



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 June 21, St. Aloysius Gonzaga
7:00 AM Helen Smith (Family)

TUESDAY June 22
7:00 AM Communion Service

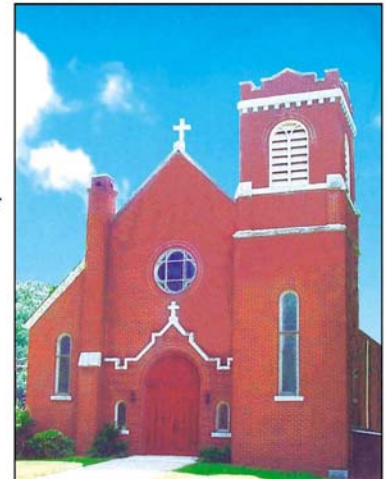
WEDNESDAY June 23
7:00 AM Communion Service

THURSDAY June 24, The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
7:00 AM Communion Service

FRIDAY June 25
7:00 AM Pat Kase (Shirley Hamm & Coral Fox)

SATURDAY June 26
7:00 AM Carol Lynam (Bill)
5:30 PM (Vigil) Dec'd Members of the Och & Eagle Families (Family)

SUNDAY June 27, 13th Ordinary Sunday
7:30 AM Hilda Hargenrader (Bob)
9:00 AM For Members of Our Parish Community
10:00 AM (St. Venantius) Joan Frena (Edward Frena)
11:30 AM George Rodgers (Wife & Family)



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 June 20

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Food Collection for St. Elizabeth Center

THURSDAY June 24

The School Office will be closed at 1:30 p.m. today and be closed until August 9th

SATURDAY June 25

4:00 PM Confession – Church

FOR MASS SCHEDULES OR LOCATION OF A CHURCH WHILE ON VACATION, VISIT WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG

Points to ponder from Fr. Matt

Does identification with being a disciple of Jesus break down the barriers in human society or does it erect new ones?

Hmmm?

Something to ponder. Jesus was not a political messiah but we as his followers are political animals. Can we ever claim privilege because we are Christians or Catholics?

Jesus' radical response to the human situation does shake us from our complacency.

Thanks to all who made Chris Barnes and Matthew Strickenberger's First Mass a truly prayerful and celebratory affair. God bless them in their ministry.

Please make your ticket returns for the various raffles for our upcoming Festival. Also we need your assistance for set up and tear down plus the days in between. Please young people especially those who were confirmed this year continue to be a part of the church family by lending a hand.

We welcome Fr. Justin Pino, the new pastor of St. Joseph and Assumption Parishes, to the Oil City area. He is young, intelligent, and vibrant, just what the Catholic Community needs.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21-27

MON: 2 Kgs 17:5-18/Mt 7:1-5
TUES: 2 Kgs 19:9-36/Mt 7:6-14
WED: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20
THURS: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-80
FRI: 2 Kgs 25:1-2/Mt 8:1-4
SAT: Lam 2:2-19/Mt 8:5-17
SUN: 1 Kgs 19:16-21/Gal 5:1-18/Lk 9:51-62

THE FOOD COLLECTION this weekend is for the St. Elizabeth Center. Please leave your donations in the blue bins provided at the church entrances.

PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS: Just a reminder this prayer group which normally meets the 4th Saturday each month, will not meet again until September.

A DESSERT OPEN HOUSE to celebrate Agnes Moffett's 90th birthday with family and friends will be held Saturday, July 3 at the Belles Lettres Club, 405 W. First St. at 3 p.m.



BEST WISHES to Father Christopher Barnes of St. Venantius who has been assigned to St. Michael Parish in Greenville and to **Father Matthew Strickenberger** of St. Stephen Church who will begin his first assignment at St. Jude, Erie.

SERVERS FOR – JUNE 26-27

5:30 Ryan/Rachael Stewart
7:30 Chandler/Chance Chase
9:00 Jonah Jones/Michaela Wagner
11:30 Joseph Hopwood/Ben Koyack

LECTORS FOR – JUNE 26-27

5:30 Geralyn Neely 9:00 Cindy Urban
7:30 Joyce McFadden 11:30 Rick McIntyre

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS FOR – JUNE 26-27

5:30 Jean Allison, Ellen Flickner, Donna Goodman, Sandra Kerchner, Susan Stewart
7:30 Dan Karg, Cindy Noble
9:00 Max Dudzic, Donna/Joseph Jones, Joyce Morgan, Joan Pfindler
11:30 Bonnie Dart, Karen Koyack, Bob/Deb Schumacher, Carol Sundo

THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH:

OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF *Richard L. Stiller Sr.*, who died recently. May the gift of eternal life be his.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are sick, in nursing homes or hospitalized, as well as the men and women who serve us in the military both at home and abroad.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to *Dan & Jackie Way* as they celebrate 25 years of marriage Tuesday, June 22 and to *John & Elizabeth Monahan* who will be married 50 years Friday, June 25.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Mary Davis* as she celebrates her 60th birthday Monday, June 21st.

CONGRATULATIONS to *Willie Huber* who graduated from Oil City High School June 11th. We wish him well and thank him for his years of service as an altar server to St. Venantius Church.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Our bulletin sponsor of the week is **KING'S LANDSCAPING**, located at 154 Siverly Avenue. Please patronize our sponsors and let them know you appreciate their support. It helps defray the cost of our bulletins each week.

