



## SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH Oil City, PA

Rectory/Chapel	210 Reed St.	<b>677-3020</b>
St. Stephen Church	21 State St.	Oil City
St. Venantius	403 Main St.	Rouseville
St. Stephen School	214 Reed St.	<b>677-3035</b>
Venango Catholic H. S.	1505 W. First St.	<b>677-3098</b>
Religious Education	35 Pearl Ave.	<b>677-4004</b>
FAX #		<b>678-8841</b>

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Stephen Church - 21 State Street, Oil City**

Saturday: 5:30 pm Vigil

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:30 am

**St. Venantius Church - 403 Main St., Rouseville**

Sunday: 10:00 am

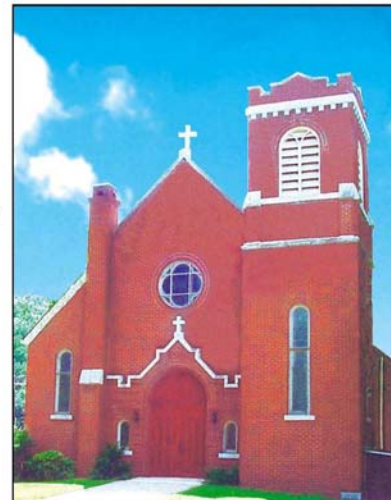
### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b>
7:00 AM	Helen & Mike DeStafano (Mary Jo & Chuck)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>January 5, St. John Neumann</b>
7:00 AM	Helen K. Burns (Margaret Reinsel)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>January 6</b>
7:00 AM	Nancy O'Brien (Michael & Pamela Reinsel)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 7</b>
7:00 AM	King Williams (Mary Ann)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 8</b>
7:00 AM	Ralph Pritchard (M/M Michael Deibert & Family)
1:45 PM	(School) Sally DeHaven (Kathy Lynch)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 9</b>
7:00 AM	Jane & Mike Cangemi (Family)
1:30 PM	(Wedding) Marc Lander & Natalie Lux
5:30 PM	(Vigil) David Goodman (Margaret Jetter)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 10, The Baptism of the Lord</b>
7:30 AM	Marion & Howard Henderson (Larry)
9:00 AM	For Members of Our Parish Community
<b>10:00 AM</b>	(St. Venantius) Helen Sumosky (Jennie Huber)
11:30 AM	Edward Stone (Norman & Sally Roddy)

**Rev. Matthew Ruyechan**, Pastor St. Stephen and Parochial Administrator, St. Venantius  
**Msgr. William C. ("Max") Karg**, Senior Associate  
**Rev. Mr. Terry Schmader**, Deacon  
**Mrs. Marge Hajduk**, Principal  
**Mrs. Dianne Phillips**, Religious Education Coordinator  
**Mrs. Kathy Mastalski**, Confirmation Coordinator  
**Mr. and Mrs. Brent/Laura Blake**, Youth Directors  
**Mrs. Tina McMahon**, Advancement Council Director



## SAINT VENANTIUS CHURCH Rouseville, PA

### PRAYER NETWORK:

Mary Firster (676-1219) or e-mail her at charm@cust.usachoice.net

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms on the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the rectory to schedule an appointment for preparation sessions and Baptism.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples are to contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at 4:00 pm at St. Stephen or by appointment.

### WEBSITE

[www.saint-stephens.org](http://www.saint-stephens.org)

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday, 12:00 noon

### THIS WEEKS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY January 3**

**Food Collection for Community Services**

9-11 AM Religious Ed – School

**MONDAY January 4**

Students Return to School

1:00 PM Monday Afternoon Club - School

**SATURDAY January 9**

4:00 PM Confessions - Church

**Points to ponder from Fr. Matt**

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. We celebrate the Christ-child revealed to the nations by the visitation of the three wise men.

As the wise men followed the star so may we pursue the truth in life in this new year. Let us look for the truth in ourselves. Posing or "strike a pose vogue" should be banished from our attitudes and behavior.

Fortunately by embracing the Lord we will discard anything fake about ourselves and find our identity in our kinship with Jesus Christ.

