



**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 17**  
7:00 AM Andrea Barcz (Nancy & Dick Koziara)

**TUESDAY May 18**  
7:00 AM Mary Ruyechan (St. Stephen Morning Mass Group)

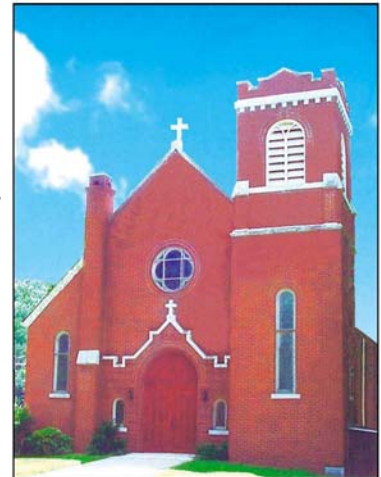
**WEDNESDAY May 19**  
7:00 AM Sr. Mary Ann Keating (Margaret Jetter)

**THURSDAY May 20**  
7:00 AM Joseph S. Puleo (Sally and Joel Damor)  
10:30 AM (Presby) Anna Mae Guth (The Altar Rosary Society)

**FRIDAY May 21**  
7:00 AM Dec'd Sisters of St. Joseph (Sr. Emilie Rose)  
1:45 PM (School) Timothy McLaughlin (Connie Drelick)

**SATURDAY May 22**  
7:00 AM John T. Wasil (Antoinette & Jim Gugliotti)  
5:30 PM (Vigil) For Members of Our Parish Community

**SUNDAY May 23, PENTECOST**  
7:30 AM Julia Klapac (Bill & Flo Saird)  
**10:00 AM JUBILEE XI MASS**  
(Oil City Area High School)



**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 16**  
**SIGN UP FOR SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN**  
**FOOD COLLECTION FOR ST. ELIZABETH CENTER**

**8:30-11:30 AM Breakfast at St. Stephen School**  
12:30 PM Baptism - Church

**MONDAY May 17**  
Spring Planting Forms for Cemetery Due To St. Joseph Church  
1:00 PM Monday Afternoon Club – School

1-7 P.M. **BLOOD DRIVE – Social Center**

**THURSDAY May 20**  
5:30 PM Rosary Society – Church & Soc. Center  
7:00 PM Spring Concert - School

**FRIDAY May 21**  
**FR. MATT'S ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

**SATURDAY May 22**  
4:00 PM Peaceful Solutions – Social Center  
4:00 PM Confession – Church  
6:00 PM Steak Fry - VCHS

**Points to ponder from Fr. Matt**

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke models the story of St. Stephen's martyrdom upon the passion narrative of Jesus' death. He transforms a horrible violence into a space of contemplative prayer, peace, and forgiveness.

Can we do that with the tragic and terrible moments of our lives?

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Next Sunday is Pentecost. Wear red and pray that the Holy Spirit renews our Oil City Catholic Community.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17-23**

MON: ..... Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33  
 TUES:..... Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11  
 WED:..... Acts 20:28-38/Jn 11-19  
 THURS:..... Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26  
 FRI: ..... Acts 25:13-21/Jn 21:15-19  
 SAT: ..... Acts 28:16-31/Jn 21:20-25  
 SUN:..... Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** In the gospel Jesus prayed "that all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you." Unity is the goal of families, not uniformity. With uniformity everything is exactly alike. With unity, differences are accepted and wounds are healed. As family we don't lose our individual personalities but collectively become a sign of God's presence.



**THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE** recently mailed tickets for the festival July 22, 23 and 24. Any gifts you give at this time help pay some of the expenses and thus contribute long-range to our profits. Please return any unsold tickets by leaving them at church or return with any unsold tickets.

ALSO...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.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who we welcomed to the Table of the Lord May 1 at St. Stephen Church: Kaitlyn Anderson (St. Titus), Emma Baker, Brady Ciatella (St. Walburga), Laney Douglas, Thomas Fink, AJ Howard, Hannah Jordan, Gavin Los (St. Titus), Lucia Mancini, Joshua Morgan, Kirk Morrison, Maddison Neely, Lovica Pagnotta, Parker Slagle, Brooke Snow, Hannah Speece, Caroline Stevens, Emma Stevenson, Anissa Weller, Benjamin Wenner Jr., John Wheeler, Carly Wice & Robert Wenner.

Special thanks to their teachers, parents, Mrs. Theresa Zlotnicki, Mrs. Marcie Amero & Mrs. Sue Tarr who helped prepare the students and The Choir who provided such beautiful music for this celebration. We are also grateful to Franny Rodgers, Pat Bickel and Mary Chapman who provided lunch at the retreat.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FR. MATT  
AS HE WAS ORDAINED 30 YEARS AGO  
FRIDAY, MAY 21**

**NOTE: 10 AM JUBILEE MASS – OIL CITY HIGH SCHOOL at 10:00 a.m.**

**SERVERS FOR – MAY 22-23**

5:30 Clinton/Ryan Ames  
 7:30 Haley/Elliot Donze

**LECTORS FOR – MAY 22-23**

5:30 Fran Dlugos  
 7:30 Duane Mercer

**EUCCHARIST MINISTERS FOR – MAY 22-23**

5:30 Nancy Dengel, Maggie McMahon, Felicia Nelson, Rosemary Straub-Fulmer, Mary Ann Wolfgang  
 7:30 Dan Karg, Diana Staab

**THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH:**

**OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO FAMILY & FRIENDS OF** Rosemary T. French, Josephine Kulinski, Kathryn Anderton, Martha Trypus (mother of Bill Trypus) and Mary Masson who died recently. May the gift of eternal life be theirs.

