.

Gospel - Mark 4:35-41

Jesus calms the storm.

Adults: When has the Lord calmed the stormy times of my life?

Children: What fear can Jesus help me overcome?

The Marathon setting is disposing of two trash cans and their receptacle.

If you are interested, a photo and details are on the table in the Vestibule at Marathon. Must be gone by July 15. See picture of it on our bulletin boards.

→No Mass on Monday, June 24th or Tuesday, June 25th.

→No Bible Study on

Tuesday, June 25th.

It will resume Tuesday, July 2nd

Today, June 23rd, Fr. Jim will preside at all three masses. We gratefully appreciate

Fr. Jim who has led our churches as administrator for the past two years and made sure we always had Mass during this stressful time of shortage of priests.

We all wish him well on his new assignment beginning July 1st. God Bless You, Fr. Jim.



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!

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.

Women's Faith Group Meeting is the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:30AM in our Whitney Point Church Hall. Join us! Our next one is July 8th.

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



A Family Perspective

Just as the apostles in today's gospel were amazed at the power of Jesus so our children are amazed at our lack of fear of dark rooms or monsters in closets or under beds.

As the apostles depended on Jesus, children depend on us to restore quiet to their lives. Getting out of bed at night to quiet a child's fears is the stuff of holiness

Council of Churches - We are in need of a person from our parish to represent our church. The Council of Churches **COMMUNITY OF FAITH** 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 info or to volunteer. It is very important we unite with other denominations in our area.



Vocation View: "He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised." Is Christ calling you to die to self and live for Him 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.

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: Judging is a topic in the readings this week. It is something we all do whether we admit it or not. At a Midwestern parish there was a woman who was in charge of the St. Vincent DePaul chapter and did all the intake of clients who needed assistance. She frequently spoke with the parish staff about clients after they had left the building. She didn't hesitate to express her strong opinions about why this or that person had fallen into poverty. The staff and the pastor suggested that she not be so quick to judge, but to no avail. She really thought she knew people and that it was her right to have and express her opinions. One day, a pregnant woman with three small children came to the office for help. Jeanne remarked to the woman that she obviously couldn't afford the children she had so why another one? The woman bowed her head for a minute and then lifted it and said, "This is my first one actually. The three with me are my sister's children. She and her husband died in a car accident two months ago. We were blessed to be given custody of the children. Of course we weren't prepared for this and I had to quit work to care for them, and we are temporarily in a bind."