

EXCITING BEGINNINGS AWAIT:

Welcome Everyone!

So Glad You Are Here!

You Are Amazing!

May the Lord help us to accept God's call and mission for each one of us, for God's glory and our salvation.

**Catholic Community of
St. Stephen & St. Patrick Church
July 14, 2024
Rev. Thomas Macauley, Pastor**



Rev. Thomas Macauley, Administrator

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2024

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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.

Pastoral Administrator's Column

Gifted, Chosen and Sent Forth By God

In today's Gospel reading, the disciples are sent to outsiders, thus expanding its missionary range and moving into Gentile lands.

Helmut Koester has suggested that Mark created the literary genre of the gospel as an instruction in discipleship, to sustain the life of the church and to prepare it for the inevitable experience of suffering. If that be the case, then today's pericope is an explicit example of Jesus' apostolic counsel.

A sense of eschatological urgency pervade the entire text. The instruction to take nothing - not food or luggage, money or change of clothing is more than an exhortation to simplicity and asceticism. With the belief that the Messianic era was upon them, such provision for a long campaign were deemed useless and unnecessary. In addition to the eschatological atmosphere of the episode, there is a message about trusting in divine providence of the Blessed Trinity.

For Amos and the apostles, as they are called and sent, they must know who they are and who it is who called them. The true prophet, Amos, knew the Lord sent him. The apostles were sent by Jesus. They came from varied walks of life. God calls everyone no matter who they are. Will you share Jesus' message, the Good News of salvation, and go where he sends you and welcome others as you would Christ himself?

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Have a blessed summer and an Amazing Sunday!

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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.



Weekly Collection Report - Last Sunday, July 7, 2024:

Regular Collection: Envs.-\$ 1,540. Loose-\$ 544.**Total Regular Collection;** \$ 2,084.

Monthly Stewardship Report - We will begin giving a monthly

stewardship report on August 4, 2024

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

Peter's Pence Collection - Next Sunday, July 21st, we will take up the diocesan Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.



Creation Care Tips:

He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts." —Mark 6:8.

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands his disciples to live simply as they spread the Good News. Just like the first disciples, we are asked to live simply too. This week, challenge yourself to live with fewer disposable items, cut down on your waste, and choose reusable items. Instead of using plastic wrap, use beeswax wraps or other reusable substitutes. Use cloth grocery bags and mesh vegetable bags instead of the single use plastic ones at the store. If you haven't already, commit to using a reusable coffee cup and metal straws.

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 at 607-372-7036 for more info or to volunteer. It is very important we unite with other denominations in our area.



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!



Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.

Little Free Library - Did you notice the little church building

near the bottle and can bin in front of the Whitney Point church? It is a Little Free Library donated by the Doug Pogorzelski Family. *What is a Little Free Library?* It's a "take book, return a book" gathering place where neighbors (adult and children) share their favorite literature and stories. In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share. You can, too!

It is a program to encourage literacy throughout our country. Perhaps stop on your way into or out of church each week.

Happy Summer Time Reading!



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.

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.

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.

CCSS-SP's 50/50 for

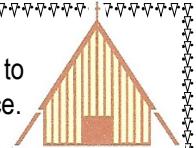
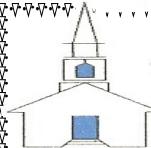
June was won by

Loretta Husner, winning \$50.00. Congratulations!

Thank you to all who participate in this monthly raffle. Proceeds are split by winner and our parish's Capital Building Fund which we have for any major repairs that may become needed.

There are extra 50/50 envelopes at the entrances of our churches. Donation is \$5.00 per envelope.

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.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 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, 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

Monday, July 15 6:00 PM Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Tuesday, July 16 9:00 AM Whitney Point...for **Deacon John Giugno** by Ken & Sylvia Bates

Sunday, July 21 8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Peter Tobis** by Vella Melzer

10:15 AM Marathon...for **Dawn Odinek** by Linda Caminiti

12:00 PM OLPH...for **Charles Januszka** by OLPH's Altar Rosary Society



Readings for July 14 through 21, 2024:

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

Mon: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tues: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wed: Is 10:5-7,13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thurs: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Fri: Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Sat: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

Sun: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34



MASS, COFFEE & SNACK, BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to our

EUCARISTIC MEAL (MASS)

at 9:00 AM, followed by refreshments and

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

with Rev. Thomas Macaulay

Tuesday, July 16th,

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

The Gospel of St. Mark

Please bring your Bibles
and writing materials



Whitney Point

Greeters: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker

Next Sunday: Anne Clerkin, Cathy Cummings

Lector: Tom Nichols

Next Sunday: Gene Jordan

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue McDonald, Kathy Bensley

Next Sunday: Cathy Shoemaker, Emily Jordan, Peg Orzel

Tabulators: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

Next Sunday: Dick & Kathy Bensley

Marathon

Claire Hinman, Don Atwood

Kathleen Allen, Bob Barry

Bill McGovern

Don Alexy

Carol Niggli, Tony Zelsnack

Shelley Warnow, Kathy Cusick

Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw

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July Ushers: Bob Barry, Don Atwood

Aug: W.Niggli, T.Zelsnack

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

→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, Eurharistic Minister, Greeter or Tabulator, please call the parish office. Training will be provided.



