



**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 May 10**  
7:00 AM Bob Keil (Sam Sanfilippo)

**TUESDAY May 11**  
7:00 AM Edna Hubauer (Bernie Connelly)

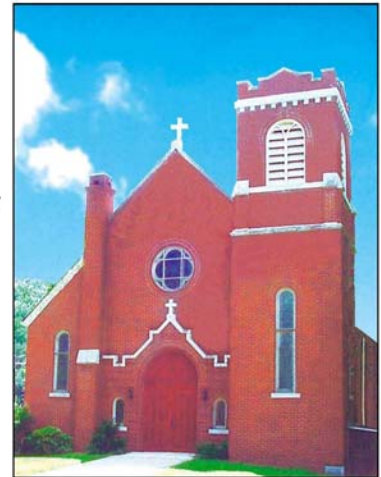
**WEDNESDAY May 12**  
7:00 AM Eugene Zacherl (Family)  
7:00 PM (Church) Betty Metzgar (Emma Jo Bryan)

**THURSDAY May 13, Ascension**  
7:00 AM (Church) James Lauer (Mom & Dad)  
1:45 PM (School) Joan N. Peitz (Gary & Joan Hartle)  
7:00 PM (Church) Mark Margherio (Mareeta Durney)

**FRIDAY May 14**  
7:00 AM Joey Zuck (Dan & Susan Wallace)

**SATURDAY May 15**  
7:00 AM Dr. Mary Todhunter (Family)  
10:00 AM (Church) CONFIRMATION  
5:30 PM (Vigil) Roy Xander (Pat, Mark, Matt Mortimer)

**SUNDAY May 16, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
7:30 AM For Members of Our Parish Community  
9:00 AM Art Kissinger (Bob & Jo)  
**10:00 AM (St. Venantius) Tom Stubler (Dan & Andrea Stubler)**  
11:30 AM Emma Dudzic (Mom & Dad)



**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 May 9**  
Sunday Home Communion Visits New Schedule  
In Back Sacristy AND  
Prayer Network Schedules In Back Baptistry  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

**MONDAY May 10**  
1:00 PM Monday Afternoon Club-School  
1:30 PM Early Dismissal - School

**TUESDAY May 11**  
**6:00 PM Confirmation Practice-Church**

**WEDNESDAY May 12**  
7:00 PM School Board Meeting- School

**THURSDAY May 13**  
**ASCENSION -SEE MASS SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY May 14**  
7:07 PM Benediction/Adoration-Assumption

**SATURDAY May 15**  
**10:00 AM CONFIRMATION - Church**  
4:00 PM Confession - Church

**Points to ponder from Fr. Matt**

Continuity is the key word for the Easter Season. We are bridging the gap between the Mosaic Law and practices and the doctrine and practices that come from Jesus Himself.

Jesus leaves us but promises us the Spirit to instruct us further on our journey to heaven. Patience, hope, strength, and respect are all elements of our exercise of peace. Peace is Jesus' gift to us.

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I want to thank all of you for your prayers at the death of my Mom. Your support and concern truly help my family at this time. My Mom certainly appreciated your welcoming ways in her many visits to St. Stephen/St. Venantius and the Oil City community.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10-15**

MON: ..... Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4  
TUES:.....Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11  
WED: .....Acts 17:15-22—18:1  
THURS: ..... Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-55  
FRI: .....Acts 1:15-26/Jn 15:9-17  
SAT: .....Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23-28  
SUN:.....Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-20/Jn 17:20-26

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** ~ In today's gospel Jesus told his disciples "If you loved me, you would rejoice I am going away..." When an adult child leaves home, we are happy for their maturity but there is still emptiness in a parent's heart. In faith we can believe that when a loved one goes away, they don't stop loving us; they simply love us from someplace else.

**JUBILEE XI** will be held Sunday, May 23 – The Feast of Pentecost. Mass will again be held at the Oil City High School at 10 AM for the Oil City Catholic Community. There will be no Masses scheduled at St. Joseph Church, Our Lady Help of Christians or Assumption. St. Stephen Church will have two Masses: Vigil at 5:30 p.m. on May 22 and 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 23. We encourage everyone to plan on attending this great mass of Jubilee. A collection will be taken and each parish will receive their own envelopes. All loose money will be divided among the parishes. Remember to wear red.

If you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister at this Mass, please call Kim at St. Joseph's at 677-4004.