A DONATION TO the 2nd Century Fund was made for *Mary Ruyechan* by Leo & Eleanor Hrinya; by Helen Yorke Oliver, by Mary Anne Oliver and by the Carrow Family. **FOR Patricia H. Huff** by the Carrow Family.

A DONATION to the school was made for *Patricia H. Huff* by Joan Ragon.

SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN:



SIGN UP SHEETS for Servants of St. Stephen should be turned in soon. Copies can be found at the rectory. Remember, even if you are currently serving in a ministry, we ask you still fill out a form so we know you plan to continue.

THE 2ND COLLECTION next weekend will be for *Peter's Pence* to support the charitable works of the Holy Father as he responds to some of the most urgent needs on earth. This collection helps provide critical funds for emergency relief for victims of disaster, war, and oppression and those who are the most disadvantaged and in need of emergency assistance.

OUR PRIESTS will be attending Emmaus this week at St. Vincent College in Latrobe along with Deacons and Seminarians in our Diocese. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Communion Services will be held Tuesday through Thursday at 7 a.m. in the Reed Street Chapel. Mass will be celebrated on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. in the Chapel.

THE EMMAUS PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, hear our prayer for the spiritual renewal of priests
.We praise you for giving their ministry to the church.
In these days, renew them with the gifts of Your Spirit.*

*You once opened the Scriptures to the disciples
on the road to Emmaus. Now renew your ordained ministers
with the truth and power of Your Word.*

*In Eucharist, you gave the Emmaus disciples renewed life and
hope. Nourish priests with your own Body and Blood.
Help them to imitate in their lives the death and resurrection
They celebrate at Your altar.*

*Give priests enthusiasm for the Gospel, zeal for the salvation
of all, courage in leadership, humility in service,
fellowship with one another and with all their
brothers and sisters in You.*

*For you love them Lord Jesus,
And we love and pray for them in your Name.
Amen.*



OUR ANNUAL FESTIVAL will take place in conjunction with Oil Heritage again this year. The dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 22, 23 and 24. Have you returned your sheet yet with the day(s) or times you will be able to help out? Please consider doing so soon so the committee doesn't have to call you. Your help is vital to the success of our Festival. Confirmation students or students needing service hours should consider volunteering. *Sign up sheets* can be found in the front of church. Please stop after Mass and volunteer to help out. We encourage Confirmation candidates for the coming year, students who need volunteer hours for school and families to consider giving a few hours of your time.

There is a blue envelope in your monthly packet marked for "festival offering" and can be placed in the regular collection any time this month.

Have you seen the beautiful hand made quilt entitled *A Spring Flower Garden* displayed at church that Mabel Lander has donated to raffle? Extra tickets are available at church or at the rectory for these or the 50/50, Steeler tailgate party, etc). Please return any unsold tickets. They can be left at church or returned with any sold tickets. This year we have added a Thursday night 50/50 since the Friday and Saturday raffles have been so successful in the past (prizes have been over \$900).

If anyone would like to sponsor a booth for \$50 it would be greatly appreciated and helps pay for prizes. Checks can be made out to St. Stephen Church Festival and put in the collection or dropped off at the rectory during normal business hours. Letters will be mailed to previous sponsors.

The Steeler Tailgate Party tickets are \$3 each or 2/\$5 and include 4 club seat tickets, 4 bleacher seat tickets, Gold Parking pass and a cooler of food and beverages (value of \$1,000).

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

The school office is open Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. until June 24. Please take care of business by that date, as the office will then be closed until August 9 with the same summer hours until August 30th when school resumes.

VCHS NEWS

A GOLF SCRAMBLE, sponsored by Fletcher's Garage in Fryburg, will be held Saturday, July 17 at Hi-Level Golf Course in Kossuth. The four person scramble begins with a 9 a.m. shotgun start, and the \$60 per golfer (\$240/team) fee includes greens fees, cart, continental breakfast, lunch and steak dinner, skill and tournament prizes. Call Hi-Level at 814-797-1813 to register and come join in the fun! Proceeds benefit VCHS Booster Club.

REGISTRATIONS are currently being accepted for St. Stephen and Venango Catholic Schools for Pre-K thru 12 for the upcoming 2010-11 school year. Scholarship and tuition assistance is available to families that qualify. Please contact Tina McMahon at 677-3098 for more information.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH will hold their Annual Rummage Sale on Friday, July 9th from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm and Saturday, July 10th from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at Venango Catholic High School. \$1.00 a bag for all two days for men and women's clothes only. Children's clothes priced separately. Household items, knick knacks and toys priced separately.



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.eriercd.org/>.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING and Adoption Services provides the following services: Individual family and couple counseling, pregnancy services and adoption services. These confidential services are provided regardless of race, age, handicap, or religious background. Call 676-8263 for more information or to set up an appointment.

DOES YOUR MARRIAGE SEEM TO HAVE LOOSE ENDS? Then it is time to re-connect! Time to improve communication, enrich and re-energize your relationship. Learn about Worldwide Marriage Encounter - a weekend to get away from jobs, chores, emails, family... and to focus only on each other. Contact wwme.eriepa@gmail.com or (814) 823-4600

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held Sunday, August 8 to Thursday, August 12 at the Willow Free Methodist Church directly behind OLHC from 6-8 p.m. Anyone wishing to register children or wanting to help, please call Dianne Phillips at 677-4004.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY ~ This weekend we honor our dads (grandpa's too). We thank them for all they have done throughout our lives and all they continue to do for our family in their role as spouse and dad. Take a moment to remember in a special way those who have gone before us, especially in the last year, and fathers who have lost their children.