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

Tues., July 16th 10:00AM - Bible Study - Whitney Point Church

Thurs., July 18th 6:00PM - Food Pantry Mtg. - WP Food Pantry

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- Amos 7:12-15

The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel.

Reading 2 - Ephesians 1:3-14

(shorter form Ephesians 1:3-10)

Paul teaches that we were chosen for Christ before the creation of the world.

Gospel - Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

Adults: What part of the Good News of Jesus Christ can I share this week?

Children: Which of Jesus' stories can I tell this week?



A Family Perspective

Jesus sent out His

apostles without many "things" because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our "things."

Garage sales only transfer "things."

We even ignore each other because we have "things" to do. What "things" are separating you from your family?

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.



Mass Intention Offerings

The minimum 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. You may give generously.



Vocation View:

"He began to send them out two by two." Just as Jesus was sending out His disciples in pairs, perhaps you too are being called to discipleship for this shared mission 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.



"Experiencing God in Our Community"

Summer Activities for kids and their families will be held during the months of July and August.

Sponsored by the Catholic Community St. Patrick/St. Stephen and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Faith Formation Program - to be held at the St. Patrick's Keibel Rd Campus and local area.

All activities will be held from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Children of all ages are welcome to join us! ALL children must be accompanied by an adult.

• Wednesday, July 17th at

St. Patrick's Church - *Experiencing God through Cooking and Hospitality* - led by Cris Broderick & Loretta Husner.

• Wednesday, July 24th at

St. Patrick's Church - *Experiencing God through music* - led by Darrah Wright of Crane School of Music.

• Tuesday, July 30th at

St. Patrick's Church - *Experiencing God's Beauty through Art* - led by Joslyn Wright.

• Monday, August 12th at Dorchester Park *Experiencing God's amazing creations with a Nature Hike* - led by Dan Burke

• Thursday, August 22nd at

Dorchester Park - *Experiencing God through outdoor Team Games* - led by Sherry Dee and Jackie Wright and members of the Faith Formation Team.

**Please feel free to participate in any or all.

***We will need a headcount for each activity and require RSVPs, giving 2 days' notice prior to each event.

A simple text, phone call, or e-mail providing the family name and number of people attending would be needed.

RSVP's to Sherry Dee - text or call

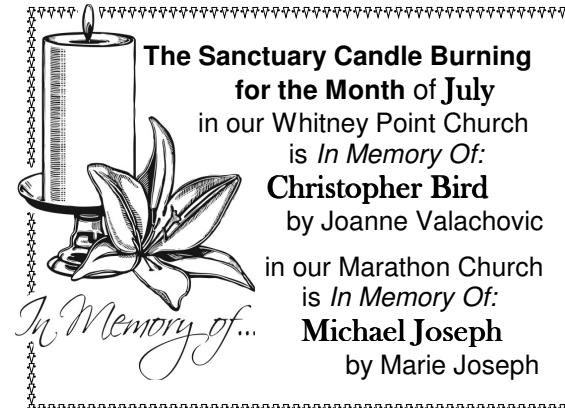
(607)-759-1876 or e-mail

sherrylynn@stny.rr.com or

Jackie Wright - text or call

(607)-222-5775 or e-mail

jackiewright6@yahoo.com.



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



In Memory of...

Church Picnic

Everyone join us for a fun-filled day!

WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: July 14th is the feast day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the patron of the environment and ecology. She was from an Algonquin tribe that had been hit with a small pox epidemic which took the lives of her family. As a teenager, she was introduced to Scripture by missionaries and she was baptized. She led a very prayerful life devoted to the Eucharist and to serving others. Some in her tribe ridiculed her and she endured great suffering for her faith. Yet she never wavered in her beliefs. Your justice challenge this week is to take a step out in faith like Kateri, talk with a friend or someone in your family about your faith. Share what is important to you about it and then encourage those you talk with to do the same. You may be laughed at or ridiculed, or even surprised by a warm reception. Whatever the response, thank God in prayer for the opportunities you have to bring the good news to others and continue to be a living witness of your faith.