



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 15
 7:00 AM Mary Guth (M/M James Emig & Family)

TUESDAY February 16
 7:00 AM Rita Cudzil (Rich & Marian English)

WEDNESDAY February 17, Ash Wednesday
 7:00 AM (Church) Ben Stiller (William/Alberta Blausler)
 12:10 PM (Church) Cole McMahon (William Schupp)
 1:45 PM (School) Sara Parker (Polly & Family)
 7:00 PM (Church) Julia Klapac (Helen/Vince Eisenman)

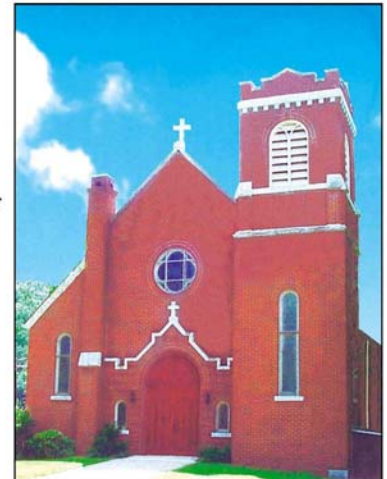
THURSDAY February 18
 7:00 AM Evelyn Rapp (Altar Rosary Society)

FRIDAY February 19
 7:00 AM Jeanne Lynch (Jean & Bill Brown)
 12:10 PM (Church) Donald Lillard (Family)

SATURDAY February 20
 7:00 AM Dorothy Rearick (David Schreckengost)
 5:30 PM (Vigil) Lou Pritchard (K of C, Council #385)

SUNDAY February 21, First Sunday of Lent
 7:30 AM For Members of Our Parish Community
 9:00 AM John & Dorothy Brzuz (Children)
10:00 AM (St. Venantius) Joseph J. Goreczny (Mary Ann/Larry Wolfgang)
 11:30 AM Ruth Leicht (Mary Jane Leicht)

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 14
CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL
 9-11 AM Religious Ed. – School
 11:30-1 PM SPAGETTI DINNER – K OF C
 6:00 PM Youth Group – Social Center
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

MONDAY February 15
NO SCHOOL – RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY February 16
 7:00 PM RCIA – Social Center

WEDNESDAY February 17
ASH WEDNESDAY (See Mass Schedule)
 9:00 AM Stations of the Cross – St. Venantius

FRIDAY February 19
 11 AM-1:30 PM Lenten Lunches – Social Center
 5-6:45 PM Fish Fry – VCHS
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross – Church
 7:00 PM Ultreya – Church & Social Center

SATURDAY February 20
1:00 PM First Penance - Church
 4:00 p.m. Confessions - Church

Points to ponder from Fr. Matt

Today is Commitment Sunday for the **Catholic Service Appeal**. Your envelopes are in the benches. Kindly fill out your pledge and place it in the collection or bring it back next week. God has blessed us and we want to give back something. We are helping people in many aspects through Catholic Charities, Catholic Education, Rural Ministries, etc. CSA is for the needs of our Diocesan Community and that includes the Oil City branches of these services. Our goal is \$80,000.00 (a few grand less than last year) I want to be realistic; some of our significant donors have been called to the Lord. **If we all offer something back we will make our goal.** Of course I will be participating in this myself.

Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten Season. Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses and at the 9:00 Stations of the Cross at St. Venantius. Let us all keep the Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15-21

MON:Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
TUES:.....Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
WED:.....Jl 2:12; 18/2/Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-18
THURS:.....Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
FRI: Is 58:1-9/Mt 9:14-15
SAT:Is 58:9-14/Lk 5:27-32
SUN:..... Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE ~ In today's gospel, Jesus preached a message of sacrifice and its heavenly rewards. Married couples who choose commitment over worldly desires understand the sacrifice that a good marriage requires. Do you know of a couple who lives gospel values? Congratulate them today on World Marriage Day!



A LENTEN PROGRAM given by Msgr. Karg and Sisters Clare Marie and Marian will lead a Lenten discussion on "Cry Justice, Cry Hope" a booklet by Sister Joan Chittister, OSB on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. February 22nd to March 29th in the Social Center. Sr. Joan will lead you through her booklet "to ask questions that begin with Jesus and end with us. The answer to these questions has something to do with the very meaning of both Lent and life." **Sign-up and booklets** will be distributed after the 7 p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday in the Social Center.

ULTREYA: February 19th at Saint Stephen Church in Oil City. Join us for Stations of the Cross at 7PM, light refreshments will follow. All Cursillistas and guests are welcomed. Please consider beginning your evening at the Venango Catholic Lenten Fish Fry.



CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL: This weekend is Commitment Sunday. Envelopes can be found in the pews and can be returned in the collection or to the rectory.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!

******ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEEK (17TH).** WE ASK **SERVERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE MASS THAT YOU ATTEND.**

LECTORS: 7 am: Joyce McFadden **12:10 pm:** Margaret Jetter
7 pm: Rick McIntire

SERVERS FOR – FEBRUARY 20-21

5:30 Jordan/Alex Karg 9:00 Nate/Max Dudzic Jr.
7:30 Chandler/Chance Chase 11:30 Joshua/Noah Puleo

LECTORS FOR – FEBRUARY 20-21

5:30 Marcia Schumacher 9:00 Dave Heinzer
7:30 Margaret Jetter 11:30 Ann Scopetti

EUCHARIST MINISTERS FOR – FEBRUARY 20-21

5:30 Bob/Rosalie Bablak, Cathy Manion, Maggie McMahon, Richard Stewart
7:30 Kathy/Bill Trypus
9:00 Max Dudzic, Dave/Helen Heinzer, Sr. Emilie Rose, Mary Vinopal
11:30 Bill/Elaine Klapac, Doris Pickens, Bob/Deb Schumacher

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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to *Richard and Judy Caainzaro* who recently celebrated 50 years of marriage and to *Chuck and Hazel Allio* who will be married 64 years February 18th.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **PARKER FURNITURE & CARPET, Rt. 257, Cranberry and 244 Water St., Titusville,** for sponsoring an ad weekly in our bulletin.

