

# MISSION APPEAL FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORORO

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 30, 2024**

**Catholic Community of St. Stephen & St. Patrick Church**



**Rev. James Serowik, Pastor**

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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 thank everyone for their love and support as I leave the Parish Community of St. Stephen and St. Patrick and the Mission of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. These past two years have been a blessing in my priestly life and I thank everyone who has journeyed with me. As I mentioned last weekend, my only regret is that there are only 24 hours in a day and that I was not always able to do as much as I would have liked to for our parish family. If I hurt or offended anyone in any way, I am truly sorry. I ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers and I will keep you in mine as well. I am confident that Fr. Thomas will do a wonderful job as he shepherds this wonderful parish community. I ask that you keep him in your prayers as well as he begins a new chapter in his priestly life. I also ask that you continue to pray for all priests and for an increase of priestly vocations in our diocese. May the Lord continue to provide loving shepherds for His Church!

Fr. Jim



**Creation Care Tips:**

"God does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them."

—Wisdom 1:13-14.

Personally, we may not like buzzing, crawling, slithering, or scampering critters like bees, insects, mice, or snakes that inhabit our yards, gardens, and parks, but God created them as creatures with value. This week, vow to eliminate, or cut back on, your household's use of pesticides and poisons that kill wildlife, seen and unseen. Advocate that your city use only natural methods of critter control in its parks and public areas.

**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](https://twitter.com/SyrDiocese)

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

**Linkedin:** [linkedin.com/company/catholic-diocese-of-Syracuse](https://linkedin.com/company/catholic-diocese-of-Syracuse)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/DioceseOfSyracuse](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfSyracuse)

**Instagram:** [instagram.com/Syracusediocese](https://instagram.com/Syracusediocese)

**Pinterest:** [pinterest.com/syracusediocese](https://pinterest.com/syracusediocese)





Stewardship  
Report

**Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, June 23, 2024:**

**Regular Collection:** Envs: \$1,505. Loose: \$428. Elec: \$120. ....**Total Regular Collection: \$2,053.**

*The following bills were paid this week because of your contributions:* CathSun: \$86. Office: \$115.

Ph/Int: \$190. SchSbsdyPymt: \$1,165. RecExp: \$162. ChMaint: \$348. Grdskpg: \$240.

Utilities: \$286. Salaries: \$1,500. ....**Total Bills Pd This Week: \$4,092.**

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

**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 info or to volunteer. It is very important we unite with other denominations in our area.



**St. Mary's Recycle Mission Pick Ups** will be in our area the week of July 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

During **July** we are collecting **potatoes & 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.**

**The Kolby Oakley concert at the Broome County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** is being sponsored by our Food Pantry and the Southern Tier Food Bank. A high percentage of the proceeds are donated to our local Food Pantry and the Southern Tier Food Bank. We are in need of volunteers to help to set up and 'work' the concert. **→ If you are able to help for one of these please contact Peg (607 372 7036 call or text) by this Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Volunteers needed at the Fairgrounds:

**Friday July 12 at 10:00AM** - 4 people to set up the bike rack. Teens welcome

**Saturday July 13: Parking Assistants** - 4 people needed - **time to be announced**

**Checking IDs** for 21 and up - 2 adults

**Moving people** through the ticket line - 2 adults; direct for cash/credit and or physical/printed ticket

**Wristband check** for Main sponsors Tent - 1 adult to check for proper wristband to enter the main sponsors gated area

**Helping security** - 2-4 adults... with moving people from the parking area into the gated show area (trying to cut down on tailgating in the parking lot) 2-4 people working in pairs and gently reminding folks that our insurance does not cover drinking outside the gates)

**Security** at the North gate starting at 10:30 and can work in shifts 1- 2 adults to check the list of opening bands/vendors who will be getting set up during the day.

**Devotions to St. Anne** – The Church of the Holy Trinity, 346 Prospect St. Binghamton is once again offering our annual devotions to St. Anne, July 24, 25, 26.

The schedule is as follows: July 24: 6pm – Vespers .

**July 25: 6PM** –Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Holy Eucharist,

**July 26: 6PM** - Solemn Mass of St. Anne, followed by a reception in our hall.

We are pleased to have Fr. Fred Mwangi-Kooro as our guest celebrant and presider.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our start time each evening will be at 6PM! We will pray the Angelus to begin each evening and veneration of the relic of St. Anne will take place at the end.

For more information please call the parish office at 724-1372. The church is both handicapped accessible and air-conditioned.



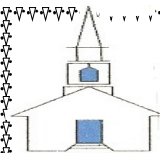
**The Marathon setting is disposing of two trash cans and their receptacle.** If you are interested, a photo and details are on the table in the Vestibule at Marathon. Must be gone by July 15. See picture of it on our bulletin boards.



