



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

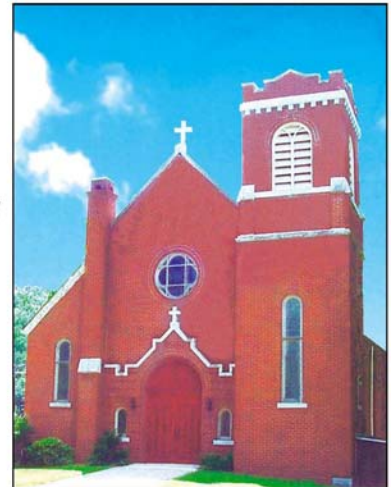
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	February 8
7:00 AM	Nancy O'Brien (VCHS Booster Club)
TUESDAY	February 9
7:00 AM	Joseph Connor (Dan & Edna Lutz)
WEDNESDAY	February 10, St. Scholastica
7:00 AM	Ted Lynch (Kathy)
THURSDAY	February 11
7:00 AM	Edward C. and Dorothy D. Weaver (Estate)
10:30 AM	(Golden Living) Sallie & Leonard Valeski (Ted Jasielski)
FRIDAY	February 12
7:00 AM	Pat Kase (Patti, Shannon, Shawn & Nicole)
SATURDAY	February 13
7:00 AM	Daniel Daubenspeck (Family)
5:30 PM	(Vigil) Jim Mong (Rita & Family)
SUNDAY	February 14, 6th Ordinary Sunday
7:30 AM	Warcholik & Whalen Families (Stan & Loretta)
9:00 AM	Joseph S. Puleo (Jean & Christine Puleo)
10:00 AM	(St. Venantius) James & Lucille Slike Family (Mrs. J.V. Giddons)
11:30 AM	For Members of Our Parish Community

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	February 7
	Food Collection for Community Services
	Blessing of Throats at All Masses
1:00 PM	Confirmation – Students AND Sponsors- Social Center
MONDAY	February 8
1:00 PM	Monday Afternoon Club – School
1:30 PM	Early Dismissal – St. Stephen's
TUESDAY	February 9
7:00 PM	RCIA – Social Center
WEDNESDAY	February 10
8:30-11 AM	OPEN HOUSE – SCHOOL
7:00 PM	School Board - School
THURSDAY	February 11
10:30 AM	Mass at Golden Living Center
FRIDAY	February 12
	NO SCHOOL AT ST. STEPHEN'S OR VC
	Boy's Basketball Tournament – School
7:07	Benediction/Adoration - Assumption
SATURDAY	February 13
	Boy's Basketball Tournament and Cheerleading Competition- School
4:00 PM	Confessions - Church

Points to ponder from Fr. Matt

Next week will be Commitment Sunday for the **CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL**. You have always been generous in the past so I count on your generosity once again. Our goal will be similar to the past an even \$80,000.00. You know what you can give. If everyone offers a pledge we could easily make our goal. Please give it some **prayerful thought** this week so that next week you can make a commitment. Thank you all and God bless you. I want to thank Joyce McFadden who will serve as chairperson for this annual drive.

Today the Boy Scouts of America celebrate 100 years of existence. Our scout troop will participate at the 9:00 a.m. Mass today.

From the Office of Education, Diocese of Erie:
We're happy to inform you that the Diocese recently awarded for your parishioner Megan Lutz funds to assist with her mission trip to Duran, Ecuador. These funds are made available through The Catholic Foundation as a result of the generous response of parishioners and other faithful throughout the Diocese of Erie to the diocesan capital campaign, and who regularly support the annual Catholic Education Collection.

Thanks to all who made Catholic Schools Week a time of appreciation for our students, parents, teachers, & staff. Special Thanks to Mrs. Hajduk our Principal for her leadership and guidance.

