



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

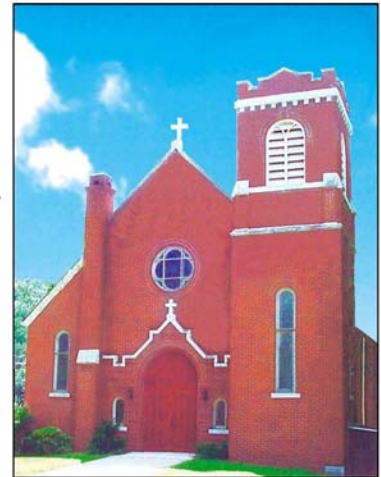
St. Venantius Church - 403 Main St., Rouseville

Sunday: 10:00 am

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday, 12:00 noon

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY August 2
7:00 AM Mary Guth (Lloyd & Marietta Brumbaugh)

TUESDAY August 3
7:00 AM Leonard Valeski (Ted Jasielski)

WEDNESDAY August 4, St. John Mary Vianney
7:00 AM Dorothy Rearick (The Rosary Society)

THURSDAY August 5
7:00 AM Joseph R. & Joseph W. Kamer (Family)

FRIDAY August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord
7:00 AM Joseph Huefner (Wife)

SATURDAY August 7
7:00 AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
(anonymous)
5:30 PM (Vigil) For Members of Our Parish Community

SUNDAY August 8, 19th Ordinary Sunday
7:30 AM Thomas Brzezinski (Family)
9:00 AM Emma Dudzic (Mom and Dad)
11:00 AM (St. Venantius) Dec'd Members of the
Rouseville Explorer Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts
(Tom Jarzab)
11:30 AM John T. Wasil (Assumption Golden Agers)

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY August 1

**11:00 AM ST. VENANTIUS
MASS & PICNIC
AT OIL CREEK STATE PARK
(EGBERT #8)**

FOOD COLLECTION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

TUESDAY August 3
11 AM-2 PM Primetime – Assumption BVM

FRIDAY August 6
7:30-9 AM Adoration – Reed St. Chapel

First Friday Communion Calls Throughout the Morning

SATURDAY August 7
10:00 AM Pre-Baptism Class – St. Patrick's
4:00 PM Confession - Church

Points to ponder from Fr. Matt

Jesus states emphatically, "One's life does not consist of one's possessions." To go beyond the tough economic times we have to "learn Jesus." Learning Jesus does not mean that we no longer know need, or hunger, or hard times. It is growth in the Spirit that allows us to lean on Jesus rather than any material or worldly security.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2-8

MON: Jer 28: 1-17/Mt 14:13-21
TUES:..... Jer 30:1-22/Mt 14:22-36
WED: Jer 3:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
THURS: Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
FRI: Dn 7:9-13/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9: 28-36
SAT: Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20
SUN:..... Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-19

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE ~ We pay a dear price trying to possess the biggest, best, fastest and latest. Satisfaction will never be spelled with letters: "SUV, DVD, IRA, and IPOD" but rather by the word of God in today's gospel: "Be on your guard against all greed." Happiness comes from those we love and who love us and not from gadgets because we are more than consumers.

THE FOOD COLLECTION this weekend will be taken up for Community Services. Please leave your donations in the blue bins provided at the entrances.

PRIME TIME will meet Tuesday, August 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Assumption. All are welcome to join with friends for bingo and cards. Get your foursome together and plan to attend (please bring your own cards). Those attending are asked to bring a bag lunch.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is currently conducting its Casey 300 Club ticket sale. These tickets are good for one year with the 1st drawing to be held on September 8th and every second Wednesday of the month thereafter. There are monthly prizes totaling \$425 with the final drawing in August of \$1,000, 3-\$250 and 10-\$50. If anyone would be interested in helping the Knights out by purchasing one of these tickets, call 677-0349 or 677-2081. The price is \$55 if paid in full or \$60 by installments.

MISSION APPEAL: Brother Terence Skorka, C.P., a representative of Passionist Overseas Missions, will be speaking to us at all Masses the weekend of August 14-15 about the vital work being done by the Passionist priests and brothers serving in their overseas mission territories. His visit to our parish is in conjunction with our participation in the annual Mission Cooperative Program for the Diocese of Erie.

ALL PARISHIONERS are asked to please notify the rectory with your change of address or phone number to keep our records accurate. It's been brought to our attention that many of the phone numbers we have are disconnected (realizing many may have shut off landlines and are using cell phones). Please help us keep our records accurate by notifying our office (677-3020).

