



**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**

**MONDAY January 11**  
7:00 AM Anna Mae Guth (Evelyn & Fran Lauer)

**TUESDAY January 12**  
7:00 AM Dr. Tod Todhunter (Family)

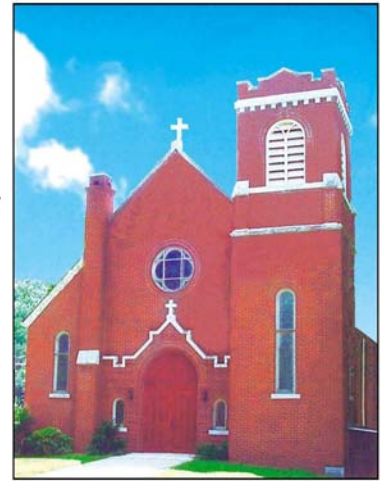
**WEDNESDAY January 13**  
7:00 AM Doris Hargenrader (Teresa Guyton)

**THURSDAY January 14**  
7:00 AM Rita Regula (Denise, Bethany & Kyle)  
10:30 AM (Presby) Sallie/Leonard Valeski (Ted Jasielski)

**FRIDAY January 15**  
7:00 AM Rennie Schneider (Family)

**SATURDAY January 16**  
7:00 AM Evelyn Rapp (David & Julia London)  
5:30 PM (Vigil) Jerome McMahon (Michael Baltar & Ian Morris)

**SUNDAY January 17, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sunday**  
7:30 AM Ruth Leicht (Pat Bickel & Monica Summerville)  
9:00 AM Larry Winger (Sue)  
**10:00 AM (St. Venantius) Sheridan Cavanaugh (Mrs. J.V. Giddens)**  
11:30 AM For Members of Our Own Parish Communitiy



**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 10**

**PICK UP NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

6:00 PM Confirmation – Social Center

**MONDAY January 11**  
1:00 PM Monday Afternoon Club – School  
1:30 PM Early Dismissal – St. Stephen School

**TUESDAY January 12**  
7:00 PM RCIA – Social Center

**FRIDAY January 15**  
**No School VCHS**

**SATURDAY January 16**  
4:00 PM Confessions - Church

**Points to ponder from Fr. Matt**

We end the Christmas season by celebrating the Baptism of the Lord. We also celebrate our rebirth in our own baptisms. In this New Year may we conform our thoughts, desires, words and actions to that of Christ. Through the scriptures and sacraments we receive the nourishment to grow in full stature as mature disciples.

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Thanks to Bruce Exley for providing the video for Christmas Eve Mass to the Church basement.  
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21-17**

MON: ..... 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20  
TUES:..... 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28  
WED:..... 1 Sm 3:1-20/Mk 1:29-39  
THURS:..... 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45  
FRI: ..... 1 Sm 8:4-22/Mk 2:1-12  
SAT: ..... 1 Sm 9:1-19:10:1/Mk 2:13-17  
SUN:..... Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** There is nothing that feels better to a child than to hear his or her parent tell them that they are “well pleased”. Give freely the gift of affirmation to your child; it is more precious than silver or gold.

**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. If you enjoyed hearing him during the Christmas season at church, why not stop in and purchase a CD.

**ADDITIONAL flower donations** for Christmas that were received after publication for **St. Stephen Church:** For Roy Xander by Wife & Family; for Living & Deceased members of the Bower & Whitehill Family by Peggy & Jack Whitehill and a donation from M/M Doug Dart. **FOR St. Venantius:** Carole Moore, Mrs. Delia Moore, John Moore, Mabel Robertson and Gerald Robertson by Ed Moore.

**St. Stephen Church Income& Expenses for December 2009**

<b>Income:</b>	Offertory	\$37,370
	Bequests/Gifts	-0-
	Miscellaneous	3,115
<b>Expenses:</b>	Administration	
	Clergy-Benefits & Salaries	\$ 3,296
	Employees-Benefits & Salaries	6,995
	Diocesan Assessment	-0-
	Plant & Maintenance Supplies	1,416
	Insurance & Taxes	6,170
	Elementary School Support	14,250
	Second School Support	3,167
	Religious Education	2,265
	Repairs	-0-
	Miscellaneous	6,230
	Major Construction	-0-

**SERVERS FOR – JANUARY 16-17**

5:30 Amanda/Erica Wassil  
7:30 Leisel/Louis Kober  
9:00 Alex/Jordan Karg  
11:30 Jennifer Flannigan, Ian Hidingner