EASTER FLOWER envelopes were included in your February packet. Please feel free to put in the collection anytime. The deadline to submit to be published for Easter will be March 29th.

SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN:



If you would like to volunteer to be on a list who provide a snack (someone different each week) for our RCIA class on Tuesday, please call Mary Firster at 676-1219.

**ST. STEPHEN CHURCH
INCOME/EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 2010**

Income:	Offertory	\$37,613
	Bequests/Gifts	6,962
	Miscellaneous	205
Expenses:	Administration	
	Clergy – Benefits & Salaries	\$ 2,845
	Employees – Benefits & Salaries	6,794
	Diocesan Assessment	-0-
	Plant & Maintenance Supplies	691
	Insurance & Taxes	-0-
	Elementary School Support	14,250
	Second School Support	3,167
	Religious Education	1,937
	Repairs	-0-
	Miscellaneous	3,137
	Major Construction	-0-

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LENT begins with **Ash Wednesday**, February 17th. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses (**7 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Church and 1:45 p.m. at the school** (all are welcome to attend). Please consider taking advantage of some of these opportunities:

Daily Mass is offered at 7 a.m. in the Reed Street Chapel and at **12:10 p.m.** Monday, Wednesday & Friday during Lent at Church. **Msgr. Karg** and Sisters Clare Marie and Marian will offer a Lenten discussion on “Cry Justice, Cry Hope” (a book by Sr. Joan Chittister O.S.B.) Mondays 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the social center beginning February 22. See more details below Fr. Matt’s column. **Stations of the Cross** will be offered Wednesday’s at 9 a.m. at St. Venantius and on Friday’s beginning at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen.

Lenten Lunches are again planned for Fridays during Lent (except for Good Friday). The Rosary Society will be sponsoring them in the social center beginning February 19 from 11a.m.-1:30 p.m. The menu includes soups, a variety of sandwiches, salad, desserts and cold/hot beverages. To offer either monetary or food donations, please call Evelyn at 677-6079.

Rice Bowls will be available at church entrances. Take one home as a Lenten practice and return at the end of the season. Have one sacrificial meal at home & save the money that would typically be spent on a larger meal. Money received is used to feed the hungry.

Confessions: 4 p.m. every Saturday. Again this year we will offer more opportunities in the area at various locations and times for your convenience in March.

THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Monday, (15th) for President’s Day.

RCIA will meet Tuesday (16th) at 7 p.m. in the social center.

YOUTH GROUP will meet today (14th) from 6-7:30 p.m. in the social center. Come celebrate Valentines Day with us!

RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS: First Penance will be celebrated next Sat. (20th) at 1 p.m. Please continue to pray for our students.

THE FOOD COLLECTION next weekend is for the St. Elizabeth Center. Please leave your items in the bins provided at the entrances. NOTE: For questions, hours or information, please see the front of the bulletin for their location and phone number.

HAITI relief donations can be sent to the rectory or put in the collection clearly marked. Checks should be made to Catholic Charities with a notation for “Haiti Relief”.

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: Just a reminder that the most recent list of Petitions for the next quarter is available in the back sacristy this weekend in the back sacristy.

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

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. The drawing will take place April 15.

NO MONDAY AFTERNOON Club (15th) since the school is closed.

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

No school for students Monday.

The boys basketball tournament continues today (Sunday) at the school. Stop by and support the team and cheerleaders and welcome our many visitors.

Easter candy sales end this week. Please contact a student or the school to place an order.

Registration day will be held Wednesday, February 24. There will be no kindergarten that day.

Spread the word: The next SoupFest will be March 10th.

VCBS NEWS

No school Monday, February 15. There will be a Mass and distribution of ashes at 11 a.m. at the school Wednesday (17th).

All you can eat Lenten Fish Fry begin this week (19th) from 5-6:45 p.m. Cost is \$8.50/adults, \$8 seniors, \$6/students, preschool \$3.50 and pizza \$2/slice. Proceeds benefit the students at VC.

Got Blood? Venango Catholic is hosting a blood drive Thursday, Feb. 18 from 9-2 p.m. Please plan to come and give!

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 does of “reality.” The cost is \$1,682.90 for the 2 “babies.” 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/ASSUMPTION PARISH NEWS



A SPAGHETTI DINNER, hosted by St. Joseph Church, will be held **TODAY** (14th) from 11:30-1 p.m. at the *Knights of Columbus* 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.

-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 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.

-ASSUMPTION Parish will offer Polish Lenten services Sundays at 3 p.m. (Bitter Lamentations) and Stations of the Cross Fridays at 6 p.m. Benediction Friday (19th) at 7:07 (postponed last week).

They will have pierogis for sale on Tuesday’s during Lent starting Feb. 16. Prices are \$8 per dozen for Potato/Velveeta or Potato/Cottage Cheese and \$9 a dozen for sauerkraut. This week (16th) is Velveeta. Call 677-3885 anytime or 676-4015 from 7 – 10 a.m. Monday for Tuesday pickup.



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