

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



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 18, 2024



Psalm 133

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



Rev. Thomas Macauley, Administrator

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024

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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

Dear Amazing Parishioners,

Grace, peace and wisdom from God our Father, and Jesus our Lord and Redeemer and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us, be with you?

The themes for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B guides us to live wisely, nourish our soul and spirits with Christ's teachings and sacraments especially the Eucharist and be thankful. There is always something to be thankful of. We prioritize wisely.

Proverbs is known for its practical wisdom and guidance, offering valuable insights for daily living. It encourages us to seek wisdom and understanding in all areas of life. Proverbs urges us to value wisdom above material possessions and to apply it in our daily actions, leading to success and harmony.

God's grace, mercy and blessings flow to us as we pray for God's protection and deliverance. The Psalmist encourages us to trust in God's care and be thankful for His constant support. God is always ready to help us in times of need.

The Eucharistic teaching was challenging for some in the past and even today. John 6:51-58 highlights the importance of the Eucharist in Catholic worship. The bread of life discourse in John chapter 6 connects Jesus' identity and ministry with the sacramental nature of the Eucharist, emphasizing that Catholics partake in the true body and blood of Christ.

PRAYER: Jesus, Bread from heaven, nourish, sustain and strengthen us with your
Words of Wisdom and Eucharist. Amen.

Have a wonderful day 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 11, 2024:
Regular Collection: Envs.-\$1,440. Loose-\$648. Elect: \$285. Total Regular Collection; \$2,373.
Other Income: Hosp-\$10. Assumption-\$20. Votives-\$61.
Thank you for your ongoing generosity of your time, talents and treasure to our parish.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Today's special collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious. Donate to help the more than 24,000 senior religious who have dedicated their lives to service retire with dignity. Donations will provide for the essential care, medicine and daily needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served for decades-usually for little to no pay. Show your appreciation by supporting those who have given a lifetime.

"Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80.

Please give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please place your gift envelope in with the regular collection.

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.

➔The chest freezer in the Food Pantry is no longer working. If you, or someone you know, has one to donate please contact the office. Thank you.

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 are 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. **Final date:**

- **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.



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 speaks of eating His flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable, for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.



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!

Check Out the Diocese Online: syracusediocese.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DioceseOfSyracuse

Twitter: twitter.com/SyrDiocese

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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,

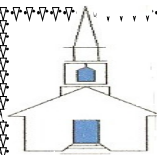
Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2ndLt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, Brett Hayes, A2C Derek Lescord, LCpl John Larkin, Jr., USMC, Devon McGill, SSgt Michael Hetzler,

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

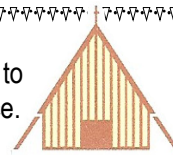
If you have a friend or family member who's sick, homebound or serving our country and would like their name mentioned weekly in our bulletin, to be kept in our prayers, OR for any changes, please contact our parish office.



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 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. 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
 Monday, Aug. 19 **6:00 PM** Marathon...for **The People Of Our Parish**
 Tuesday, Aug. 20 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**
 Sunday, Aug. 25 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Tom McGuire** by Joe & Sue McDonald
 for Evelyn Halloran by Family
 for **Michael Carroll & Elsie Carroll Zelsnack** by Elsie Poyer
10:15 AM Marathon...for **Dick Barry** by Don & Terrie Atwood
12:00 PM OLPH...for **Jennie Ricca** by Pat & Terri Fedele



Readings for August 18 through 25, 2024:

Today: Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
Mon: Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22
Tues: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
Wed: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
Thurs: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
Fri: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
Sat: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Sun: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69



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, August 20th, 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: Earl Markham, Cris Broderick
Next Sunday: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker
Lector: Ingrid Jordak
Next Sunday: Ron Orzel

Marathon

Claire Hinman, Don Atwood
 Bob Barry, Kathleen Allen
 Rose Ann Holland
 Kathy Cusick
 Cindy Barry, Karen Standish
 Wayne & Carol Niggli
 Karen Standish, Wayne Niggli
 Don & Terrie Atwood

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

Tues., Aug. 20th 10:00AM - Bible Study - Whitney Point Church

Thurs., Aug. 22nd 6:00PM - "Experiencing God through outdoor Team Games"
at Dorchester Park (final summer activity)

Sat., Aug. 24th 8:00AM - Catholic Men of Faith Mtg. - WPt. Church Hall

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

Invitation to Wisdom

Reading 1 - Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom invites the naïve and senseless to partake of her food and wine, urging them to abandon folly and embrace a life of understanding.

Praising the Lord, our God

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 34

The Psalmist continually praise the Lord, who responds to our calls and delivers us from fear, bringing joy and rescue to those in need.

Living and Prioritizing Wisely

Reading 2 - Ephesians 5:15-20

Paul speaks of Living Wisely, understanding God's will, avoiding drunkenness, and expressing joy through spiritual music and constant thankfulness to God.

Thankful for the Living Bread

Gospel - John 6:51-58

Jesus declares he is the bread from heaven, offering eternal life through his body and blood, contrasting with ancestors who ate Manna and died, promising eternal life to believers.

Questions For Reflection: 1. Does the promise of eternal life affect the way I live today? 2. Does the promise of living in Heaven with Jesus make a difference in the choices I make?

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!

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

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY



Priestly Anniversary

Congratulations to Fr. Thomas as he celebrates his priestly ordination anniversary this month. Thanking and praising God for making the Eucharist available and for his priestly duties. Keep him and all priests in your prayers. Thank you.

MONDAY MASSES

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



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.



WELCOMED HOME

Please kindly pray for the
repose of the soul of

Leward E. Lucia

(Father of Bishop Douglas Lucia)
who has entered into the Kingdom of
Heaven. May he rest in peace.

"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.

Meeting with Bishop Lucia, Beth Hoey
and clergy will be at 4:30 PM.

Meeting with Beth and Parish
Administrators with HOPE Appeal materials
distributed will be at 5:00 PM and
Celebration with clergy, staff and
parishioners will be from 5:30-6:30 PM.

Please make an effort to attend.

Thank you.

CREATION TIPS: "Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil." —Ephesians 5:15-16. There are so many factors at work sending the state of creation in the wrong direction (corporate greed, rampant consumerism, corrupt politicians) but that doesn't mean we should go along with them.

St. Paul urges Jesus' followers to swim against the tide and live wisely, cherishing the time we have been given. What can you do this week to swim against the tide of evil or apathy, choosing to respect and care for the limits of creation?

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:

"In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may more surely obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never to astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal" (St. Bernard).



Vocation View:

"Always give thanks for all things." Give thanks to the priests, sisters, and brothers who answered God's call with open

hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated life? Reach out to the Vocation Office via email:

vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram

@vocationssyracuse or call

Fr. Jason Hage at (315) 470-1468.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



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 August 24th.

