



The Lord Is My Shepherd; There Is Nothing I Shall Want

**Catholic Community of
St. Stephen & St. Patrick Church
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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.

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Pastoral Administrator's Column

JESUS, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

Today's first reading is a series of oracles delivered by the Prophet Jeremiah against the unworthy shepherds who had led God's people astray. He spoke against Judokas (22:10-12), Jehoiakim (22:13-19) and Jeconiah (22:20-30), the next false shepherd in chronological order would have been Zedekiah.

Ephesians 2:13-18 is called the theological core of the Letter to the Ephesians. Today's second reading is part of a longer section (2:1-22) in which the author expounds upon the benefits made available to both gentiles ("you") and Jews ("we") in Christ.

The Gospel reading today serves as an introduction to the next long section of Mark's gospel, the double version of the feeding of the multitudes. Shepherdless sheep were a frequent motif in the Old Testament signifying the needs of the people for leadership, security, sustenance and healing.

It is the ideal of true and good shepherding to which Jesus ascribed and with which he associated his ministry and that of his apostles.

May we have the same compassion as Jesus when we look at the world around us. Let us strive to be shepherds to them, just as Jesus is to us, and help them to realize their full potential.

Have an amazing Sunday and a blessed week!

Rev. Thomas Macauley

**WELCOME!
THANKS FOR
WORSHIPPING
WITH US!**

**SO
GLAD
YOU
ARE
HERE!**

**JESUS
I TRUST
IN YOU!**

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 14, 2024:

Regular Collection: Envs.-\$2,250 . Loose-\$659 Electr: \$285. Total Regular Collection; \$3,194 .

Other Income: Hosp-\$30. **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.



Creation Care Tips:

"I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called." -Ephesians 4:1.

God calls us to many things, including our vocations to love our neighbors and to care for creation.

How can you implement practices of environmental sustainability in your career/job/workplace?

Do people in your job setting recycle? Each job setting is distinct, but think of ways in which you can advocate to reduce waste, energy, and water consumption at work.



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.

Did you know? The 50/50 Drawing pink envelope is in our envelope box once a month. The drawing is done at the end of the month. 50% goes to the individual winner and 50% to the Capital Building Fund. There are extra envelopes at the entrances of our churches. Cost is \$5.00 per envelope.

Peter's Pence Collection - Today, July 21st, we will take up the diocesan Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection, that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please put your gift envelope in with the regular collection. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

The Catholic Men of Faith is an organization of men from our three parishes that meet twice a month, 2nd and 4th Saturday mornings, at 8:00AM, at our Whitney Point Church Hall. Our purpose is to get to know each other, to serve those in need and to discuss spiritual topics as they arise. All men of the parish are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please call or text Tom Nichols at 607-760-4138 or email tomnich@hotmail.com. The next meeting is July 27th.



From the Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry:



Project Rachel Ministry- Post-abortion Help

Shame hurts. For many, the shame of abortion runs very deep. It eats away at your worth, your value, your very identity. How did I do this awful thing? Can God ever forgive me? Can I ever forgive myself? The answer is, yes. The Church loves you and wants you to know forgiveness. Confidentially contact Project Rachel at 855-364-0076 or hopeandhealing@syrdio.org.

Our experienced team members are ready to walk with you on the journey to hope and healing. You are not alone. God loves you and is waiting for you. *I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. (Luke 15:7)*

.The 149th Broome County Fair
Tuesday, July 23 to Sunday, July 28, 2024
at the Whitney Point Fairgrounds.
Please take note that the Whitney Point Food Pantry will be closed during that time.

The Northern Broome Senior Center is located at 12 Strongs Place in Whitney Point. The senior center is opened Monday through Friday (9AM - 3PM) for in person dining and a variety of activities. The Northern Broome Senior Center currently offers: ♦ *In person dining*: a hot lunch is served every day at noon.

Advanced reservations are required for the meal program. To reserve your meal call: 607-692-3405. For the current meal menu and list of activities please review the latest edition of: [Senior News](#). If you would like to receive the Senior News by mail, please call 607-778-2411.

