

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



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2024



Psalm 133
How Good And Pleasant It Is When
God's People Live Together In Unity!



Rev. Thomas Macauley, Administrator

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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 Parishioners,

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

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, reminds us that following Jesus requires sacrifice. We may have to give up our own desires and face difficulties. But by doing so, we find true life in Christ.

Reflecting on today's readings, helps us deepen our faith, hope and charity. Listening to God, acting on our faith, and following Jesus are key themes. By focusing on these, we will grow closer to God and strengthen our commitment to our faith journey. God bless you!

Prayer

Lord Jesus, help us listen to your voice and follow your path.

Give us the strength to live out our faith through our actions.

May we take up our cross daily and find true life, meaning and salvation in you. Amen.

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**WELCOME!
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**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 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. “God loves a cheerful giver.”

Hospitality Committee

meets on the third Tuesday of every month in our Whitney Point Church Hall. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 17th, at 9:30AM.

We invite young and older, male and female and from all three church locations to join us.

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: **WP:** Nov.

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



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Collection Report - Last Sunday, September 8, 2024:

Regular Collection: Envs.-\$825. Loose-\$423. Elect: \$145. Total Regular Collection; \$1,393.

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

Firm in Faith, Active in Charity- Together in Hope

It is a time when we join with members of our Catholic family to strengthen our Church and serve others in our community. If you haven't received a letter from Bishop Lucia asking for your support of the 2024 HOPE Appeal there are pledge forms in our pews for your convenience. 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.



Farewell

and prayerful

best wishes to

Dottie Hanzlik

as she travels to North Carolina to join her family. Thank you Dottie for all your services to our church and Hospitality Committee. God bless you!



FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

WELCOME BACK!

Faith Formation classes

begin **TODAY, September 15th**, at our

St. Patrick's Church Hall following Mass.

If you are interested in having your child(ren) attend our Faith Formation classes and need a registration please see Sherry Dee or Jackie Wright, or call the parish office for one.

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

Enthronement, Honor and Encounter the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Rev. Mateo Crawley-Boevey, founder of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Movement around the world, once said, **“The action Enthroning the Sacred Heart in the home has an impact on families and individuals that carries over to society and becomes the basis for spreading the Social Reign of our King and Savior.”** Jesus longs to change society one heart at a time-one home at a time. He wants to REVEAL our identity to each of us and share that we were created out of love, with a purpose and meaning for our lives. Our hearts break for those who have embraced movements that reinforce counterfeits of Jesus.

As you may be aware, we are in a great spiritual battle, and now is the time to enthrone, honor, and share the message!

Contact Tom & Kathy Nichols to schedule your Sacred Heart Enthronement today, 607-760-4138

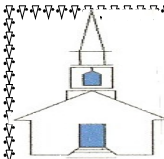
PRAY MORE, HOPE MORE and WORRY LESS - Please Let Us Continue to Pray For Our Sick and Our Military:

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, 2ndLt. 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, 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 LCpl Isaac James Silvanic USMC and Daniel Morehouse 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, dongirl1956@aol.com

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PARISH STAFF

Deacon - Dc. John Mihalko

Director of Faith Formation - Sherry Dee, 607-759-1876

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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, 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

Monday, Sept. 16 6:00 PM Marathon...Communion Service

Tuesday, Sept. 17 NO MASS

Sunday, Sept. 22 8:30 AM Whitney Point for... Tom Bates by Stevens Family
for... Michael Carroll & Elsie Carroll Zelsnack
by Elsie Poyer

10:15 AM Marathon...for Lloyd & Elizabeth Wilber by Don & Terrie Atwood
12:00 PM OLPH...for Buttigieg Families by Josephine Kellogg



Readings for Sept. 15 through 22, 2024:

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

Mon: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

Tues: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Wed: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thurs: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Sat: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Sun: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3;

Mk 9:30-37



The Gospel of St. John WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

with Rev. Thomas Macauley
Tuesday, September 24th,
10:00-11:00AM at the
Whitney Point Church Hall.

Please bring your Bibles
and writing materials

No Bible Study on Tuesday, Sept. 17.



COFFEE HOUR

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.



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: Dick & Kathy Bensley

Marathon

Kathleen Allen, Kim McCrory

Don Atwood, Bob Barry

Claire Hinman

Bill McGovern

K. Cusick, C. Barry, K. Standish

Wayne & Carol Niggli, T. Zelsnack

Claire Hinman, John Ewanciw

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Sept. Ushers: Bob Barry, Syd McEvoy

Oct: J. Russell, B. McGovern

Anyone interested in
becoming a Lector, Eucharistic
Minister, Greeter or Tabulator,
please call the parish office.
Training will be provided.

→ 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

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

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. 15th 9:20-11:00AM - Faith Formation Classes - St. Patrick's, Hall
Mon., Sept. 16th 6:00PM - Communion Service - St. Stephen's, Marathon
Tues., Sept. 17th NO MASS TODAY
NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY
9:30AM - Hospitality Committee Meeting - St. Patrick's Hall
Thurs., Sept. 19th 6:00PM - WP Food Pantry Meeting. - WP Food Pantry



Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

Introduction

Reading 1 - Isaiah 50:5-9

God supports us, so we can face opposition without shame or fear, confident in the vindication of God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 116:

The Psalmist rejoice in God's kindness as he listens and saves us from eternal death, allowing us to live in His presence.

Reading 2 - James 2:14-18

Claiming faith without action is useless. True faith is demonstrated through caring deeds, not just words.

Gospel - Mark 8:27-35

Jesus challenged His followers to recognize him as the Messiah and teaches about self-denial and the hardship of following Him, promising life to those who sacrifice for of following Him, promising life to those who sacrifice for His sake.

Questions For Reflection:

1. What are some of the ways I can show my faith through actions?
2. How do I handle suffering and challenges in my faith journey?
3. How does Peter's confession of Jesus as Messiah inspire me?

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.



MONDAY 6:00PM **MASSES/SERVICES**

Service on Monday,
September 16th and Masses on
September 23rd & 30th
will be at St. Stephen's Church,
Marathon.

First Friday of the Month **HOLY HOUR**

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

Vocation View

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself."

Are you seeking a simplistic way of life?

You may be called to take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Discover that life as a priest or religious brother or sister. 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.

The Beauty of the Mass

"Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act of religion. You cannot do anything to glorify God more, nor profit your soul more, than by devoutly assisting at it, and assisting as often as possible."

St. Peter Julian Eymard

WISDOM FROM THE SAINT:

"No human tongue can enumerate the favors that trace back to the sacrifice of the Mass. The sinner is reconciled with God; the just man becomes more upright; sins are wiped away; vices are uprooted; virtue and merit increases; and the devil's schemes are frustrated."

St. Lawrence Justinian

Priests' Convocation in the Diocese of Syracuse.

September 16 - 18, 2024

Please pray for a successful priestly convocation.

Thank you.