**BULLETIN NOTICES** for the week of May 23-29 should be sent in writing to the rectory by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**THE BARROW-CIVIC** will present performances by Samuel DePalma and Dennis Geib Saturday, May 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Purchase tickets online at [www.barrowtheatre.com](http://www.barrowtheatre.com) or call the box office at 437-3440.



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** This weekend we honor our mothers and grandmothers in a special way and thank them for all they have done, and continue to do daily for us. We remember in a special way those that have gone before us, especially in the last year.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 13**

**Servers:** PLEASE VOLUNTEER AT MASS YOU ATTEND

**Lectors:** 7 PM (12<sup>th</sup>): Leon Kulinski 7 AM (13<sup>th</sup>): Joyce McFadden  
7 PM: Bridget Kennedy

**Euch. Min:** PLEASE VOLUNTEER AT MASS YOU ATTEND

**SERVERS FOR – MAY 15-16**

5:30 Anna Campbell-Sowden/Andrea Marshall  
7:30 Andrew Evans/Robert Felmlee  
9:00 Nathaniel/Max Dudzic Jr.  
11:30 Joseph Hopwood/Mark Kulinski

**LECTORS FOR – MAY 15-16**

5:30 Mareeta Durney 9:00 Deb Lutz  
7:30 Mary Ellen McNellie 11:30 Leon Kulinski

**EUCCHARIST MINISTERS FOR – MAY 15-16**

5:30 Jean Allison, Mareeta Durney, Tom Karg, Dan Karg, Richard Stewart  
7:30 Kathy/Bill Trypus  
9:00 Max Dudzic, Tom McNellie, Joyce Morgan, Joan Pfendler, Dorothy Staub  
11:30 Ramona Carrow, Denny/Mary Clark, Kathy, Leon Kulinski

**THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH:**

**YOUR PRAYERS** are requested for the happy repose of the souls of *Mary E. Fox, Robert McMurray*, brother of Gen Kase who died April 30 and *Mary Ruyechan*, mother of Father Matt who died May 2. May their souls and all souls of the faithful departed 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.

**WEDDING BANNS I:** *Matthew Kremer & Sarah Rodgers*

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank **Mark R. Gammello, D.M.D., 1254 Liberty St., Franklin**, for sponsoring an ad weekly in our bulletin.

**SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN:**



We are most grateful to our cooks from our *Welcome Home Group*. Your meals are greatly appreciated by all who have enjoyed them including parents of new born babies or someone just getting out of the hospital who might need a little help. Thanks to Tina Hoover for coordinating this important ministry to our parishioners.

**THE FOOD COLLECTION next weekend** will be given to the St. Elizabeth Center. Please bring your items next week and place them in the blue bins at the church entrances.

**CSA UPDATE:** Amount Pledged - **\$85,507** Total # Pledges - **268**

**BENEDICTION/ADORATION** next Friday, May 14 at 7:07 p.m. at Assumption BVM. Please join us!

**CEMETERY CARE:** There is an envelope in this months packet for this special collection which is used for maintenance, upkeep and improvement at Calvary and St. Joseph Cemetery and can be put in the regular collection anytime throughout the month of May.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION** (a holy day) is Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The following Mass schedule will be offered at St. Stephen Church:

**Wednesday, May 12: Vigil at 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 13: 7 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (school) and 7 p.m.**

Students from our First Communion class will be in their special attire for the school Mass. All are welcome to attend.

An envelope is included in your monthly packet. If you are visiting from another church, your envelopes will be sent to your home parish.



**CONFIRMATION** students and their sponsors will meet Tuesday, May 11 at 6 p.m. at the Church to practice for Confirmation. Please keep our candidates in your prayers this week as they prepare. Next Saturday, May 15 we will host the candidates from the Oil City Catholic Community in celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Donald Trautman at 10 a.m. at the church (students and their sponsors should arrive by 9:30 a.m.). Please join us!

**SUNDAY HOME Communion Visits:** those who do visit and take Communion can find a new schedule in the Servers Sacristy. We ask all to please check off your name so we know you received.

**The Prayer Network** new list of petitions is available in the old baptistry. Those who participate in praying for others intentions should pick them up this weekend after Mass.

**SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN** will have a **SIGN UP** next weekend. We hope that anyone currently in a ministry will recommit as well any NEW members. Please keep in mind that in many of these ministries, you will be put on a list and called as needed.



