



**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 18**  
7:00 AM Shirley Oxenham (Margaret Jetter)

**TUESDAY January 19**  
7:00 AM Joe King (Gert Ward)

**WEDNESDAY January 20**  
7:00 AM Dec'd Sisters of St. Joseph (Sr. Emilie Rose)

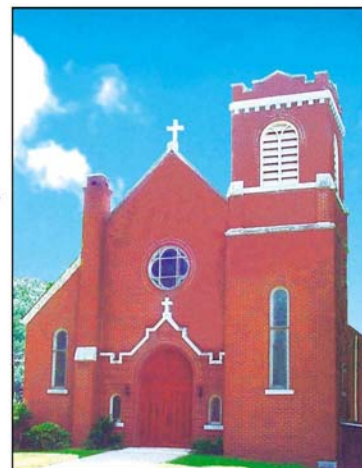
**THURSDAY January 21, St. Agnes**  
7:00 AM Edna Hubauer (Pat Welsh)

**FRIDAY January 22**  
7:00 AM Pat Kase (Mary & Marie Cassano)  
1:45 PM (School) Thomas Brzezinski (Family)

**SATURDAY January 23**  
7:00 AM Andrea Barszcz (Jerry Kalamajka & Family)  
5:30 PM (Vigil) For Members of Our Parish Community

**SUNDAY January 24, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 AM Chuck & Nancy Deemer (Dick & Kim Fornof)  
9:00 AM Jim Donze (M/M Michael Deibert & Family)  
**10:00 AM (St. Venantius) David Skiba (Ed & Sophia Skiba)**  
11:30 AM Emmett Graham (Carolyn Hargenrader)

**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 17**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Faith Magazine & Catholic Communications

Food Collection for St. Elizabeth Center

**PICK UP MINISTRY SCHEDULES – SERVERS SACRISTY**

9-11 AM Religious Ed. – School (9<sup>th</sup> Grade at OLHC)  
1:00 PM SSS vs. St. Pats – at St. Pat's  
6:00 PM Youth Group – Social Center

**MONDAY January 18**

NO SCHOOL – ST. STEPHENS OR VCHS  
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

**TUESDAY January 19**  
7:00 PM RCIA– Social Center

**SATURDAY January 23**  
8:30 AM Elks Hoop Shoot – School  
11:00 AM SSS vs. Notre Dame - School  
4:00 PM Peaceful Solutions Prayer Group (weather permitting) Social Center  
4:00 PM Confessions - Church

**Points to ponder from Fr. Matt**

The wedding feast of Cana ends with the statement that this was a sign. It points beyond itself to some deeper reality. Everything and everyone involved in the story must be seen in that light, the bride & groom, the water and wine, Mary, the disciples, and even Jesus himself.

Can we look at ordinary circumstances in our lives and see the deeper meaning behind them?

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Thanks to our take down crew who have returned our church and chapel to some semblance of the ordinary. There efforts and deeds are much appreciated.

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Not to rush the calendar but **ASH WEDNESDAY IS ON FEBRUARY 17**, one month from today.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 18-24**

- MON: ..... 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
- TUES:..... 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
- WED:..... 1 Sm 17:32-51/Mk 3:1-6
- THURS:..... 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
- FRI: ..... 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
- SAT: ..... 2 Sm 1:1-27/Mk 3:20-21
- SUN:..... Neh 8:2-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** ~ How interesting that Jesus' first recorded miracle occurred at a wedding, the place where families gather to celebrate the forming of a new community of love and life. Loving families continue to support their children well into adulthood, just as Mary supported Jesus throughout his lifetime.

**ST. VENANTIUS** will be holding a tureen dinner Sunday, January 31 at 3 p.m. Those planning to attend are asked to bring a well filled tureen and your own table service.

**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. No need to wait until your child is born.

**DINING WITH DIABETES:** Penn State Cooperative Extension will be offering a 5-part class, beginning Feb. 2, from 1-3:30 p.m. at Heckathorn Church near Seneca. This is a program for adults with Type 2 diabetes and their families. Classes are offered weekly for 4 weeks with a 3 month follow-up class. Registration can be made by contacting the Venango County Extension office @ 437-7607 by January 26. Cost is \$35 for an individual and \$50 for a family.