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I want to thank Fr. Paul Masson for his generous participation at St. Venantius.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4-10**

MON: ..... 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-25  
TUES:..... 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
WED:..... 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45=52  
THURS:..... 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22  
FRI: ..... 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
SAT: ..... 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30  
SUN:..... Is 42:1-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-22



**THANK YOU:** We received many calls at the Rectory from those who received gifts from our Jesse Tree. I can't tell you how grateful everyone has been for the generous and thoughtful gifts from our parishioners. Thank you all for purchasing, wrapping and returning your gifts and those who helped deliver at such a busy time right before Christmas. May God Bless each of you for your kindness to others!!

**OUR CATHOLIC CALENDERS** were once again provided this year by *Morrison Funeral Home, Inc. and Reinsel Funeral Home & Crematory*. We are most grateful to both businesses for their generosity and ask you thank them when you see them.

**SAMUEL DEPALMA** is offering his CD'S for \$15 and can be purchased at the rectory during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**The Year of The Priest**

*Heavenly Father, please grant to your faithful servants,  
The grace and strength to carry out your mission  
for the church each day. Keep our priests  
close to You and continue to  
inspire them to serve others in Your holy name.  
Please help to inspire men who are called to a  
priestly vocation to answer Your call and  
participate in the fullness that You have  
planned for them.*

**SERVERS FOR – JANUARY 9-10**

5:30 Andrew Evans/Jonathan Verhoff  
7:30 Anna Campbell-Sowden/Chance Chase  
9:00 Jonah Jones/Lena Wheeler  
11:30 Joseph Hopwood/Mark Kulinski

**LECTORS FOR – JANUARY 9-10**

5:30 Marcia Schumacher  
7:30 Mike Horos  
9:00 Daniel Wheeler  
11:30 Leon Kulinski

**EUCHARIST MINISTERS FOR – JANUARY 9-10**

5:30 Nancy Dengel, Ellen Flickner, Maggie McMahon, Deb Mitchell, Felicia Nelson  
7:30 Kathy/Bill Trypus  
9:00 Joseph/Donna Jones, Dan/Jackie Moltz, Joyce Morgan  
11:30 Kathy Kulinski, Deb/Bob Schumacher, Carol Sundo, Sue Williams

**THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH:**

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of *Frank Bechtel* who died recently.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** those who are sick, in nursing homes or hospitalized as well as those who serve us in the military.

**WEDDING BANNERS III:** *Mark Lander & Natalie Lux*

**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:** Deacon Terry Schmader Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> and to Loretta Warcholik, school secretary, on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank **GRANDVIEW ESTATES, with 2 locations: 202 Center St., Oil City and Route 157 in Venus,** for sponsoring an ad weekly in our bulletin.

**SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN:**



Our *Mary's Mantle Group* is seeking donations of **white yarn** for members to make blankets for our newly baptized babies. Monetary donations also accepted to purchase the yarn and can be sent to the rectory. The yarn can be dropped off at the rectory or put in the back baptistery labeled for *Mary's Mantle*.

Would you be willing to drive a parishioner to Mass or offer to drive them to a doctor appointment occasionally? The *Transportation Group* could use your help. Please call Margaret at 677-3936 for more information.



**2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be tabulated and processed in the first weeks of the New Year. If you received a statement last year, you will automatically receive one this year. **ALSO**, if you received one last year and **don't want/need one this year**, please call the rectory by January 15 (677-3020).

**SPECIAL THANKS** to so many of you that sent Christmas greetings, cards, goodies and prayers for the priests and staff during the Christmas Season.

**Wishing you peace, health and happiness in 2010!**

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**RELIGIOUS ED.** Class today (Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>) from 9-11 a.m. at the school for grades 1-8 and at Our Lady Help of Christian for students in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**MONDAY AFTERNOON CLUB** will meet at the school at 1 p.m. Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**RCIA** meets Tuesday, January 5 at 7 p.m. in the social center.

**THE FOOD COLLECTION** this weekend is taken up for Community Services. Please leave your donations in the blue bins provided at the entrances.

Just a reminder that we collect items for Community Services the first weekend each month and for St. Elizabeth Center on the third weekend of the month.