I'd like to acknowledge Mike and Jeanan Deibert for their leadership of the Reverse Raffle and to all who worked and participated in it to make it a success.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8-14

- MON: 1 Kgs 8:1-13/Mk 6:53-56
- TUES:..... 1 Kgs 8:22-30/Mk 7:1-13
- WED:..... 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
- THURS:..... 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
- FRI: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
- SAT:..... 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
- SUN:..... Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12:16-20/Lk 6:17-26

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE ~ In Jesus' day, there were some who refused to believe that a carpenter's son was capable of preaching or healing, and so they ridiculed Jesus instead of putting their faith in him. In today's world, we call this teasing or bullying. If your child has ever been teased or bullied, you know how painful it can be. Showing faith in your child gives them the courage to be strong in the midst of adversity.

ENCOURAGE THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: St. Valentine's Day will be here soon. Looking for a special gift for your spouse? What better than the gift of yourself and time away from your hectic schedule. February 19-21, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the best gift for any married couple. Contact (814) 824-4600 or wwme.eriepa@gmail.com

SERVERS FOR – FEBRUARY 13-14

- 5:30 Andrew Evans/Jonathan Verhoff
- 7:30 Anna Campbell-Sowden, Hunter Lancaster
- 9:00 Nicholas/Daniel/Christopher Fink
- 11:30 Benjamin Koyack/Michaela Wagner

LECTORS FOR – FEBRUARY 13-14

- 5:30 Geralyn Neely
- 7:30 Mary McNellie
- 9:00 Deb Lutz
- 11:30 Barb Reszkowski

EUCARIST MINISTERS FOR – FEBRUARY 13-14

- 5:30 Mareeta Durney, Ellen Flickner, Donna Goodman, Sandra Kerchner, Richard McIntire
- 7:30 Diana Staab, Kathleen Stephens
- 9:00 Deb Mitchell, Jackie/Dan Moltz, Ray Stiglitz, Mary Vinopal
- 11:30 Mary Kay Gill, Tom Karg, Karen Koyack, Mary Anne Oliver, Sue Williams

THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH:

YOUR PRAYERS are requested for the happy repose of the souls of *Ethel Fox* who died recently. May she 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.

WELCOME newly baptized *Carly Claire Fry*, daughter of David and Lindsey Singer Fry who was recently baptized.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **MICHAEL LUKASIAK CONSTRUCTION, 2 OAK GROVE**, for sponsoring an ad weekly in our bulletin.

A DONATION TO the 2nd Century Fund was made for Ed Cudzil by Larry & Mary Ann Wolfgang.



SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN:

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



SPECIAL OFFERING

HAITI COLLECTION: We are still accepting donations for the needs of the Haitians. Checks can be made out to Catholic Charities of the Erie Diocese with a notation for "Haiti Relief." There are envelopes in the pews or at the rectory or you can use your own envelope clearly marked for this collection. Thanks to all who have already so generously donated.

WOUNDED MARRIAGES NEED HEALING; Does yours? Consider Retrouvaille (sponsored by Catholic Charities). Learn an effective communication method and other ways to strengthen your marriage and bring it new energy. The next weekend is Feb. 26-28 in Erie. For more information, call 1-814-437-9377.

BLESSING OF THROATS will be administered this weekend at all Masses.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CONFIRMATION students and sponsors should meet at 1 p.m. today (Sunday, February 7th) in the Social Center.

RCIA meets Tuesday (9th) at 7 p.m. in the Social Center.

THE ROSARY SOCIETY is having a “*Tax Relief*” 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from members or at the rectory during normal business hours. The drawing will take place April 15.

ST. VENANTIUS has several dates open for the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Please call Jenny at 677-4230 to schedule.



