



**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 31, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**9:00 AM** (Church) Barb Guth (Gerald & Ardelle Leonard)

**TUESDAY** **June 1, Saint Justin, martyr**  
**7:00 AM** Alfred "Bucky" Herzing (Michael Dittman & Family)

**WEDNESDAY** **June 2**  
**7:00 AM** Mary Ruyechan (Sr. Emilie Rose)

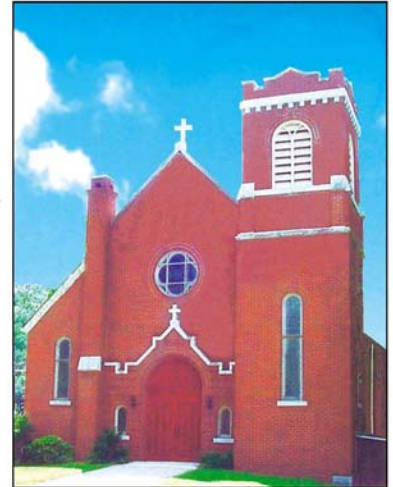
**THURSDAY** **June 3, Saint Charles Lwanga, martyr, and his companions, martyrs**  
**7:00 AM** Shirley Oxenham (Margy Reinsel)

**FRIDAY** **June 4**  
**7:00 AM** Phyllis Sobina (Louise Sobina)

**SATURDAY** **June 5, Saint Boniface, bishop**  
**7:00 AM** Anna Nowicki (Frank & Marcia Lutz)  
**5:30 PM** (Vigil) Dec'd Members of the Och & Eagle Families (Family)

**SUNDAY** **June 6, The Most Holy Trinity**  
**7:30 AM** Josephine Kulinski (Tim & Angela Haslett)  
**9:00 AM** For Members of Our Parish Community  
**10:00 AM** (St. Venantius) Leisner Family (Patricia Hildebrand & Caroline Hart)  
**11:30 AM** William Casper (Family)

**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](http://www.saint-stephens.org)

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

Monday, 12:00 noon

**THIS WEEKS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY** **May 30**  
**Msgr. Karg's Anniversary of Ordination**  
9:00 Mass LAST Children's Liturgy  
11:30 Mass Baccalaureate - Church  
3:00 PM VCHS Graduation - Msgr. Antoun Gymnasium

**MONDAY** **May 31**  
**ENJOY A SAFE & HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!**

**THURSDAY** **June 3**  
**6:00 PM** Ultreya - St. Thomas More

**FRIDAY** **June 4**  
**FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS Throughout the Morning**  
**7:30-9 AM** Adoration - Chapel  
**10:15 AM** School Dismissed for Summer

**SATURDAY** **June 5**  
**11:00 AM** Baptismal Class-St. Joseph Rectory  
**4:00 PM** Confession - Church

**Points to ponder from Fr. Matt**

O Most Holy Trinity Undivided Unity are the words of a song we will sing today. In a veiled sense we know from the outside what the Trinitarian experience is, however what about the inside story of the communication between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? What supernatural love is expressed between the three Divine Persons?

If we learn anything from the Trinity, we must acknowledge that communication is key in relationships whether Divine or human. Communication leads to love and respect.

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Thanks to all who made the Jubilee Mass a successful gathering of faith. We remember that we are all in this together.

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St. Venantius Parish celebrates First Holy Communion today. God bless Sara and Ethan who receive Our Lord for the first time.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31-JUNE 5**

- MON: ..... Zep 3:14-18/ Lk 1:39-46
- TUES: ..... 2 Pt 3:12-18/Mk 12:13-17
- WED: ..... 2 Tm 1:1-12/Mk 12:18-27
- THURS: ..... 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34
- FRI: ..... 2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37
- SAT: ..... 2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44
- SUN: ..... 1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11-17

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** ~ In many organizations the truth is hard to find, but in family life we are told the truth whether we want to hear it or not. Truth must be tempered with sensitivity and kindness. We are challenged to disagree agreeably, correct constructively and fight fairly.

**NEW LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS** for Rosary members can be picked up in the server's sacristy.

**INTERNATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION:** If you forgot your envelope last weekend at the Jubilee Mass for this collection, feel free to place in the basket or send to the rectory.

