



PENTECOST

For the last ten years the TV series Survivor has captured the imagination of viewers. There are contests of among the players regarding physical, mental and emotional challenges. In the show only ONE "survives".

For the last ten years the Jubilee Mass has captivated the believers in the Oil City Catholic Community. But what we celebrate is that ALL OF US "survive and thrive" together as a community in this world. Despite hardship, challenges, tests, and failures the Holy Spirit helps us endure and persevere.

Our Jubilee Mass is a sign of the metamorphosis that is taking place in our Faith community. We are moving to an outbreak of new life, a greater appreciation of the gifts of our membership, and filling the gap left vacant by those who have gone before us.

In the name of our Catholic Community I give thanks and praise to God for Msgr. John Swoger who has been a beacon of leadership and hope to us all during this process of transformation. As you enter into a new phase of your life Msgr. Swoger, please continue to pray for us.

Thanks to Kathy Mastalski and all of her helpers in preparing our Confirmandi for another step in Faith.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24-30

MON: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
TUES:..... 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
WED: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45
THURS: 1 Pt 2:2-12/Mk 10:46-52
FRI: 1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26
SAT: Jude 17:20-25/Mk 11:27-33
SUN:..... Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

A RECEPTION after Jubilee Mass takes place in the Cafeteria. Please stop by for fellowship and great food.

HELPING HANDS ~ Anyone able to help take down the environment from the Jubilee Mass, please stay after liturgy and the reception. Any help you can give will be much appreciated!

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

MEMORIAL DAY: There will be a Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Stephen Church, Monday, May 31 and The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Memorial Day Mass at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Cemetery. In case of rain the Mass will be held at St. Joseph Church.

INTERNATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION: This weekend we take up a collection for *International Needs* which had combined the *Catholic Relief Services* and the *Church in Eastern Europe* collection. If you forgot your envelope this week you can place in the basket next weekend. Thanks for your continued support to those in need.



**“LORD SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT
AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH”**



A SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the celebration of our Jubilee Mass: The Combined Choir of the Oil City Catholic Churches, Oil City Area School District Personnel, Various Ministries of the Catholic Churches of Oil City, Planning Committee Members, the Environment Team and many Volunteers, helpers and participants from area parishes who joined together as one.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Richard and Inez Martyna who will be married 25 years Monday, May 24th and to Rich & Norma Wujcik as they celebrate 50 years of marriage May 28th.

BEST WISHES to Msgr. John Swoger who will celebrate his 47th anniversary to the priesthood TODAY, May 23.

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE ~ We know parents are given the gift of the Holy Spirit. Could it be you are the Advocate mentioned in today's gospel; the Advocate who will teach and remind your children of all Christ told you? Christian parents are meant to be instruments of the Spirit to their children.

PRIME TIMERS will meet Tuesday, May 25 at 11 a.m. at Assumption Church Social Center.

A CASINO BUS TRIP to Seneca Allegheny (Salamanca) is planned for June 19, 2010. The bus will leave the K-Mart parking lot at 7 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 (\$25.00 in slot points and \$10 in food). For reservations call Clara Taft @ 676-6954 or Minnie Fink @ 677-4381.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Worship Coordinators: Please pick up your Ministry Schedule, by the breezeway entrance, and highlight your name that you have done so. Thank you.

THE LIGURGY COMMITTEE will meet at St. Joseph Parish Monday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory.

ULTREYA: There will be an Ultreya Mass celebrated at St. Thomas More Center on Thursday, June 3rd. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. with Fr. John Jacquel, co-director of the Erie Diocese Cursillo movement. A hotdog roast/picnic will follow, rain or shine. All Cursillistas and guests are welcomed. Contact coordinators, Ray and Linda Stiglitz at 432-7032, if you have any questions.

SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN: It's not too late to turn in your commitment sheets. Please drop off or mail to the rectory. We hope that anyone currently in a ministry will recommit and welcome any NEW members. Please keep in mind that in many of these ministries, you will be put on a list and called as needed. Additional forms can be found at church or the rectory.



THANK YOU! We are so grateful for the Benefit Breakfast held at St. Stephen's School for Catholic Rural Ministry on May 16. God bless you. Special "Thank you's" go to Fr. Matt, Polly Miller, Mary Kay Berlin, Kim Longwell, Teresa Felmler, Kathy Kulinski, Beth Dudzic, Teresa Zlotwicki, Joan Hartle and all who came to enjoy the delicious breakfast feast. Congratulations to Loretta Warcholik who won the 50-50 raffle!