**SERVERS FOR – JANUARY 23-24**

- 5:30 Andrea Marshall/Emily Marshall
- 7:30 Robert Felmlee/Benjamin Koyack
- 9:00 Daniel/Timothy Staub
- 11:30 Rebecca/William Jones

**LECTORS FOR – JANUARY 23-24**

- 5:30 Sue Williams
- 7:30 Mary Ellen McNellie
- 9:00 Cindy Urban
- 11:30 Ann Scopetti

**EUCHARIST MINISTERS FOR – JANUARY 23-24**

- 5:30 Jean Allison, Nancy Dengel, Mareeta Durney, Ellen Flickner, Maggie McMahan
- 7:30 Dan Karg, Cynthia Noble
- 9:00 Bob/Jan McCall, Deb Mitchell, Joyce Morgan, Dorothy Staub
- 11:30 Bonnie Dart, Mary Kay Gill, Tom Karg, Felicia Nelson (1 more needed – please volunteer)

**THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH:**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** *Marc Lander and Natalie Lux* who were married January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank **MORRISON FUNERAL HOME INC., 110 Petroleum St.** for sponsoring an ad weekly in our bulletin.

**A DONATION TO the School was made for:** *Edward Cudzil:* by Ralph & Helen Guth; George & Jan Teeter. **FOR Joseph Puleo** by Ralph & Helen Guth; Roberta Miller and Hal Hart; Rosalie & Warner Alfonsi; James & Joann Beals; Norm & Jenny Milliken; John & Patty Hoden.

**SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN:**



Thanks from all who have received meals from the *Welcome Home* group and to all our cooks who prepare them. Anyone coming home from the hospital, having a baby or needing help can call Tina for meals at 676-0443.



**THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION** this weekend is to "Help Spread the Faith and Catholic Communications" which oversees Faith magazine, the FaithLife news bulletin and more. Thanks for your generosity as we work to keep people in the Erie Diocese inspired and informed. Please use the yellow envelope in this month's packet.

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

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

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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.

**THE RECTORY** office will be closed Monday, January 18 along with other Diocesan offices in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

**NO MONDAY AFTERNOON CLUB** this week since there is no school Monday, January 18.

**RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS:** Our **Grades 4 - 5 - 6 Retreat** will be held on **Sunday, January 24** beginning with the **11:30 am Mass at St. Stephen Church** for the **whole family**. After Mass, students will proceed to the Social Hall for **lunch**. The retreat will be conducted by **Sisters Clare Marie & Marian**. Parents should pick up their children at **3 pm**. There is **no regular class next Sunday**.

**RICA** will meet Tuesday, January 19 in the social center.



**CAN YOU HELP?** A volunteer is needed to take Communion to the homebound on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. If you are not currently a Eucharistic Minister, someone will train you to take Communion and visit parishioners unable to get to church. This only involves a few hours a year. If you can help or have any questions, please call Tina at 676-0443.

**THE YOUTH GROUP** will meet Sunday, January 17 from 6:00-7:30 pm. We will begin our "Journey of Faith" which will cover a variety of topics related to the Catholic faith. Board Game and Ice Cream Sundae Night! Youth group members are encouraged to bring their favorite board game for a little friendly competition!

**THE FOOD COLLECTION** this weekend will be given to St. Elizabeth Center. Thanks to those who so faithfully donate items to the Center as the need is great especially this time of year. Please leave your donations in the blue bins at the entrances. NOTE: The phone number for the Center is now on the front cover for your convenience.



**REVERSE RAFFLE AND CASINO NIGHT** will be held Saturday, January 30, 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. Must be 21 years of age to attend. For tickets and information, please call Mike Deibert at 676-1641 or the school at 677-3035.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** Registration forms for Public School students interested in becoming Altar Servers are in the Servers Sacristy. The forms should be completed, signed by a parent and returned to the rectory by February 1. Training sessions will be in March.



**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.

## ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

No School Monday, January 18.

See details elsewhere in the bulletin for the upcoming *Reverse Raffle & Dinner* to be held Saturday, January 30 at the K of C.

Join us for Mass this Friday (22) at 1:45 p.m. at the school.

There will be a hoop shoot Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup>) beginning at 8:30 a.m. sponsored by the Elks.

The boy's basketball team travel to St. Pat's in Franklin today (17<sup>th</sup>) for a game at 1 p.m. and will host Notre Dame next Saturday at 11 a.m. Come enjoy a game and support the team.

### VCHS NEWS

Students will be dismissed at 12:30 Friday (15<sup>th</sup>) and will not have school Monday, January 18.

Join us for Mass Friday at 11 a.m. in the school chapel.

Boys basketball: vs. AC Valley Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup>) away; vs. Keystone at home Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>). All games begin at 6 p.m.

Girl's basketball: vs. AC Valley Wednesday (20) at home and at Keystone Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>). All games start at 7 p.m.

**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!

**PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS Prayer Group** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month from 4-4:30 p.m. in the social center (weather permitting). The next group will meet January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**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>.

**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".

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH** will be having an adult education series this Lenten season. More information will be coming soon.

**ALSO....**they will be having their annual Spaghetti dinner Sunday, February 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Social Hall. The Rosary Society will also have a bake sale during the dinner. Mark your calendars and watch for more details next week.