**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 **4:30 p.m.** (NOTE: originally planned to leave at 5:30 p.m.) returning at about 12:30 a.m. PLEASE let us know ASAP if you plan to ride the bus by calling the rectory during normal business hours at 677-3020 for reservations. Cost is \$18. Checks can be made to the church.

Fr. Matthew Strickenberger will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 13th at the 11:30 Liturgy.

Following the Mass, a joint luncheon reception with Fr. Christopher Barnes will be held at the Oil City K of C Hall. All are welcome and invited to attend.

**SERVERS FOR – JUNE 5-6**

- 5:30 Julia/Frank Serbati
- 7:30 Hayley/Elliot Donze
- 9:00 Jonah Jones/Lena Wheeler
- 11:30 Shana Kennedy & Paige/Jenna Loll

**LECTORS FOR – JUNE 5-6**

- 5:30 Sue Williams 9:00 Dan Wheeler
- 7:30 Mary Ellen McNellie 11:30 Bridget Kennedy

**EUCHARIST MINISTERS FOR – MAY 29-30**

- 5:30 Doris Pickens, Bob/Deb Schumacher, Richard Stewart, Sue Williams
- 7:30 Cheryl Donze, Loretta Warcholik
- 9:00 Donna/Joseph Jones, Sr. Emily Rose, Ray Stiglitz, Mary Vinopal
- 11:30 Mary Chapman, Mary Kay Gill, Tom Karg, Karen Koyack, Felicia Nelson

**THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH:**

**YOUR PRAYERS** are requested for the happy repose of the souls of *Thomas Runzo, Robert York, Betty VanTassel*, mother of Kathy Trypus and *Patricia Henry Huff*, sister of Mary Firster. May they 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Blake Connor Nguyen*, son of Tri and Alison Hoover Nguyen who was baptized recently.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Fred & Judy Buckholtz who are married 50 years TODAY (May 30<sup>th</sup>).

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank **JEANNINE BOTTA GUTH, Attorney at Law, 45 Seneca Street**, for sponsoring an ad weekly in our bulletin.

**A DONATION TO the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Fund was made for Mary Ruyechan** by Malachy, Dolly & Logan McMahan, Connie Masian, Chuck & Mary Davis, Jerry & Barb Reszkowski. **FOR: Mary E. Fox** by Nancy Lamberton. **FOR: Joseph Puleo** by Malachy, Dolly and Logan McMahan.

**A DONATION TO the School was made for: Alice Brocius** by Mariah Hanson. **FOR: Joseph Puleo** by Malachy, Dolly & Logan McMahan. **FOR: Josephine Kulinski** by Ralph & Helen Guth. **FOR: Mary Ruyechan** by Mary Kulasza, Mike & Linda Morrison and Dave & Connie Hall. **FOR: Rose French** from St. Joseph Class of 1944. The Cafeteria received a donation **for Mary Ruyechan** from Dr. & Mrs. Leon Kulinski and from Polly Miller.



**SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN:**

Thanks to all who have returned a sign up sheet. If you haven't already done so, there are extra forms at the rectory.

**ST. VENANTIUS** students receiving their First Communion this weekend at the 10 a.m. Mass today (30<sup>th</sup>) are Sara McCully and Ethan Zdarko.

**MSGR. KARG** celebrates the anniversary of his ordination TODAY, Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

*AS WE CELEBRATE Memorial Day, please pray for all men and woman in the military who have died serving our country.*

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

**FIRST FRIDAY** is June 4<sup>th</sup>. Mass at St. Stephen's will be at 7 a.m. in the Reed Street Chapel followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9 a.m. Fr. Matt, Msgr. Karg and a Eucharistic Minister will visit the homebound throughout the morning. Please call the rectory at 677-3020 by Wednesday if you know someone who needs a visit.



**MEMORIAL DAY** weekend is upon us! We will offer Mass at 9 a.m. Monday, May 25 at the church. The Knights of Columbus will sponsor Mass at 11 a.m. at Calvary Cemetery. In case of rain the Mass will be held at St. Joseph Church.

**THE RECTORY OFFICE** will be closed Monday for the Holiday.

**THE LAST Children's Liturgy** session for this school year is TODAY, Sunday, May 30 during the 9 a.m. Mass. We are grateful to all who have volunteered throughout the year to proclaim God's Word to our young ones.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our high school seniors throughout the area who will be graduating as well as those who will or have already graduated from college. Best of luck to all for a bright future!