Thank you for your help to others in need right here in our own community.

**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES** are being prepared and will be available soon. The current schedule runs until the end of January.


**THE NEXT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be held at St. Patrick's in Franklin on Saturday, February 6 at 10 a.m. in the Staff Room of Dion Auditorium. Parents who wish to participate in the Sacrament of Baptism for their child must attend if you haven't attended in the last 3 years. Godparents are also welcome and encouraged to attend as well. Please call 437-5763 for reservations.

Baptisms are normally scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Please call the rectory at 677-3020 to schedule a date.

**AN ALTAR SERVER training session** for public school students in Grades 5-12 will be announced in January. Please watch the bulletin for specific dates and times.

 **A VOLUNTEER** is needed who has taken the "Child Protection Program" to assist with Altar Server training for public school students. It will be held on Saturdays or Sundays in January. Please call the rectory at 677-3020 during normal business hours if you can help.

**LIVING FAITH** booklets for January through March are in the Servers Sacristy for Rosary Members who did not get them.

 **REVERSE RAFFLE AND CASINO NIGHT** will be held Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the K of C from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets cost \$25 and include a chance in the raffle, food and limited beverage. Please call the school at 677-3035 for tickets and more information.

**Did you get a new cell phone for Christmas?** How about recycling your old one and helping out the area Catholic Schools!! Just drop off your old one in the recycling boxes or bring them to Venango Catholic High School, St. Stephen School or drop them in a box that can be found in the Servers Sacristy at Church for recycling. Help out the environment and our schools at the same time!

**BULLETIN NOTICES** will resume to our normal schedule now that the holidays have passed. Please send your notices in writing to the rectory by early Monday morning to be included in the bulletin for the following week.

## ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

Students resume school Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all who were involved (buyers and sellers) in making the Big Raffle a success. We will publish a complete list of winners in the next bulletin since this bulletin was sent to the publisher early due to the holiday schedule.

See important information elsewhere in the bulletin for our next fundraiser the "Reverse Raffle and Casino Night".

Join us for Mass Friday, January 8 at the school gym at 1:45 p.m.

The boy's varsity team and our cheerleaders will be competing at the St. Mary's Tournament next weekend. Good Luck!

Have you considered making a donation to the school to sponsor a child? Your contribution is tax deductible. Do you own a business? Did you know that you may be able to reduce your tax liability by making a cash gift? Please call the school for more information at 677-3035 or send your donation to the school.

## VCHS NEWS

Class resumes Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Boys will play at Cranberry Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup>) vs. West Forest and North Clarion at home Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>. All games begin at 6 p.m.

Girls will play Cranberry at home Monday (4<sup>th</sup>); at West Forest Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup>) and at North Clarion Thursday (7<sup>th</sup>). Game time is 7 p.m.

**ASSUMPTION Polish Cookbooks** are on sale at the Pierogi Palace, 17 Spruce St. Double Bloom, 233 Seneca St. and St. Joseph Rectory for \$12 each. For large orders call Anna Marie Larkin at 677-3784.

**BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS** is in need of volunteers mentors in our area. If you have just a few hours each month to spend enhancing the life of a child, please contact Family Service & Children's Aid Society at 676-9940.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Pa. for Human Life is sponsoring a bus to Washington, D.C. to attend the March and rally Friday, January 22. For reservations or questions, please call Judy Anderton at 676-6288.



**PLANNING A WEDDING IN 2010?** A Pre-Cana session for those preparing for marriage will be held at St. Thomas More House of Prayer Saturday and Sunday, February 20-21 and is sponsored by St. Patrick Church. Please call the parish office (437-5763) to pre-register.

ALSO... an Engagement Encounter weekend is scheduled for February 12-14 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814.824-1265 or by email at familylife@erieRCD.org. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage preparation. Catholic and Interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime".

**TRAVEL WITH MSGR. KARG** on a 12 day visit to cities in the heart of Europe and see the famous "Passion Play" in Oberammergau. Tour leaves New York September 14, 2010. Cost is \$3,799 (from NY). Please contact Msgr. for more details.

**THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** is recited at 3 p.m. every Sunday at St. Patrick Church in Franklin. Please join us!