



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



Psalm 133

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



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 11, 2024

Rev. Thomas Macauley, Administrator

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

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Pastoral Administrator's Column

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you and your family!

In today's readings we reflect on how God supports us, the importance of living a good christian life, and the significance of Jesus as the bread of life and bread-giver. These readings help us understand God's care and our response in faith, hope and charity.

In the first reading, from 1 Kings 19:4-8, Prophet Elijah is overwhelmed and seeks death in the wilderness. He feels alone and tired. But God sends an angel to give him food and water. This shows that God does not abandon us, even in our lowest moments. He sees our struggles and offers help. Elijah's journey to Horeb becomes possible because of God's care. Like Elijah, we learn that God supports and sustains us in difficult times.

In Ephesians 4:30-5:2, the second reading, Paul tells to avoid behaviors and attitudes that grieve the Holy Spirit; we are called to be kind, compassionate and forgiving. This is how we should live as followers of Jesus Christ. By following Paul's advice, we strengthen our relationship with God and each other.

The Gospel reading, John 6:41-51 is a continuation and conclusion of the bread of life discourse. Jesus declares that he is the living bread from heaven. This bread gives eternal life to those who believe in Him. The Jews struggle to understand this message. Jesus emphasizes that only those drawn by the Father can come to him. Belief in Jesus leads to eternal life. He offers Himself as spiritual nourishment.

This passage highlights the importance of faith in Jesus and his teachings. By believing in him, we receive the gift of eternal life. Jesus invites us to trust in Him and receive His life-giving presence.

Thank you, Blessed Holy Trinity, for your constant care and support. Help us to live with kindness and forgive others as you forgive us. Strengthen our faith in Jesus, the bread of life, Amen.

Have an amazing Sunday and a blessed week!

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, August 4, 2024:

Regular Collection: Envs.-\$2,280. Loose-\$1,055. Elect: \$520. Total Regular Collection; \$3,855.

Other Income: Hosp-\$10.

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

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.



"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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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, 2nd 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, 2nd Lt. 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.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

We will be collecting for the Retirement Fund for Religious next Sunday, August 18th. 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

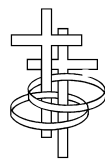
Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Do not make them personal attacks.

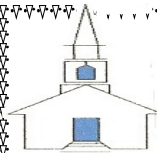
From the Diocesan Office of Family/Respect Life Ministry:

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>

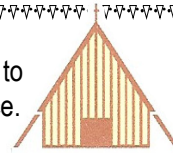




Mission Statement for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen - St. Patrick

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 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, 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

Monday, Aug. 12 **6:00 PM** Marathon...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Tuesday, Aug. 13 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Thursday, Aug. 15 **6:00 PM** OLPH... **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Sunday, Aug. 18 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Gerald Mackey** by CCSS-SP's Hospitality
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Robert Fleming, 1st Anniv.**
by Bridget Fleming & Family
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Nazzareno & Antonia Buttigieg** by Josephine Kellogg



Readings for August 11 through 18, 2024:

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

Mon: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

Tues: Ez 2:8—3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed: Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20

Thurs: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Fri: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12

Sat: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15

Sun: Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58



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 13th, 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: Ingrid Jordak

Next Sunday: Marcus Stevens

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Bensley, I. Wennerod, P. Orzel

Next Sunday: Cathy Shoemaker, Emily Jordan, Sue McDonald

Tabulators: Ron & Jan Orzel

Next Sunday: Dick & Kathy Bensley

Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Kim McCrory

Claire Hinman, Don Atwood

John Ewanciw

Rose Ann Holland

Shelley Warnow, Kathy Cusick

Cindy Barry, Karen Standish

Karen Standish, Wayne Niggli

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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>



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.

This Week In Our Parish

Mon., Aug. 12th 9:30AM - Women's Faith Group Mtg. - WP Church Hall
6:00-8:00PM - "Experiencing God's amazing creations with a Nature Hike"
at Dorchester Park in Whitney Point

Tues., Aug. 13th 10:00AM - Bible Study - Whitney Point Church

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.

Whole Community Catechesis **Readings and Questions for Discussion** **Introduction**

Reading 1 - 1 Kings 19:4-8

Flattened by his encounter with Ahab & Jezebel and her prophets, Elijah seeks refuge. In his desolation and emptiness, though, he encounters the fullness and generosity of God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 33:2-9

A psalm of thanksgiving to the God who delivers us from distress. We are invited to taste and see the goodness of this God.

Reading 2 - Ephesians 4:30-5:2

The author of this letter urges his reader to live in right relationship with others so as to be a sing of unity for others.

Gospel - John 6:41-51

Almost the end of John's long discourse on the bread of life, today's Gospel Reading sees the listeners of Jesus complaining that he cannot be bread come down from heaven. In a prediction of his dead, Jesus proclaims himself as the bread that gives life to the world.

Questions: 1. *How has the Bread of Life helped me in a difficult situation?*
2. *What will I ask Jesus, the Bread of Life, to help me with?*

MONDAY MASSES

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

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.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please join us for
Mass on Thursday,
August 15th, at 6:00 PM at
Our Lady of
Perpetual Help Church
This is a holy day of obligation.

"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.

CREATION TIPS

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us." -Ephesians 5:1-2.

Pope Francis explains in his encyclical Laudato Si', "The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God." This week, strive to feel God's love in nature. Take time to smell the flowers, watch the bugs, or marvel at the birds. Rejoice in the beautiful creation God has gifted us.



**"You make the gateways
of the morning and the evening
shout for joy."**
Psalm 65:8

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:

Recommending liturgical prayer, John Vianney would say:

"Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: if you set it on fire it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light the, m and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that."



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:

"I will raise him on the last day."

Reflect on the profound promise of resurrection and what your path to eternal life looks like.

Will your path of holiness be 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.

DAILY PRAYER FOR TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Give Us This Day

Share the power of prayer. Draw your community closer to God through morning and evening prayer, daily reflection and Mass texts, inspiring profiles of holy witnesses and so much more.

Please take one as a gift to you!

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.



Women's Faith Group Meeting

is the 2nd Monday of the month at 9:30AM in our Whitney Point Church Hall. Join us!
Our next one is August 12th.



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

