

Rev. Thomas Macauley
Church Administrator



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH
CINCINNATUS, NY

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH
MARATHON, NY

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
WHITNEY POINT, NY



Catholic Community of St. Stephen & St. Patrick Church
July 7, 2024

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 07, 2024

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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.

Administrator's Column

Welcoming Jesus Christ and One Another.

Dear Friends in Christ,

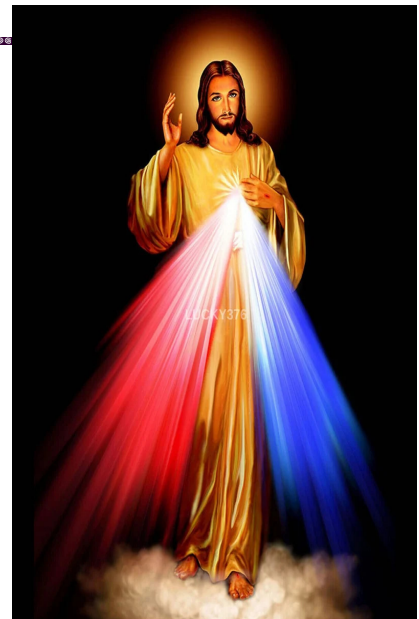
A warm and gracious welcome to you and all members of our church family!
What would our churches look like if we would remember that our congregations preach far more than half the homily? A scripture scholar, William Barclay remarked that: "In an atmosphere of faith and expectancy the poorest effort can catch fire. In an atmosphere of critical coldness or bland indifference, the most spirit-packed utterance can fall lifeless to the earth."

When people come together to worship God, they will worship God. If people come together to refuse to understand, they will misunderstand. If people come together to see no other point of view but their own, they will see no other point of view. But if people have come together, seeking to love and serve God and each other, even those who are different can come together as disciples of Christ, glorifying God.

There is a tremendous responsibility laid on us, in the sense that we can either help and promote or hinder the work of God. May we continue to open our heart and minds to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

May you have a blessed week and an amazing Sunday! God bless you!

Rev. Thomas Macauley



1 Cor 13:13
These three remain,
Faith, Hope and Love,
the greatest is Love.

**SO GLAD YOU
ARE HERE!
YOU ARE
AMAZING!**

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: Facebook: www.facebook.com/DioceseOfSyracuse Twitter: twitter.com/SyrDiocese
Instagram: [instagram.com/Syracusediocese](https://www.instagram.com/Syracusediocese) YouTube: [Youtube.com/user/syrdio](https://www.youtube.com/user/syrdio)
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Weekly Stewardship Report: Last Sunday, June 30, 2024:

Regular Collection: Envs: \$1,000. Loose: \$630. Elec: \$1,160. **Total Regular Collection: \$2,790.**

Diocesan Collections: Missionary Coop-\$1,478. **Other Income:** MemSanc-\$40.

The following bills were paid this week because of your contributions: **FuelOil:** \$934. (BudgBal)

Altar: \$165. **Office:** \$68. **RelStip:** \$200. **Salaries:** \$1,500. **Total Bills Paid This Week: \$2,867.**

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.

2023 Hope Appeal Thank You for Making an Impact!

We are grateful for your support of the 2023 HOPE Appeal. You will find the HOPE Appeal Impact Report Summary at the Church entrances. On behalf of the many individuals and families who were helped by your goodness, thank you for strengthening the fabric of our faith. The full version of the report can be found at : syracusediocese.org/hopeappeal



Creation Care Tips:

Summer holidays and festivals can create a lot of trash in your neighborhood or town. Rather than walking by it feeling critical of the people who littered, bring a trash bag with you on your walks this week to pick up the trash before wildlife ingests it or it makes its way into the waterways, where it adds to the pollution.

2024 Men in Black Softball Game Sunday, July 28th, 5:30PM at Mirabito Stadium, Binghamton -

All are welcome to attend the Annual Men in Black Softball Game which will be held on Sunday, July 28th at 5:30 at the Mirabito Stadium in Binghamton. Priests and seminarians will play against youth from around the southern tier in a friendly but competitive softball game.

