



The Roman Catholic Communities Of St. Stephen - St. Patrick

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 4, 2024



Psalm 133

**How Good And Pleasant It Is When God's People
Live Together In Unity!**

Mass Schedule:

Sunday

8:30 AM Whitney Point - St. Patrick

10:15 AM Marathon - St. Stephen

12:00 PM Cincinnatus - Our Lady Of Perpetual Help

Monday

6:00 PM Whitney Point - St. Patrick

Tuesday

9:00 AM Whitney Point - St. Patrick

YouTube Live-Stream on Sunday at 8:30 AM:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/CatholicCommunityofStStephenStPatrick>

or search YouTube: Catholic Community of St Stephen St Patrick

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Rev. Thomas Macauley, Administrator

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 04, 2024

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Whitney Point: Monday-Thursday, 9AM-Noon

Email: ststephenstpat@syrdio.org
Website: www.ccssp.com

Before or After Monday's 6:00PM Mass
or Tuesday's 9AM Mass.

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Pastoral Administrator's Column

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you!

Today's gospel is part of the lengthy bread of life discourse (John 6:24-59) which clarified the sign of the loaves and the fishes.

The crowds who pursued Jesus had followed after him, not because they were disciples who believed, i.e., who had seen the sign of (of the bread) with the perception of faith, but because they had been taken with the material and sensational nature of the signs. They came to be filled again with bread (a free meal) and Jesus offered to them instead the satisfying fullness of his teaching.

Perhaps some had come because they had seen in the sign of the bread an indication that the messianic age had come. Several Jewish documents (rabbinical midrashes, etc.) reflected the popular expectation that the Messiah would repeat the miracle of the Manna and effect a new exodus for the chosen people. Significantly, these hopes were attached to the feast of the Passover, and that explains the heightened anticipation and misconception of Jesus' work by the crowds. To those who had hoped for a repeat performance of the Manna, Jesus spoke of non-perishable food "that remains unto life eternal (v. 29) and of real heavenly bread (v. 32). The Manna in the desert melted in the heat of the day, but the food of the son of man (v. 27) and the bread God gives (v.32) would never cease to fill them with blessings."

For those who ate of the real bread, every human and spiritual hunger would be satisfied in full communion with God in life eternal..

Have an amazing Sunday and a blessed week!

God bless you.

Rev. Thomas Macauley

WELCOME!

**We gather
We prepare
We listen
We respond
We offer
We receive
We go
We proclaim
the Good News
of Salvation!**

**GOD
BLESS
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.

Stewardship - We will continue to give weekly report of financial income and give annual report of income, expenses and balance instead.



Weekly Collection Report - Last Sunday, July 28, 2024:

Regular Collection: Envs.-\$2,410. Loose-\$497. Elect: \$485. **Total Regular Collection; \$3,392.**

Other Income: Hosp-\$20. 2023HOPEAppealOverage-\$150.

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.



"Experiencing God in Our Community"
Summer Activities for kids and their families.

Sponsored by the Catholic Community of St. Patrick/St. Stephen and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Faith Formation Program being 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. Remaining dates:

- **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.

Check Out the Diocese Online: syracusediocese.org

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Finance Committee Meeting

The finance committee will meet on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM to prepare a proposed budget for the fiscal year and approve financial report for July 2023-June 2024 for the Diocese and our church communities.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

We will be collecting for the Retirement Fund for Religious on the weekend of August 17/18. Since the 1988 founding of the collection by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, we have made a meaningful difference to the lives of countless senior religious nationwide. As we acknowledge these accomplishments, we must remain mindful that, with continued rising eldercare and daily living costs, many of our religious communities are still facing significant ongoing challenges in providing for the retirement needs of their aging women and men religious. Quite simply, our aging religious need your help. This is why we need your assistance to ensure our senior religious are provided with critical support for their care, medicine, and daily needs.



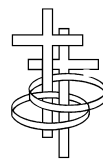
Thank you for your donations this month. During **August** we are collecting **spaghetti sauce & cereals** for the Whitney Point Ecumenical Food Pantry. Please place your donations in designated baskets at the entrances of our churches. **Thank you for your food and monetary donations that help to feed those less fortunate in our community.**



A Family Perspective - In today's gospel, Jesus tells us: "Do not work for what perishes." Give your life to what endures such as the family history you are creating, the love and mutual respect, which bonds you together, the memories you share and the forgiveness generously given. These true treasures are worth working and dying for.

From the Diocesan Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry:
Are You Hurting In Your Marriage?

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving, or uncaring; if your relationship has grown cold and distant; if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you. For more information call: 1-800-470-2230 or visit: <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>



PRAY MORE, WORRY LESS - Please Pray For Our Sick and Our Military:

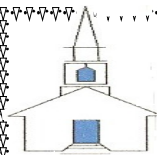
Mary Sculley, Barry & Dottie Angel, Ron & Jackie Burroughs, Richard & Elaine Crowe, Eloise Dauley, Fran Decker, Ray & Gladys Nolan, Larry & Mickey Piech, Terry Preston, Jo Ackerman, Joanne Vega,

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

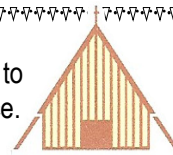
LCpl Isaac James Silvanic USMC **If you have a friend or family member who's sick, homebound or serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, OR for any changes, please contact our parish office.**



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 recontact 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 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, Aug. 04 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Lynne Pratt Kurutz** by Stevens Family
for **Joseph John Bates** by Dunham Family
for **Jerry Mackey** by Joe & Donna Silvanic

10:15 AM Marathon...for **Marge Carroll** by John Carroll

12:00 PM OLPH...for **Bernie Massar, Jr.** by Sharon Massar
for **Richard & Cecilia Spann** by Pat Spann

