



SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH
Oil City, PA

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

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

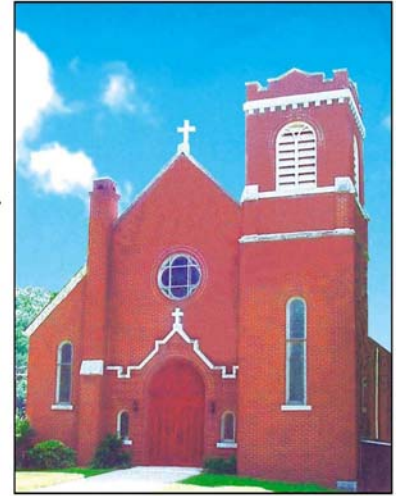
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul
7:00 AM Edward & Dorothy Weaver (Estate)
TUESDAY January 26, St. Timothy & St. Paul
7:00 AM Anna Nowicki (Virginia & Ed Sloan)
WEDNESDAY January 27
7:00 AM Joe Klapac (Norma Zacherl)
THURSDAY January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas
7:00 AM George Stubler (Greg)
FRIDAY January 29
7:00 AM James Heinzer (Herk Hynes)
SATURDAY January 30
7:00 AM Stanley Drelick (The Drelick Family)
5:30 PM (Vigil) Frank Kulasza (Mary)
SUNDAY January 31, 4th Ordinary Sunday
7:30 AM For Members of Our Parish Community
9:00 AM Jeanne Lynch (Andre Sporer)
10:00 AM (St. Venantius) Rhonda Huber (Mother)
11:30 AM Tom Hicks (Family)

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday, 12:00 noon

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY January 24
PICK UP MINISTRY SCHEDULES
(Servers Sacristy)
11:30-3 PM Religious Ed. Retreat – Church/Social
Center (Mass included)
6:00 PM Confirmation – Social Center
MONDAY January 25
1:00 PM Monday Afternoon Club-School
TUESDAY January 26
7:00 PM RCIA – Social Center
THURSDAY January 28
10:30 AM SERVANTS – Coordinator Mtg.-Rectory
SATURDAY January 30
4:00 PM Confessions - Church

Points to ponder from Fr. Matt

In the desert Jesus has a monumental experience of denying the temptations of the devil. Afterwards He begins his public ministry.

We too face a similar situation when we encounter God then have to return to our hectic everyday lives.

Like Jesus we need to translate that divine experience into a historical mission, the mission and purpose of our lives.

The collection for the needs of the Haitians will be taken up January 30 & 31 at St. Stephen and St. Venantius. Please make your checks out to **Catholic Charities of the Erie Diocese with a notation for "Haiti Relief."** The Bishop assures us that 100% of the donation will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services for this purpose. The money will be used strictly to provide humanitarian relief and no administrative fee will be taken for the Erie Diocese. Thank you for your generosity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25-31

MON: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
TUES:..... 2 Tm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
WED:..... 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
THURS:..... 2 Sm 7:18-29/Mk 4:21-25
FRI: 2 Sm 11:1-17/Mk 4:26-34
SAT: 2 Sm 12:1-17/Mk 4:35-41
SUN:..... Jer 1:4-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 4:21-30

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE ~ Like Jesus' neighbors who were proud of their native son, communities are proud of their children who, in adulthood, choose to make a difference in the lives of others. While Isaiah prophesied about Jesus' work among the oppressed and the poor, so too can parents inspire their own children by reaching out to those in need.

AN OPEN HOUSE: Helen Caffrey Donze, long time member of St. Stephen Church, will celebrate her 90th birthday on February 3rd. Please come visit her during an Open House on Sunday, January 31 at Our Lady Help of Christian Social Center from 12 to 2 p.m. She would love to see her family and friends young and old alike. Cards may be sent to 441 E. Bissell Avenue.



THE YOUTH GROUP will have a Family Cosmic Bowling Night at Masterson Family Lanes Sunday, January 31 from 4-6 p.m. Family

members of Youth Group members are welcome to attend! Moms, Dads, brothers and sisters. Cost is \$10 per person and includes unlimited Cosmic bowling, shoes, pizza, pop and snacks. Please have cash or check (payable to Oil City Catholic Youth Group) that night as the money will be collected and paid as a group. Please RSVP at 814-209-0119 or to laura-brent@comcast.net by January 27th with the number of people attending. Permission slips only needed if parents do not attend and can be picked up at the rectory during normal business hours.

SERVERS FOR – JANUARY 30-31

5:30 Ryan/Rachael Stewart
7:30 Brandon/Bryanna Xander
9:00 Noah Puleo/Michaela Wagner
11:30 Shana Kennedy/Paige Loll

LECTORS FOR – JANUARY 30-31

5:30 Cathy Manion
7:30 Joyce McFadden
9:00 Kathleen Plyler
11:30 Bridget Kennedy

EUCHARIST MINISTERS FOR – JANUARY 30-31

5:30 Cathy Manion, Mary Ann Oliver, Marcia/Richard Stewart, Susan Stewart
7:30 Jan Urban, Loretta Warcholik
9:00 Helen/Dave Heinzer, Dan/Jackie Moltz, Mary Vinopal
11:30 Elaine/Bill Klapec, Tom McNellie, Deb/Robert Schumacher

THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH:

YOUR PRAYERS are requested for the happy repose of the souls of *Joseph L. Brody*. May he rest in peace.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Monday to Regis Butler Monday, January 25th.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **HEALTHSOUTH REHAB HOSPITAL OF ERIE, 143 E. 2nd St., Erie**, for sponsoring an ad weekly in our bulletin.