Gratefully, Sister Marian and Sister Clare Marie

PENTECOST SUNDAY

St. Joseph Church & Assumption BVM Church

St. Joseph Church

Monday, May 24

8:45 a.m. Julia Klapac by Sue Dolecki Hertlein

Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary Church

Tuesday, May 25

8:45 a.m. Deceased Members of the Hudick Family
by Adeline Andres

St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, May 26, Saint Philip Neri

4:30 p.m. Joseph King by Mrs. Erma Oliver

St. Joseph Church

Thursday, May 27

8:45 a.m. Anniversary Priscilla Weaver by Family

St. Joseph Church

Friday, May 28

8:45 a.m. Ellen Thomeier by Hugar Family

Saturday, May 29

Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Anticipated Liturgy

5:15 pm Capanaro Family by Family

Sunday, May 30, The Most Holy Trinity

7:45 a.m. Rob Sherman by Jim & Joan Marki
10:15 a.m. Anniversary John Welsh by Family

St. Stephen Church & St. Venantius Church

Note: Daily Mass in the Reed Street Chapel

Monday, May 24

7:00 a.m. Mary Allen (Family)

Tuesday, May 25

7:00 a.m. Jerome McMahon by Kathleen Plyler and Nicole

Wednesday, May 26, Saint Philip Neri

7:00 a.m. Stanley Nowicki by Daughter

Thursday, May 27

7:00 a.m. Joseph S. Puleo by Barb Bonenberger

Friday, May 28

7:00 a.m. Loretta Leicht by her Estate

Saturday, May 29

7:00 a.m. Dec'd Members of the Woloszyn Family by Mike and
Cindy Woloszyn

St. Stephen Church, Anticipated Liturgy

5:30 p.m. (Vigil) Florence Pawelski by Mary Kulasza

Sunday, May 30, The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 a.m. For Members of Our Own Parish

9:00 a.m. Kate Anderton by Mogie, Ben and Michael Karnish

10:00 a.m. (St. Venantius) Andy and Tillie Fitzgerald by Family

11:30 a.m. John and Rita Kokai (Family)

WEDDING BANNERS III: *Matthew Kremer and Sarah Rodgers*

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Monday, May 24

6:45 a.m. Beth Wilson by Henry Gregory

Tuesday, May 25

6:45 a.m. Bill Brown by Jo Wnuk

Wednesday, May 26, St. Philip Neri

6:45 a.m. RP Toy and RJ Myers by Tom and Pat Myers

Thursday, May 27

6:45 a.m. Larry Weaver by Bev Gardiner

Friday, May 28

6:45 a.m. Our Parish

Sunday, May 30, The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. Futyma and Andres Family by Helen Futyma

11:00 a.m. William and Mildred Poulson by Peg Gregory

+++SCHOOL NEWS+++

ST. STEPHEN

Our 8th grade class will have a special Mass Thursday evening May 27 at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen Church with a reception to follow. Graduation is Friday, May 28 at 10 a.m. at the school.

An appreciation dinner for cafeteria and kitchen volunteers will be held at the school Tuesday, May 25 at 6 p.m.

School will be out soon. Please let Polly know if you will be returning next year or call the school at 677-3035 if you can offer some time helping in the cafeteria for the next school year. THANK YOU to all who volunteered this year!

VENANGO CATHOLIC

Baccalaureate will be held next Sunday, May 30 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen Church. Graduation will take place at 3 p.m. that afternoon at Msgr. Antoun Gymnasium.

Sign up for a trip to the Seneca Allegany Casino, N.Y. for Thursday, June 17. Cost is \$30 and includes \$25 in coin and \$10 in food given at Casino. Bus departs at 9 a.m. from VCHS and leaves the casino at 5 p.m. Call Connie Sporer at 673-5225.



ORDINATION: Father Matthew Strickenberger (St. Stephen), Father Christopher Barnes (St. Venantius) and Father Mike Polinak (St. Joseph Parish), will be ordained June 11 in Erie. We have reserved a bus and are taking reservations. The cost is \$18 and we will leave the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. returning at about 12:30 a.m. Please call the rectory during normal business hours at 677-3020 for reservations. Cost is \$18. Checks can be made to the church.

THE 2010 Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries will be held in two locations in the diocese: Sunday, August 8, at 2:30 pm at Saint George Church, Erie and Sunday, August 15, at 2 pm at Ss. Cosmas & Damian Church, Punxsutawney. To register, please contact the church office or the Family Life Office at Catholic Charities (814) 824-1250 or (800) 374-3723 ext. 250; or online <http://www.eriecd.org/>.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION class will be held Saturday, June 5 at St. Joseph Church for anyone expecting their first child as well as parents who haven't attended in the last 3 years. Please call the rectory at 677-4004 to pre-register.