♦ *Activities*: the No. Broome Senior Center offers a variety of activities such as **Bingo, quilting, sunrise yoga, shuffleboard, chair yoga and other health & wellness options**. The senior center has an exercise equipment room available for daily use. For the current list of activities and classes please review the latest edition of: [Senior News](#). You can contact them by calling 607-692-3405.

Check Out the Diocese Online: syracusediocese.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DioceseOfSyracuse

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

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Linkedin: linkedin.com/company/catholic-diocese-of-Syracuse

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,

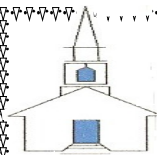
LCDR Maria Lescord, SSgt Dan Votra USMC, SSG Steven Gross, SSgt Justin Blaisdell, LCDR Marvin Joel Scott III,

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.

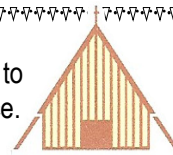




Mission Statement for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen - St. Patrick

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 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

Monday, July 22 **6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **Deacon John Giugno** by Stevens Family

Tuesday, July 23 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Sunday, July 28 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Michael Carroll & Elsie Carroll Zelsnack** by Elsie Poyer
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Chuck McEvoy** by Caroline McEvoy
12:00 PM OLPH...for **The People Of Our Parish**



Readings for July 21 through 28, 2024:

Today: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34
Mon: Sg 3:1-4b; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tues: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
Wed: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
Thurs: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Fri: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
Sat: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30
Sun: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15



MASS, COFFEE & SNACK, BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to our **EUCCHARISTIC MEAL (MASS)** at 9:00 AM, followed by refreshments and **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** with Rev. Thomas Macaulay **Tuesday, July 23rd**, 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 Clerkin, Cathy Cummings
Next Sunday: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick
Lector: Gene Jordan
Next Sunday: Sue McDonald

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Shoemaker, E. Jordan, P. Orzel
Next Sunday: Kathy Bensley, Sue McDonald, Peg Orzel
Tabulators: Dick & Kathy Bensley
Next Sunday: Dick & Kathy Bensley

Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Bob Barry
 Kim McCrory, Claire Hinman
 Don Alexy
 Carol Niggli
 Shelley Warnow, Kathy Cusick
 Wayne & Carol Niggli
 Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw
 Mark Barry, Volunteer

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, Eucharistic 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 23rd 10:00AM - Bible Study - Whitney Point Church
Wed., July 24th 6:00-8:00PM - "Experiencing God Through Music"-WP Ch
Sat., July 27th 8:00AM - Catholic Men of Faith Mtg.-WPCh Hall

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- Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Lord promises to shepherd his people in Israel.

Reading 2 - Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ has reconciled us with God and united us in peace

Gospel - Mark 6:30-34

Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.

Adults: What do I do to rest so that I may return to work refreshed?

Children: When will I make time to stop and pray this week?

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel,

"the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done."

Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of a young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important.

It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.



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: "They were like sheep without a shepherd." Do these words of Christ challenge you to give your all for Him and lead the flock as a priest? 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.

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of July

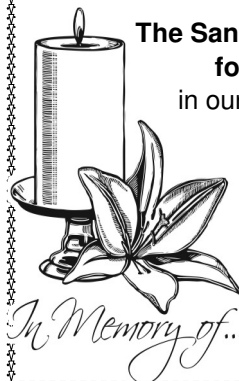
in our Whitney Point Church is In Memory Of:

Christopher Bird

by Joanne Valachovic in our Marathon Church is In Memory Of:

Michael Joseph

by Marie Joseph



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

➔ Please see today's insert. Any large items or if you need to bring Mon-Thurs., please bring to WP Rectory.

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: On July 26 we celebrate the feast day of Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary. Anne is the patron saint of grandmothers, since she herself was Jesus' grandma. While many cultures around the world honor the elderly and give them the highest respect, in our own country we have witnessed the neglect and sometimes even the abuse of our elders. Your challenge this week is to be an advocate for the "wisdom people" in your life. How can you show respect for the older people in your own family, or on your block, or in a nursing home in your community? How can you support the needs of the elderly through legislation? Can you offer a smile, a greeting, and perhaps even a visit with an elder who is lonely and gets few visitors?



"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 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.

Please notice additional announcements on our church bulletin boards.