Come on out to the ballpark to cheer on the *Syracuse Padres* versus the *Southern Tier Angels* which includes free admission, kid's games on the field, basket raffles, 50/50 raffle, lots of family fun, and to hear inspirational vocation stories from our clergy. Feel free to invite your family, friends, and neighbors! There will also be a special Mass with Bishop Lucia for the Rite of Candidacy of our Seminarians, Cornelius Deep and Joe Kolkuns at 3:00pm at St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament in Vestal that afternoon.

See you there... no ifs, ands, or bunts!

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.



The American Red Cross - Give the Gift of Life!

The American Red Cross asks the country to roll up a sleeve to help ensure people receive the care that they need.

You can save up to 5 lives with just one donation of blood.

Our community blood drive is on Saturday, July 20th, from 9 AM - 2 PM at St. Mary's Church Hall, N. Main St., Cortland.

Call the Red Cross at 753-1182 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins welcome!



Mission Needs

MISSION APPEAL FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORORO

Thank you for your most generous response to last Sunday's collection for the Missionary Cooperative Appeal for Uganda. The CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church collected \$ 1,478.00, to date, plus any more donations that come will all be forwarded to the Pontifical Mission Societies Department at the Diocese of Syracuse who will forward to their Archdiocese of Tororo.

Prayer for Civility As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided. Pope Francis challenges us to respond by building a "better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good" (Fratelli Tutti, no. 154). We are called to overcome division, promote encounters with our neighbors, and seek the truth. Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics is a nonpartisan initiative from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that seeks to assist Catholics to counter polarization and division in Church and society by following the example of the Good Samaritan, who challenges us to "become neighbors to all" (Fratelli Tutti, no. 80). Commit to A Better Kind of Politics and respond creatively to the problems facing our world and civilizeit.org.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where uncivil words prevail, show me how to model love. Help me remember the God-given dignity of all and invite others to do the same. Show me how to build bridges and not walls and see first what unites us rather than how we diverge. Let me seek to understand before asking to be understood. Give me a listening heart filled with empathy and compassion. May I be clear in sharing my own position and respectful and civil in describing those of others. Let me never tolerate hateful ideas. May I invite all to charity and love. Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy. Make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.

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.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

PRAY MORE, WORRY LESS - 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,

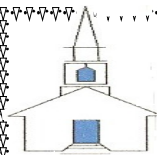
Major Caleb Miller, Sgt Heather Fox, LtCol John Thomas, Daniel Morehouse USMC, LCDR Paul McDonald, 2ndLt. Emily Steele USAF,

LCDR Maria Lescord, SSgt Dan Votra USMC, SSG Steven Gross, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III,

LtCol Major Joy Thomas, A1C Brendan Schneider, OS3 Jonathan Schneider, Sgt Zachary Reardon USMC and

LCpl Isaac James Silvanic USMC

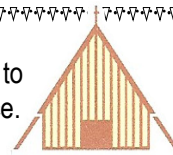
If you have a friend or family member serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, OR for any changes, please contact our parish office.



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 contact Pat Canfield at pattycafe@yahoo.com. She 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 or contact Pat. → If you choose to be updated about a particular prayer chain request, please recon tact Pat.