NEW PRAYER NETWORK list of petitions are available this weekend. Those who participate in praying for others intentions can pick up new schedules in the table in the old baptistry this weekend.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING for Public school students will be held 3 Sundays in March (14th, 21st and 28th) from 1-3 p.m. at the church.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to visit and take Communion to the homebound. If you are not currently a Eucharistic Minister, someone will train you. This would only involve a few hours a year if we get enough help. Please call Tina at 676-0443 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. **ALSO.....THANK YOU** to those who have already stepped forward and offered help. Your gift of Time, Talent & Treasure for our parish is appreciated.



AN OPEN HOUSE for prospective parents & students will be held 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. Please call the school for an application.

MASS will be said at the Golden Living Center Thursday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m. Please feel free to join us.

THE FOOD COLLECTION taken up this weekend will be given to Community Services. Please leave your donations in the blue bins found at all entrances.

LENT is fast approaching. Ash Wednesday is February 17.

Mass will again be celebrated Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:10 p.m. at the Church.

The Rosary Society will be serving Lenten lunches all Fridays in Lent except Good Friday. More details in upcoming bulletins.

Stations of the Cross will be offered each Wednesday at 9 a.m. at St. Venantius and at 7 p.m. Fridays at St. Stephen Church.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY of Titusville will offer a pre-Lenten parish mission Feb. 14-16 at St. Titus Church at 7 p.m. Fr. Kevin Hanlon, Maryknoll priest, will be the speaker.

OLD CELL PHONES are still being collected to help out area Catholic Schools. There is a recycle box in the server's sacristy or you can bring to the school. Help out the environment and our schools at the same time.

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

Students will be dismissed early (1:30 p.m.) Monday, February 9. There is no school next Friday, February 12.

Next weekend, Friday through Sunday, St. Stephen hosts the Varsity Basketball Tournament and cheerleading competition. Be sure to stop by and support the Knights.

The School Board meets February 10th at 7 p.m. at the school.

Special thanks to all who planned or participated in the recent Reverse Raffle at the K of C in support of the school.

There will be an **OPEN HOUSE** Wednesday, February 10 – see more information elsewhere in the bulletin.

VCHS NEWS

Mass is held Fridays at 11 a.m. in the Chapel. Feel free to come.

All you can eat Fish Dinners will be served each Friday during Lent except Good Friday.

There will be no school Friday (12th) or Monday (15th).

Boy's basketball: Friday (12th) at home vs. Clarion

Girl's basketball: Friday (12th) at Clarion.

The Consumer Science class at VC is raising funds to purchase 2 “Realityworks” Real Care Baby infant simulators. This lets students experience the challenges of caring for an infant in as real a way as possible, giving them a real dose of “reality.” This valuable educational experience comes at a cost of \$1,682.90 for the 2 “babies.” Thanks to Lori Hugar they have received a \$500 grant toward this purchase. If you would like to help with this worthy cause, send a donation, no matter how big or small, to VC, 1501 W. 1st Street (with a notation for “Real Care Baby”).

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH will be having Adult Rel. Ed. sessions during the Lenten season. The book's title is: Growing in Daily Spirituality. Sessions will begin the week of February 21. Please call St. Joseph rectory at 677-4004 if you are interested in helping or attending the sessions.



A SPAGHETTI DINNER, hosted by St. Joseph Church, will be held 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.

A CASINO BUS TRIP is being organized by St. Joseph Church 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.

A PRE-CANA session, sponsored by St. Patrick Church, for those preparing for marriage will be held at St. Thomas More House of Prayer Saturday and Sunday, February 20-21. Please call the parish office (437-5763) to pre-register.

ASSUMPTION: Join others next Friday for Benediction and Adoration beginning at 7:07 p.m. Plan to attend February 12th.

ALSO...they will offer Polish Lenten services Sundays at 3 p.m. (Bitter Lamentations) and Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7 p.m.

They will have pierogis for sale on Tuesday's during Lent starting Feb. 16. Prices are \$8 or \$9 a dozen depending on what type you purchase. Call 677-3885 anytime or 676-4015 from 7 – 10 a.m. Monday for Tuesday pickup. More information in upcoming bulletins.