



The Roman Catholic Communities Of St. Stephen - St. Patrick September 8, 2024

Reminder: There will be one Mass at 11:00 AM at St. Patrick's Church, This Sunday, September 8th followed by the Parish Picnic at Dorchester Park in Whitney Point.



Psalm 133

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



Rev. Thomas Macauley, Administrator

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 08, 2024

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Whitney Point: Monday-Thursday, 9AM-Noon

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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 Friends in Christ,

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

R.B.Y. Scott has suggested that Isaiah chapter 34-35 in the book of the eighth century B.C.E. author, are two sides of the same coin, the desperate tone of chapter 34 are completed by the lightsome and liberated quality of chapter 35. Chapter 34 is comprised of a series of judgments to be meted in disasters of terrible and cosmic proportions, judgment that would leave Eden a ravaged waste of a land, unfit for habitation.

In contrast, chapter 35 presents a wonderful vision of redemption, spelled out in health and well being for humanity and harmony for an Eden - like earth. The same God whose judgment wrought havoc for the nations would bring vindication and bliss for Israel. The prophet Isaiah envisioned Yahweh (God), saving judge and bringer of peace coming as vindicator and savior.

The first century author of James chapter 2:1-5 was concerned with distinction between persons based on their economic success in life. Today's second reading in the historical context, is part of a longer section devoted to the larger subject of social discrimination. The author denounced this as entirely contradictory to and irreconcilable with faith in Jesus Christ. To act in this manner, in any century, is to judge wrongly and corruptly by false standards. The poor should be a source of edification, deserving of sincere respect.

In today's gospel, Mark 7:31-37, W. Harrington has observed that the healing of man portrayed in the gospel pericope has the added symbolic intention of showing that the gentiles, once deaf and dumb towards God, are now, because of Jesus, made capable of hearing God and paying homage. They too have become heirs to the promise made to Israel and sharers in the freedom brought by Jesus. By his deeds and by his presence, Jesus had caused a new age to dawn, a new creation wherein all peoples could be free indeed and born anew or again in the new life of Christ, our Lord, redeemer and Savior. Glory and praise to our God!.

Have an amazing Sunday and blessed week!

Rev. Thomas Macauley

**WELCOME!
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**Glad you
can join
us today
for Mass
and our
Church
Family
Picnic.**

**GOD
BLESS
YOU!**

Stewardship Thoughts

Seeking and putting God and his Kingdom first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom not to make "idols" of passing things.

Remember in Prayer

Please kindly pray for the repose of the soul of

Ron Burroughs

who has entered into Eternity.
May his soul rest in peace.
Amen.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

WELCOME BACK!

Faith Formation classes

begin next Sunday, September 15th, at our St. Patrick's Church Hall following Mass.

If you don't receive a registration and are interested in having your child(ren) attend our Faith Formation classes, please call the parish office for a registration for grades K-11th.

If you have any questions pertaining to the classes please contact our DRE, Sherry Dee, at 607-759-1876.

The Sanctuary Candle Burning for the Month of September
in our Whitney Point Church
is *In Memory Of:*

Helmut Melzer &

Daina Freimanis

by Vella Melzer

in our
Marathon Church
is *In Memory Of:*

Michael Joseph

by Marie Joseph



**JESUS
THE GOOD
SHEPHERD**

The Ecumenical Peace Garden - We will be placing one order for engraved bricks this year on Tuesday, October 1st and they should be placed in the Peace Garden by the end of October or early November. The bricks are Laser engraved and guaranteed to last a lifetime. They are a unique way to honor the memory of a loved one. Applications are available in the vestibule or by contacting the Mary Wied at 607-692-3911. If you have any questions, please contact either Ken or Sylvia Bates at 607-237-9762 or 607-743-6317.

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

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

Pvt Ryan E. Eaton, 2nd Lt. Trevor Jones, Sgt Avery Hull, Major Corrine Miller, PV2 Samuel Lilley, PV2 James McGill, A2C Derek Lescord, 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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Collection Report - Last Sunday, September 1, 2024:

Regular Collection: Envs.-\$1,787. Loose-\$512. Elect: \$860. Total Regular Collection; \$3,159.

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

Firm in Faith, Active in Charity- Together in Hope

This weekend is HOPE Appeal Weekend for our parishes and the Diocese of Syracuse. It is a time when we join with members of our Catholic family to strengthen our Church and serve others in our community. You will receive a letter from Bishop Lucia asking for your support of the 2024 HOPE Appeal. Your generosity enable 35 diocesan ministries to accomplish the work we are called to do. Please review the information and prayerfully consider making a gift that is meaningful to you. You may bring your completed pledge card to Mass, drop it by the parish office or use the return envelope with your letter. You can also make a gift online at www.syrdio.org.



Catholic University of America-Today, September 8th, is the diocesan collection for the Catholic University of America is a national research university with 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs on a residential campus in the heart of Washington, D.C. Founded by a papal charter in 1887, Catholic is the national university of the Catholic Church in our country and strives to educate future generations of leaders through an excellent education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The collection is a critical pillar of support for students and the entire University community.

Please place your gift envelope in with the regular collection today..

Congratulations!!!

We welcomed to the Waters of Baptism
McKenzie Noelle Helena Nadeau and
Memphis Waylon Thomas Nadeau

on Sunday, September 1st, at

St. Stephen's Church in Marathon.

May they be blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit all the days of their lives.