A **BENEFIT BREAKFAST** will be held Sunday, May 16 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Stephen School cafeteria. A buffet menu with eggs, ham, sausage, muffins, fresh fruit, pancakes and beverages will be served. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle will also be available. Proceeds benefit the Sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry. Sr. Clare Marie Beichner and Sister Marian Wehler. If you can help by donating any of these food items: butter, syrup, sausage, orange juice, any kind of fresh fruit or muffins, it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be left at the school during normal business hours.

A **MOTHER/CHILD Tureen Dinner**, hosted by the Rosary Society, will be held Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting anyone wishing to become a member will be installed. There will be a *May Crowning* in the church beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by the dinner in the social hall. Clowns will provide entertainment for all to enjoy. Reservations will be due May 17th. A \$2 donation per adult is requested. Meat, rolls, dessert and beverages will be provided. Please bring your own table service. Call Katie Berlin (676-3829) or Mary Winger (677-3290).



**SPRING PLANTING SERVICE** – order by **Mary 17** to have flowers planted at your loved ones grave at Calvary/St. Joseph's Cemetery in time for Memorial Day (frost & weather permitting). All you will have to do is tend the flowers throughout the season. Order forms can be found at the church entrances or at the rectory during normal business hours.

## ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

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

Tickets for a *meat raffle* are on sale for \$3/each or 4/\$10 at the school or rectory (during normal business hours). The winner receives their choice of a whole PIG or a hindquarter of BEEF cut & wrapped from Hirsch's. Drawing will be May 20.

An appreciation dinner for cafeteria and kitchen volunteers will be held Tuesday, May 25 in the cafeteria for all who helped in many ways throughout the year. Please RSVP at Polly at 677-3035 by May 18.

## VCCHS NEWS

VCCHS is sponsoring a trip to the Seneca Allegany Casino in New York, Thursday, June 17. Cost is \$30 per person with \$25 in coin and \$10 in food given at the casino. Bus departs from VCCHS parking lot at 9am and departs the casino at 5pm. Contact Connie Sporer for more info: 673-5225.

The Booster Club will host a **Steak Fry** at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 22 at the school. Menu includes steak, baked potato, salad and Italian bread – you're invited to bring a dessert to share. Cost is \$13/person or \$25/couple and includes the meal, music for listening or dancing by "The Big Bopper" and beverages. Reservations required – call the school at 677-3098 before May 19. Hope to see you there! Proceeds benefit the students at VC.



**THE ORDINATION** of **Father Matthew Strickenberger (St. Stephen)** and **Father Christopher Barnes (St. Venantius)** will be Friday, June 11 at St. Peter's Cathedral in Erie. We have reserved a bus with Anderson's and have begun taking reservations. Seats will fill up quickly so please sign up now if you plan to attend. The cost is \$18 and will leave the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and return at approximately 12:30 a.m. Please call the rectory during normal business hours at 677-3020 for reservations or put in the collection basket with your name and \$18 marked "for Ordination bus". Checks can be made to the church.



**THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE** is seeking donations for the Chinese Auction for the Festival July 22, 23 and 24. If you would like to donate a gift card or a **new** gift (with a value of \$25 or more), please contact Nancy Stover at 676-3198 ASAP. She is also looking for new items such as picture frames (any size), any inspirational or kitchen items to help fill 3 baskets.

**THE WIN PROGRAM** (Women In Need) of Catholic Charities Counseling & Adoption Services has moved to St. Elizabeth Center at 311 Emerald St. If you are pregnant or the mother of a child under 12 months, they can offer pregnancy testing, counseling & referrals, decisions regarding parenting or adoption and baby needs (diapers, formula, clothing). Please call for an appointment at 676-8263.

**ST. THOMAS MORE** will host a retreat for men beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 14 until noon Saturday, May 15. Overnight rooms and meals are available. Call 676-1910 for more details. ALSO, a Fatima Rosary procession will be held May 16 at 5:30 p.m. followed by a May crowning and Vespers at 6:30 p.m. (to be broadcast on WAOB). A reception with light refreshments follows Vespers. All are welcome to attend.

**THE NEXT BAPTISMAL CLASS** offered in our area for those expecting their first child as well as parents who have not attended in the last 3 years, will be held at St. Joseph Rectory at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 5. Please call their rectory at 677-4004 to pre-register. No need to wait until your baby is born to attend.