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

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, July 07 8:30 AM Whitney Point...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

Monday, July 08 6:00 PM Whitney Point...for The People Of Our Parish

Tuesday, July 09 9:00 AM Whitney Point...for The People Of Our Parish

Sunday, July 14 8:30 AM Whitney Point...for Steve Hanzlik by Dorothy Hanzlik

10:15 AM Marathon...for Chuck McEvoy by Don & Terrie Atwood

12:00 PM OLPH...for Charles Januszka by Joanne Livermore



Readings for July 7 through 14, 2024:

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

Mon: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26

Tues: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38

Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7

Thurs: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15

Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23

Sat: Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33

Sun: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13



Whitney Point

Greeters: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick

Next Sunday: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker

Lector: Ron Orzel

Next Sunday: Tom Nichols

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Shoemaker, Peg Orzel

Next Sunday: Sue McDonald, Kathy Bensley

Tabulators: Ron & Jan Orzel

Next Sunday: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Kim McCrory

Claire Hinman, Don Atwood

Claire Hinman

Bill McGovern

Wayne Niggli, Karen Standish

Carol Niggli, Tony Zelsnack

Don & Terrie Atwood

Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw

July Ushers: Bob Barry, Don Atwood

Aug: W. Niggli, T. Zelsnack

→ 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.

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.



No CCSS-SP Hospitality Committee Meetings in June, July and August. We will resume Sept. 17th.

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

FoodPantry Chairperson: John Mihalko

July's Pantry Need: Potatoes & 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")

Mon., July 8th 9:30AM - Women's Faith Group Mtg.-Whitney Pt Ch Hall

10:00AM - CCSS-SP Finance Mtg. - Parish Office

Tues., July 9th 10:00AM - Bible Study - Whitney Point Church

Sat., July 13th 8:00AM - Catholic Men of Faith Mtg. Whitney Pt Ch Hall

Whole Community Catechesis
Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1- Ezekiel 2:2-5

They are a rebellious house
but shall know that a prophet
has been among them.

Reading 2 - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

I will boast in my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ
may dwell in me.

Gospel - Mark 6:1-6a

A prophet is not without honor
except in his native place.

Adults & Children: How do I react when
someone criticizes or challenges me?
Do I dismiss their words at once?
How can I prayerfully consider their
criticism or advice?



A Family Perspective

Today's gospel is so
familiar, it hurts! The hometown folks
could not accept the presence of God in
Jesus. After all, they had watched him
grow up. We can easily make the same
mistake if we do not see God present in
the ordinary routines of our family.
"The Lord be with you" is a statement of
fact. Believe it. Live it.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel recounts his calling in today's
first reading, relating that God told him
bluntly that a prophet's audience is
obstinate and rebellious.

Paul tells of hardships of his own but
insists that they provide opportunities
for Christ's power to strengthen him.
The people of Nazareth take offense at
Jesus, unwilling to accept that this
local carpenter could teach them about
God. Let us be attentive to God's voice,
both here and wherever we hear it.



The Sanctuary Candle Burning
for the Month of July

in our Whitney Point Church
is In Memory Of:

Christopher Bird

by Joanne Valachovic

in our Marathon Church
is In Memory Of:

Michael Joseph

by Marie Joseph

Sanctuary Candles: Please call the parish office
if interested in having the sanctuary candle in
memory of a loved one. Donation is \$20.00 for
the month. Months available in 2024 in
WP: Nov **Marathon:** Sept, Oct, Nov.

Church Picnic



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!

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: It seems kind of funny
that when the disciples went out on their missions, they
failed sometimes. They tried to heal, and it didn't
work. They tried to get rid of a demon, and it wouldn't
leave. They talked with Jesus about this and he said
they had to have faith. They needed to believe that
they had authority and it would be theirs. This potential
is offered to us as well. We might ask who are the sick,
the poor, the mentally ill, the hungry and homeless?
They are living among us – in our families, schools,
workplaces and community. How do you serve?
In what small way are you being challenged to act on
behalf of someone else in the face of fear?

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.

All are invited to our
EUCCHARISTIC MEAL (MASS)

at 9:00 AM, followed by
WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY
with Rev. Thomas Macauley

Tuesday, July 9th,

10:00-11:00AM at the
Whitney Point Church Hall.

The Gospel of St. Mark

Please bring your Bibles

and writing materials



Vocation View: "My grace is
sufficient for you." Consider a
calling to the priesthood or consecrated life.
God's grace is all you need. 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.



VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL

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.

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.

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.