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, dongirl1956@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, Sept. 08 **11:00 AM** Whitney Point...for **Roger Calice** by Ann Calice
for Jean Drury
for Ron Burroughs

Monday, Sept. 09 **6:00 PM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Tuesday, Sept. 10 **9:00 AM** Whitney Point...for **The People Of Our Parish**

Sunday, Sept. 15 **8:30 AM** Whitney Point...for **Bill Sliter, 3rd Anniv.** by Alice Sliter

10:15 AM Marathon...for **Harold & Shirley Collyer** by Don & Terrie Atwood

12:00 PM OLPH...for **Matty Ricca** by Pat & Terri Fedele

for **Connie & Jonathan Pratt** by Sharon Massar



Readings for Sept. 8 through 15, 2024:

Today: Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Mon: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tues: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wed: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thurs: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Fri: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Sat: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sun: Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



Whitney Point

Greeters: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker

Next Sunday: Anne Ballard, Cathy Shoemaker

Lector: Sharon Constantinou

Next Sunday: Joe McDonald

Eucharistic Ministers: Shelley Warnow, Kathy Cusick

Next Sunday: C. Shoemaker, E. Jordan, S. McDonald

Tabulators: Dick & Kathy Bensley

Next Sunday: Peg Orzel, Cathy Cummings

Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Kim McCrory

Claire Hinman

Kathy Cusick, Cindy Barry, Karen Standish

Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw

Sept. Ushers: Bob Barry, Syd McEvoy

The Gospel of St. John
WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY
with Rev. Thomas Macauley
Tuesday, September 10th,
10:00-11:00AM at the
Whitney Point Church Hall.

Please bring your Bibles
and writing materials

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

FoodPantry Chairperson: John Mihalko

Sept's Pantry Need: Jiffy Cornbread Mix
& 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

New ministry schedules have been emailed and
there are extra copies in our church sacristies.

Thank you for serving for our parish!

→ 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.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

Today, Sept. 8th Parish Picnic following Mass at Dorchester Park, Whitney Point
Mon., Sept. 9th 9:30AM - Women's Faith Group Meeting - St. Patrick's Hall
6:00PM - Mass - St. Patrick's, Whitney Point
6:30PM - Parish Council Meeting - St. Patrick's Hall
Tues., Sept. 10th 9:00AM - Mass - St. Patrick's, Whitney Pt.
10:00AM - Bible Study-The Gospel of John-St. Patrick's, WP
Sat., Sept. 14th 8:00AM - Catholic Men of Faith Group Mtg. - St. Patrick's Hall
11:30AM - Ron Burroughs Funeral - St. Patrick's Church, Whitney Pt.
Sun., Sept. 15th 9:20-11:00AM - Faith Formation Classes - St. Patrick's, Hall

Whole Community Catechesis

Readings and Questions for Discussion

Introduction

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B readings highlight God's
healing and justice.

They remind us of God's care for the
needy and the importance of treating
everyone with respect and dignity.

Reading 1 - Isaiah 35:4-7

God promises to deliver and heal,
transforming the afflicted and the
barren landscapes into flourishing life.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 146

The Lord is forever faithful, providing
justice, sustenance, and freedom,
supporting the oppressed and
thwarting the wicked,
ruling through all generations.

Reading 2 - James 2:1-5

Treating people differently based on
wealth contradicts faith in Jesus Christ.
God honors the poor in spirit,
promising them His kingdom

Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

Jesus healed a deaf man with a speech
impediment in the Decapolis.
Despite Jesus' instructions, the news of
his miraculous power spread widely
among the astounded witness.

Questions For Reflection:

1. What steps can we take to treat everyone with respect, compassion and dignity?
2. In what ways do we suffer from spiritual deafness or blindness?
3. How can spend more time listening to God in prayer?

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:

"Pray, hope, don't worry."

St. Padre Pio

Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised
to stay with us always, until the end of the age.

Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the

Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures
and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our
brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering.

Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary
disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom
to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Sunday of the Month HOLY HOUR

Sunday, October 6th,
7:00AM to 8:00AM
St. Patrick's Church,
Whitney Point

Jesus desires to reveal
himself more deeply in the
Eucharist. To heal, restore,
unify. To show up and set us
ablaze and show us
His Goodness.

Parish Council Meeting

The Catholic Community
of St. Stephen-St. Patrick's
next Parish Council Meeting will
be Monday, September 9th, at
6:30PM, at our Whitney Point
Church Hall. Parishioners are more
than welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or
concerns you may contact our
chairperson, Shelley Warnow, at
doungirl1956@aol.com.



First Friday of the Month HOLY HOUR

Friday,
October 4th,
6:00PM at
St. Stephen's Church,
Marathon

Vocation View: "He makes the
deaf hear and the mute speak."

If you feel Christ encouraging
you to be a transformative
instrument as a priest or
religious brother or sister, then
reach out to the Vocation Office
via email: vocations@syrdio.org
and follow us on Instagram
[@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse) or call
Fr. Jason Hage at (315) 470-1468.

MONDAY 6:00PM MASSSES/SERVICES

Please Note: September 9th will
be at St. Patrick's Church.
September 16th, 23rd & 30th will be
at St. Stephen's Church, Marathon.

PARISH PICNIC

today, September 8th, following Mass.
Everyone please join us at the
North Pavilion at Dorchester Park
in Whitney Point.