Monday, Aug. 05 **6:00 PM** Marathon...for **Joseph J. Bates** by Stevens Family

Tuesday, Aug. 06 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Sunday, Aug. 11 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Mary Bieber** by CCSS-SP's Hospitality
for **John Giugno** by Dunham Family

10:15 AM Marathon...for **Mike Reilly** by Don & Terrie Atwood

12:00 PM OLPH...for **Katrina Wagner** by Josephine Kellogg



Readings for August 4 through 11, 2024:

Today: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Mon: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tues: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Mk 9:2-10

Wed: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thurs: Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Fri: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28

Sat: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Sun: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51



MASS, COFFEE & SNACK, BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to our EUCHARISTIC MEAL (MASS)

at 9:00 AM, followed by refreshments and

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY with Rev. Thomas Macaulay

Tuesday, August 6th, 10:00-11:00AM at the Whitney Point Church Hall.

The Gospel of St. Mark
Please bring your Bibles and writing materials

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.



Whitney Point

Greeters: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker

Next Sunday: Anne Clerkin, Cathy Cummings

Lector: Joe McDonald

Next Sunday: Ingrid Jordak

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Shoemaker, E. Jordan, S. McDonald

Next Sunday: Kathy Bensley, Ingrid Wennerod, Peg Orzel

Tabulators: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

Next Sunday: Ron & Jan Orzel

Marathon

Don Atwood, Bob Barry

Kathleen Allen, Kim McCrory

Terrie Atwood

John Ewanciw

Karen Standish, Tony Zelsnack

Shelley Warnow, Kathy Cusick

Mark Barry, Volunteer

Karen Standish, Wayne Niggli

August Ushers: Wayne Niggli, Tony Zelsnack

Sept: Bob Barry, Syd McEvoy

→ 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.

WP Ecumenical Food Pantry:

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

FoodPantry Chairperson: John Mihalko

Aug's Pantry Need: Spaghetti sauce & 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

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.retirequide.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

Mon., Aug. 5th 5:00PM - Eucharistic Ministers Mtg. - Marathon Church
Tues., Aug. 6th 10:00AM - Bible Study - Whitney Point Church
Sat., Aug. 10th 8:00AM - Catholic Men of Faith Mtg. - WPt. Church Hall

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1 - Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna.

Reading 2 - Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Christians become a new creation
in Christ.

Gospel - John 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the
"bread of life."

*Adults: When has my faith helped me
believe without seeing?*

*Children: Who helps me believe in
things I cannot see?*

HOPE APPEAL SUCCESS!

**Thank you for giving your
energy and time and resources
to make HOPE Appeal 2023 a
success!**

**Our parish received an
additional check for \$150.00
representing donations received
over our goal from
April 1, 2024
through June 30, 2024.
God bless!
YOU CONTINUE TO
STRENGTHEN
THE FABRIC
OF OUR FAITH.**



Vocation View:

**"The bread of God is
that which comes down
from heaven."**

**Reflect upon the sacred
nature of the divine bread
and contemplate if He is
calling you to the priesthood or
consecrated life 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.

MONDAY MASSES

St. Stephen's Church, Marathon,
August 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 6:00 PM.

Eucharistic Ministers

All Eucharistic ministers are
invited to a meeting at
Marathon Church on Monday,
August 5th, at 5:00 PM. Interested
new members are welcome too.

"HOPE AND GRATITUDE MASS"

VICARIATE 6 is inviting members of the
parish council and trustees to attend a
"Hope and Gratitude" Mass at.
St. Mary's Church, No. Main Street in
Cortland on Thursday, August 29, 2024,
from 5:30-6:30 PM. Please make an
effort to attend. Thank you.

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.



The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of August

in our Whitney Point Church
is *In Memory Of:*

Jane & Rudy Valachovic
by Joanne Valachovic
in our Marathon Church
is *In Memory Of:*
William Holland
by Sandra Holland

Pastoral Administrator's Visit

Fr. Thomas will
be visiting
parishioners to
say hi and bless
homes for those
interested.

Including those who we have not seen
who used to come to church, our sick
church members and homebound.



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.



St. Mary of the Assumption

2024 Annual Bazaar

Friday, August 9th,
5:00-10:00PM &

Saturday, August 10, 4:00-10:00PM,
152-156 Hawley St, Binghamton.

Live entertainment featuring:
Rooster and the Roadhouse Horns
and Katie Scott with Persuasion.
Homemade pasta fagioli, meatball
sandwiches, homemade gnocchi
(Saturday only), pizza fritte, cannoli,
pizzelle, Italian love cake, crispelles,
root beer floats and so much more!

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.



WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE: One of Blessed Pope Paul the VI's most famous
quotes is, "If you want peace, work for justice." This idea comes from years of
Catholic social teaching responding to the world and the issues at hand in any
given age. This statement can be clearly understood today. Just take a look at the
civil war in Syria. At the heart of the refugee crisis is a lack of justice from a
government that has amassed wealth while the people go hungry or without
opportunities for education and participation in decisions that affect them.
Followers of Jesus Christ must work to alleviate issues that attack the dignity of the
human person – with works of charity and acts of justice. What exactly does that
mean? When Syrian refugees are hungry and homeless, we must feed them and
help them get the safe homes they deserve. Those would be acts of charity. At the
same time, we can encourage our government to pressure the Syrian government
to alleviate the problem and find solutions that will benefit the people and ensure
the people won't suffer so terribly ever again. Policy and political change are both
ways to bring justice. Both are needed to make change happen. Your challenge is
to choose an injustice you see in your community. Ask questions about the issue.
What do I know about this injustice and what don't I know? Who is affected by the
issue? Who has the power to change the issue? Who seeks to gain if the issue isn't
resolved? Now... what are YOU going to do about the issue? Start today.