A DONATION TO the 2nd Century Fund was made for *Joseph S. Puleo* by Tim, Susan and Michael Strus.

A DONATION TO the School was made for *Ed Cudzil* by Ralph & Helen Guth AND for *Joseph Puleo* by John & Patty Hoden; by Sam Sanfilippo, The Villa Italia and Robert C. Allen. **FOR Karen Hepler** by Bill & Mariah Hanson.



SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN:

Coordinators will meet Thursday, January 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the rectory. Group leaders should plan to attend.

Thanks to all who have so generously donated yarn for our *Mary's Mantle Group* recently in response to requests for those making blankets for our newly baptized as well as to those who make them! We appreciate your stewardship of "time and talent".

"Coping With Life Alone" brought to the Erie Diocese in 2009, is a six-week program for persons who have experienced the heartache of being widowed, divorced, or separated. "Coping with Life Alone" is a part of the Beginning Experience (BE) ministry of Catholic Charities. New sessions begin Sunday, February 21st at 4pm at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. For more information, contact the Family Life Office at 814.824.1265. Pre-registration is appreciated.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DONT MISS



THE REVERSE RAFFLE and Casino Night will be held next Saturday evening (30th) at the K of C Hall from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets cost \$25 each and price includes 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.

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES for Servers, Greeters, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers can be found in the server's sacristy. Please take a moment after Mass to pick up yours (one per family) and check off your name so that we know you received. The new schedule begins the first week of February.

RCIA meets Tuesday, January 26th at 7 p.m. in the social center.

MONDAY Afternoon Club meets January 25 at 1 p.m. at school.

CONFIRMATION will be held tonight (Sunday, January 27) at 6 p.m. in the social center.

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS: Today we have our **Grades 4 - 5 - 6 Retreat**. Please pray for these students as well as for the students in **Grades 7 and 8** who will participate in their retreat next Sunday beginning with **11:30 Mass at St. Stephen Church** with their families. After Mass students will proceed to the social hall (basement) for lunch. Parents are asked to pick up their children at **3 pm**.

Please pray for all of our students who are preparing for their **First Reconciliation** and who will be having their retreat on **Sat., Feb. 6 at St. Stephen Social Hall** from **10 am to 2 pm**. Students must bring a **lunch** and their **8 lesson booklet**. Refreshments will be provided and dress is casual.

PLEASE JOIN US January 27 at 7:07 p.m. as we pray for our Priests in this Year of the Priests. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and The Divine Mercy Chaplet at the Assumption Church.



CAN YOU HELP? A volunteer is needed to take Communion to the homebound on the 4th 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. Without enough volunteers, we may not be able to offer this important ministry weekly to those unable to get to church. If you can help or have any questions, please call Tina at 676-0443.

PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS Prayer Group meets next Saturday, January 30 from 4-4:30 p.m. in the social center (weather permitting). This is a change from last weekend due to unforeseen circumstances.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK will take place the week of January 31-February 5. Students from our Catholic schools will participate at the 9 a.m. Mass next Sunday.

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

AN OPEN HOUSE for prospective parents & students on February 10th from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. We invite you to come and see what Catholic Education is all about. During this Open House you will be able to see the classroom in action. If you have any immediate questions you will be able to address them at that time. Applications for tuition assistance are available to those who qualify. The STAR Grant Applications are due to the Diocese by March 31, 2010. Please call the school for an application.

There are many special events scheduled for Catholic Schools Week from January 31-February 6 including Guest for Lunch day on Tuesday, February 2 and Family night Thursday evening. Watch for more details next week.

VCHS NEWS

Boys basketball – Monday, 1/25 at N. Clarion; Wednesday, 1/27 vs. Tidioute; Friday 1/29 at Clarion Limestone; Saturday 1/30 at Union at 1:30.

Girl's basketball – Monday, 1/25 home vs. N. Clarion; Wed. 1/29 home vs. Clarion/Limestone; Saturday 1/30 vs. Union at 12:00.

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.

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!

NEWS and NOTES

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH: Watch for more information about an adult education series for the Lenten season.

There will be a Spagetti Dinner on Sunday, February 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the *Knights of Columbus*, 111 Petroleum St. in the social hall. The Rosary Society will also have a bake sale during the dinner. Chair massage therapy will also be offered with the proceeds to benefit St. Joseph Parish. Cost: Adults: \$6; Seniors/Students: \$5; Children 6-10: \$2; children 5 & under: Free.

There will be a casino bus trip to Seneca Allegheny in Salamanca on February 27. The bus will leave K-Mart parking lot at 8 a.m. and return at 8 p.m. \$20 in slot points and \$5 in food. Cost: \$30. For reservations call Clara Taft @ 676-6954 or Minnie Fink @ 677-4381.

TOUGH TIMES in your marriage? Don't give up! Register now for the next Retrouvaille weekend Feb. 26-28 in Erie. Learn a communications technique and attend follow-up sessions that can help strengthen and renew your marriage. Give your marriage a chance. Retrouvaille is sponsored by Catholic Charities. For more information, call 1-814-437-9377.



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.