**Please Pray For Our Following Friends and Family in the Military:** Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2<sup>nd</sup>Lt. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup>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, LtCol Major Joy Thomas, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC and LCpl Isaac James Silvanic USMC

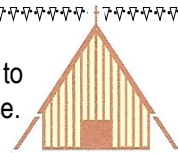
**If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, OR for any changes, please contact our parish office.**



## 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](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, 607-759-1876

**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)

Phone, Mail or Email, [ststephenstpat@syrdio.org](mailto:ststephenstpat@syrdio.org)

### Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, June 30 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Jerry Mackey** by Dunham Family  
**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  
 Monday, July 01 **6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**  
 Tuesday, July 02 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**  
 Sunday, July 07 **8:30 AM** Whitney Pt...for **Celebration of Joe & Sue McDonald's**  
**50th Anniversary**  
**10:15 AM** Marathon...for **Marge Carroll** by John Carroll  
**12:00 PM** OLPH...for **The People Of Our Parish**



### Readings for June 30 through July 7, 2024:

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

**Mon: Am** 2:6-10,13-16; **Mt** 8:18-22

**Tues: Am** 3:1-8; 4:11-12; **Mt** 8:23-27

**Wed: Eph** 2:19-22; **Jn** 20:24-29

**Thurs: Am** 7:10-17; **Mt** 9:1-8

**Fri: Am** 8:4-6,9-12; **Mt** 9:9-13

**Sat: Am** 9:11-15; **Mt** 9:14-17

**Sun: Ez** 2:2-5; **2 Cor** 12:7-10; **Mk** 6:1-6a



### Whitney Point

**Greeters:** Anne Clerkin, Cathy Cummings

**Next Sunday:** Earl Markham, Cris Broderick

**Lector:** Marcus Stevens

**Next Sunday:** Ron Orzel

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Emily Jordan, Ingrid Wennerod

**Next Sunday:** Cathy Shoemaker, Peg Orzel

**Tabulators:** Ron & Jan Orzel

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### Marathon

Don Atwood, Bob Barry

Kathleen Allen, Kim McCrory

Shelley Warnow

Claire Hinman

Shelley Warnow, Cindy Barry

Wayne Niggli, Karen Standish

Don & Terrie Atwood

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**June Ushers:** John & Kim McCrory

**July:** Bob Barry, Don Atwood

**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.

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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

➔ 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.

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.



**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., July 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00AM - Bible Study - Whitney Point Church**

**Thurs., July 4<sup>th</sup> of July! WPFoodPantry, ClothingBank & Office Closed**

**Fri., July 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM - Holy Hour - Whitney Point Church**

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.

**MISSION APPEAL FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORORO**

Today, June 30<sup>th</sup>, we welcome and thank **Reverend Michael Oluka**, a Catholic Priest of Archdiocese of Tororo in Uganda, East Africa, and will speak on behalf of his mission appeal.

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.

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

**All are invited to our EUCHARISTIC MEAL**

(MASS) at 9:00 AM, followed by

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY**

with Rev. Thomas Macauley, O.P.

**Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00-11:00AM**

at the Whitney Point Church Hall.

**The Gospel of St. Mark**

Please bring your Bibles and writing materials.



**Vocation View:**

"She fell down

before Jesus and told him the whole truth." Let us lay down

our lives before Jesus and share the whole truth with

him. He may be calling you to follow Him as a priest, sister, or brother. Listen. Reach out

to the Vocation Office via

email: [vocations@syrdio.org](mailto:vocations@syrdio.org)

and follow us on Instagram

@vocations Syracuse or call

Fr. Jason Hage at

(315) 470-1468.



**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**GOD**

**BLESS**

**AMERICA!**

**Ecumenical VBS**

The Council of Churches is sponsoring an Ecumenical VBS that will be held at



Countryside Christian Chapel, 32 Bull Creek Road.

It will be based on SCUBA a program from Group Publication. It is going to be **August 5-9th -6-8PM**

(Parents come at 7:30 on Friday). If you would like

to volunteer to help or have your child attend they contact Dez Peterson 607-743-3600.

**Whole Community Catechesis**

**Readings and Questions for Discussion**

**Reading 1- Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24**

Death entered the world through the work of the devil.

**Reading 2 - 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15**

As Christ became poor for our sake, so must we share with those in need from our abundance.

**Gospel - Mark 5:21-43**

(shorter form, Mark 5:21-24,35b-43)

Jesus heals a woman afflicted with a hemorrhage and raises Jairus's daughter from death.

**Adults:** Have I sacrificed something for another person and felt enriched?

**Children:** Whom can I help with acts of kindness?



**A Family Perspective**

The healing of the

woman and the child in today's gospel is a reminder we are all wounded.

We retreat to those we love looking for acceptance, listening, understanding and support. Families must be healing communities where Jesus is present in our care for one another.

**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



**WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE:** We mark Independence Day every July to celebrate our freedom as a democratic nation. We honor the creation of the Declaration of Independence, which describes the equality of all people and their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Your challenge this week is to celebrate human rights, but to also ask yourselves—as individuals and as families—how much you uphold these rights. Do you vote? Do you study the positions of candidates so you can vote with an informed conscience? Do you advocate with your state and national legislature for bills which defend the human rights of all God's people? On a personal level, do you defend others from persecution, ridicule, or the denial of their right to life, freedom and happiness?