**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 II:** *Matthew Kremer & Sarah Rodgers-CONGRATULATIONS* to *Tim Phillips and Amy Hahn* who were married May 8.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank **McINTYRE LAWN CARE** for sponsoring an ad weekly in our bulletin.

**A DONATION TO THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CENTURY FUND** was made for *Mary Ruyechan* by: Cathy Manion; for *Mary Fox* by Ralph and Helen Guth; for *Josephine Kulinski* by Leon & Kathy Kulinski.

**A DONATION TO THE SCHOOL** was made for *Mary Ruyechan* by: Ray & Linda Stiglitz, Patricia & Gordon Bickel, Richard, Marianne & Steve Kleck, Nancy Lamberton & Jack Stack and Trudy Caldwell.

**SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN:**



PLEASE take a moment today to sign up for one of the various ministries our church offers. Part of stewardship is sharing "time and talent". Many of these groups require minimal time as you are placed on a rotating list and called as needed.

**ST. STEPHEN CHURCH  
INCOME & EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2010**

<b>Income: Offertory</b>	\$32,106
<b>Bequests/Gifts</b>	4,874
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	710
<b>Expenses: Administration</b>	
<b>Clergy – Benefits &amp; Salaries</b>	\$ 4,291
<b>Employees - Benefits &amp; Salaries</b>	6,861
<b>Diocesan Assessment</b>	4,162
<b>Plant &amp; Maintenance Supplies</b>	411
<b>Insurance &amp; Taxes</b>	250
<b>Elementary School Support</b>	14,250
<b>Second School Support</b>	3,167
<b>Religious Education</b>	2,296
<b>Repairs</b>	-0-
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	3,900
<b>Major Construction</b>	-0-

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**SIGN UP FOR SERVANTS** will be this weekend at all Masses. You will find a sign up sheet at the ends of the pews. Please take a moment to fill out and leave in the your pew. Take note that many of these ministries you will be put on a rotating list and called as needed. We ask even if you are currently participating in one of the ministries that you recommit by completing a form so that we know you are still interested.

**A BENEFIT BREAKFAST** will be held TODAY, Sunday, May 16 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. at St. Stephen School cafeteria. Proceeds benefit the Sisters of Catholic Rural Ministry and Sister Marian Wehler and Sr. Clare Marie Beichner.

A buffet menu 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.

**A MOTHER/CHILD Tureen Dinner**, hosted by the Rosary Society, will be held this 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).



**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.

**PRACTICE** for *Altar Servers* will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 22 at OCHS. *Eucharistic Ministers* are asked to be at the school at 9:30 a.m. and members of the *Choir* should be there at 11 a.m.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – Please note the last session will be Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to the children, their families and our leaders for their faith and dedication this year!

**PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS** prayer group will meet Saturday, May 22 at 4 p.m. in the social center. Please join others in prayer.

**A MASS at Presby Home** will be said Thursday, May 20 at 10:30 a.m. Please feel free to join us.

**THE FOOD COLLECTION this weekend** will be given to the St. Elizabeth Center. Please leave your donations in the blue bins at the church entrances.

**A REPLENISHMENT BLOOD DRIVE** will be held Monday, May 17 from 1-7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Social Hall. To schedule an appointment, please log on to [www.centralbloodbank.org](http://www.centralbloodbank.org) and enter the sponsor code ZRTN0648 or contact Teresa at 814-221-9527 or e-mail [reeseury@gmail.com](mailto:reeseury@gmail.com). Walk-ins welcome!

## ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

Join us for the **SPRING CONCERT** Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the school.

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 after the concert.

An appreciation dinner for cafeteria and kitchen volunteers will be held Tuesday, May 25 at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria for all who helped in many ways throughout the year. Please RSVP to Polly at 677-3035 by May 18.

There will be a Mass at School Friday (21<sup>st</sup>) at 1:45 p.m.

## VCHS NEWS

VCHS 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 VCHS 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.

All are welcome to attend "The Sound of Music" today (Sunday) at 2 p.m. at the school.



**THE ORDINATION of Father Matthew Strickenberger (St. Stephen) and Father Christopher Barnes (St. Venantius)** will be Friday, June 11 at St. Peters 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 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.

**SPRING PLANTING SERVICE** – **order by May 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to those Confirmed this weekend: Jeremy Agnello, Destanie Armagost, Michelle Beichner, Hannah Combs, Zanya Frost, Hannah Fox, Ben Guth, Samantha Hugar, Rebecca Jones, Shawn Kennemuth, Kylie Mason, Tanner Moltz, Caitlyn Pope, Adrian Redmond, Eric Schumacher, Shea Smayda, Elizabeth Smith, Bryanna Xander from St. Stephen Church and Alexander Kline, Danielle Smith, Aaron Toy and Nathaniel Warner from St. Venantius Church.