**LECTORS FOR – JANUARY 16-17**

5:30 Fran Dlugos  
7:30 Sam Gordon  
9:00 Deb Lutz  
11:30 Connie Hall

**EUCHARIST MINISTERS FOR – JANUARY 16-17**

5:30 Donna Goodman, Sandra Kerchner, Karen Koyack, Richard McIntire, Dorothy Staub  
7:30 Diana Staab, Kathy Stephens  
9:00 Bob/Rosalie Bablak, Sr. Emilie Rose, Sandra Schmader, Ray Stiglitz  
11:30 Kathryn Ostroske, Doris Pickens, Barb Plummer, Karen Shepard, Carol Sundo

**THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH:**

**OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO FAMILY & FRIENDS OF Joseph Puleo, Edward Cudzil and James Stiller** who died recently. May the gift of eternal life be theirs.

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

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank **ASEL’S CABINET SHOP** located on **Route 8, Rouseville Road**, for sponsoring an ad weekly in our bulletin.

**A DONATION TO The 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Fund was made for Joseph Puleo** by Nan Lamberton; J.D. Stack.

**A DONATION TO THE SCHOOL was made for Joseph S. Puleo** by Mariah Hanson; Bob & Debbie Schumacher. **FOR: Richard M. English** by Evelyn Kennemuth.

**A DONATION to St. Venantius 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Fund was made for Paul Brown** by Dan and Andrea Stubler.



**SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN:**

Would you be willing to provide a ride to a parishioner to Mass or a local doctor appointment occasionally? Please call Margaret at 677-3936 if you can help or with any questions.

**THE 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next weekend** is to “Help Spread the Faith Communications which helps support Faith Magazine and Catholic Communications. Please use the yellow envelope in this month’s packet.



**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).

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES** will be available this weekend in the Servers Sacristy for Altar Servers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Each family need only take one schedule. Please check off your name when you pick up so that we know you have received. Again, we ask your cooperation in getting a substitute if you are unable to serve when assigned. Thanks to all who serve their ministry so faithfully.

**CONFIRMATION** students will meet at 6 p.m. tonight (Sunday, January 10) in the social center. Students should bring their signed permission slips to participate in the Safe Environment program.

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

**YOUTH GROUP** will meet next Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>) at 6 p.m. in the Social Center. Watch for more details next week.

**MONDAY AFTERNOON CLUB** will meet at 1 p.m. January 11 at the school. Please feel free to join them.

**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.



**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.

**MASS AT PRESBY HOME** will be celebrated this Thursday, January 14 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

**THE FOOD COLLECTION** next weekend will be given to the St. Elizabeth Center. They can especially use pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned goods, soup, etc. Please bring your items next weekend and leave them in the blue bins provided at the entrances.

**THE ROSARY SOCIETY** does not meet in January or February. The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

50/50 tickets for a "Tax Relief" raffle are available from Rosary members or at the Rectory during normal business hours for \$1. The drawing will be held April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

Students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Reverse Raffle and Casino Night to be held January 30 at the K of C (See more information elsewhere in the bulletin).

The School Board will meet Wednesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. at the school.

THANK YOU Jim & Cheryl Donze who so graciously coordinated and to all who were involved (buyers and sellers) in making the BIG RAFFLE 2009 a success. We offer special thanks to businesses that donated prizes. We appreciate everyone's support of St. Stephen School and Catholic education.

-GRAND PRIZE: Lois Socha

-2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (Big Screen TV): Matt Strickenberger

-3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (Recliner donated by Parker's): Ryan Beichner

-Mystery Prizes:

-Golf Membership (donated by Cross Creek): Judy West

-Cherub Painting (donated by Grandview Estates): Mary Klescz

-Dirt Devil (donated by Friedhabers): Nancy O'Toole

-State Inspection (donated by Lutz's) Teresa Felmler

## VCBS NEWS

There will be no school on Friday, January 15 or Monday, January 18.

Boy's basketball – Monday (11<sup>th</sup>) @ Clarion; Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup>) vs. Clarion/Limestone @ home; and Friday (15<sup>th</sup>) vs. Cranberry @ home.

Girl's basketball – Monday (11<sup>th</sup>) vs. Clarion @ home; Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup>) vs. Clarion Limestone – away and Friday (15<sup>th</sup>) vs. Cranberry – away.

**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!

**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.

**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".

**VIGIL CANDLES** at both St. Joseph and Mary's statues can be lit for your loved ones. The offering is \$2/candle and money can be placed in the collection (can use envelopes in pews and mark "candle money"), put in the sacristy or send to the rectory.