We are most grateful to our students who have been **ALTAR SERVERS** for many years and who have been so dedicated to their ministry. We will certainly miss them and their willingness to serve whenever asked. It is a tribute to them that many of these students have agreed to stay on the schedule for all or part of the summer until they leave for college! If you see these seniors, please thank them for their service to St. Stephen Church: **Elliott Donze, Nick Fink, Joseph Hopwood, Jennifer Flannigan, Emily Marshall, Lena Wheeler, Brandon Xander and Amanda Wassil.**



**SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN:** It's not too late to turn in your commitment sheets. You may place them in the collection, drop it 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. **NOTE:** We had several forms that were filled out but never signed.

**THE FOOD COLLECTION** next weekend will be given to Community Services. Your donations can be left in the blue bins provided at each entrance.



**FESTIVAL NEWS:** Tickets were mailed recently to all registered parishioners. Any gifts you give at this time help pay some of the expenses and thus contribute long-range to our profits. The festival will again be held in conjunction with the Oil Heritage celebration, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 22, 23 & 24<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteers are vital to the success of the festival. Please complete the form mailed to you with your tickets and return them either in the collection basket or to the rectory. Additional tickets are available at the rectory during business hours if you are able to sell more. Please return any unsold tickets.

If anyone would like to sponsor a booth, \$50 helps to pay for prizes. Letters will be mailed to previous sponsors.

Looking for a volunteer to distribute festival posters locally. Please call Inez at 678-3833 if you can help.

## ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

This is the final week of school. Students are off Monday for the holiday. Wednesday (2<sup>nd</sup>) students will have field trips; Thursday (3<sup>rd</sup>) there will be a retreat for students and Friday (4<sup>th</sup>) will be the last day of school. Kindergarten graduation begins at 9 a.m. Friday with an awards ceremony for grades 1-7 to follow. Dismissal will be at 10:15 a.m.

Please let Polly know if you will be returning next year to help in the cafeteria. If you can offer some time to volunteer, please call the school at 677-3035. **THANK YOU** to all who gave of their time this year!

## VCHS NEWS

Baccalaureate will be held at the 11:30 a.m. Mass this weekend (30<sup>th</sup>) at St. Stephen Church. Graduation will take place at 3 p.m. today (Sunday) in Msgr. Antoun Gymnasium. Congratulations graduates! Other grades will have half days on Thursday and Friday this week and Friday will be their last day of school.

Sign up for the trip to Seneca Allegany Casino for Thursday, June 17. Cost is \$30. Call Connie Sporer at 673-5225.

Congratulations to some of our students for their recent accomplishments: *Aquila Lesko* (11), placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Youngstown State English Festival in Not-so-trivial Pursuit and Honorable Mention in the Journalism Competition. *Ben Maust* (12) and *Maxx Rynd* (11) were 3 of only 5 finalists in the Margaret Feldman Essay Contest out of 364 entries from area schools.

*Maxx Rynd* (11) was named to KSAC 1<sup>st</sup> team in basketball.

Bishop Truatman met with VC faculty recently to commend them for having a Gannon graduate earn the John Mark Gannon Award for Scholastic Excellence with a 4.0 GPA 2 years in a row: *Melissa Hanely* in 2009 and *Allison Eckert* in 2010.

*Cede Hoeft* (12) was selected for poetry published in Creative Communications Contest.

Students received a visit from Steeler cornerback Ryan Stewart as 1<sup>st</sup> prize for collecting the most units of blood in the region for Central blood banks.

**THE NEXT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** session is scheduled for Saturday, June 5 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Rectory. Please call the rectory at 677-4004 to pre-register.

**ARE YOU PREGNANT?** Are you the parent of an infant under 12 months? Catholic Charities offers *free and confidential* pregnancy testing, counseling and referrals, decision making regarding parenting or adoption, diapers, formula and baby clothing. This is a non-income based program for all Pennsylvania residents. Call 676-8263 or 1-800-350-2699 for more information or to set up an appointment at our Oil City Office, 311 Emerald St.



**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/>.

**AN ULTREYA:** Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas More Center on Thursday, (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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.