SERVERS FOR – AUGUST 7-8

5:30 Ian Hidinger/Andrea Marshall
7:30 Robert Felmler/Bryanna Xander
9:00 Josh/Noah Puleo
11:30 Jenna/Paige Loll

LECTORS FOR – AUGUST 7-8

5:30 Fran Dlugos 9:00 Cindy Urban
7:30 Duane Mercer 11:30 Doug Kennedy

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS FOR – AUGUST 7-8

5:30 Donna Goodman, Sandra Kerchner, Karen Shepard, Susan Stewart, Rosemary Straub-Fulmer
7:30 Diana Staab/Jan Urban
9:00 Bob/Jan McCall/Tom McNellie, Joan Pfindler, Mary Vinopal
11:30 Ramona Carrow, Mary Chapman, Denny/Mary Clark, Sue Williams

THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH:

YOUR PRAYERS are requested for the happy repose of the souls of *Michael Balter*, brother of *Marge McMahan* who died recently. May he 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 BANNERS: *John M. Karian & Anna J. Petulla*

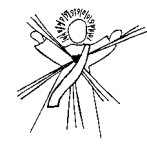
BLESSINGS TO newly baptized *Austin M. Katchur*, son of *Nicholas and Heather (Leta) Katchur* and to *Adam M. Giancola* son of *Sergio and Gilda Giancola*.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP at St. Venantius Church is burning this month in memory of *John Kelly* by his Family.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **CHAMBERLAIN'S MEMORIAL DETAILING SERVICE, 714 West Spruce St., Titusville**, for sponsoring an ad weekly in our bulletin.

SERVANTS OF ST. STEPHEN:



Many thanks to those who have so generously donated yarn, blankets or donations to our *Welcome Home* group that provide blankets for our newly baptized.

THE 2ND COLLECTION August 7-8 will be for the Church in Latin America. Since 1966, this annual collection has stood as a tangible demonstration of solidarity within the Catholic Church across the hemisphere. The proceeds continue to provide opportunities to our brothers and sisters in Latin America who, while lacking financial resources, are rich in faith and love for Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please use the envelope in your monthly packet.

PRIESTS EDUCATION & CARE: This month's envelope packet includes an envelope for this collection (August 22) which helps priests who serve or have served you throughout the Diocese. Your donation goes toward some of the extra costs of the care of our priests, such as retirement fund, continuing education, health care insurance, Emmaus, etc.

EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY



FIRST FRIDAY is August 6. Mass will be said at 7 a.m. in the Reed Street Chapel. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from the conclusion of the Mass until 9 a.m. in the Chapel. Fr. Matt, Msgr. Karg and a Eucharistic Minister will visit and take Communion to those unable to get to church. Please call the Rectory at 677-3020 by Wednesday if you know someone needing a visit.

ST. VENANTIUS MASS/PICNIC will be held at Oil Creek State Park (Egbert #8) TODAY (Sunday) beginning with Mass at 11 a.m. at the park (Note: NO Mass at church). Those attending are asked to bring a well-filled tureen and your own table service.

RELIGIOUS ED. NEWS: Parents of **new** students who need signed up for Religious Ed. Classes this year should contact Dianne Phillips at 677-4004 Tuesday through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon.



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. This is a great way to do service hours for Confirmation as well as VC & 8th Grade.

A COMBINED FAMILY PICNIC for the Catholic Faith Community of the Oil City Area will be held Sunday, August 15th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Oil City K of C. Hamburgers and Hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a tureen dish to share. . Come and share in this time of fun and fellowship with our parish communities.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) ~ Do you know someone considering becoming a Catholic? We also invite those who have been away from our faith or who may never have celebrated Confirmation in their youth, to join us. Why not encourage a spouse, parent, friend or neighbor to consider joining us? Sessions will begin in September. Please call the rectory at 677-3020 if you are interested.

STEELER TAILGATE PARTY tickets will be sold until the drawing date of August 8. The game is Aug. 14 vs. Detroit. Cost is \$3 each or 2/\$5 and include 4 club seat tickets, 4 bleacher seat tickets, a Gold parking pass and a cooler of food and beverages with a value of \$1,000! Drawing will take place after the 11:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit Venango Catholic & St. Stephen Festival.



ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL: St. Joseph Church, Oil City, will host its Annual Summer Festival on the grounds (corner of Washington and Seeley Avenues) on August 6th and 7th, from 6 pm to 11 pm each evening. Food Booths, Baked Goods and Parish Raffle Booths will open at 6 pm. Games and other activities will begin at 7:00 pm. Food, games and prizes. Our Refreshment Booth will serve chili dogs, hamburgers, hot sausage and meatball sandwiches. We will also feature, Maria's Mexican Booth, Chinese auction, and baked goods booth. There will be plenty of games and prizes. Raffles include, Rosary Quilt, Bed and Bath Accessories, One Year Golf Membership to Cross Creek Resort, Sunday Brunch Raffles to Cross Creek, Bacon/Ham/Roast Beef Raffles. There will be a Grand Prize raffle of \$2,000.00. Plan to attend each evening and bring the family.

ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL NEWS

The school office is closed until August 9. At that time, summer hours will resume (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) until August 31st.

SCRIP NEWS: The school continues to place orders throughout the summer. Drop off orders to the school office between 9-10 a.m. Monday, August 9 with pick up Thursday, August 12.

Registrations for kindergarten through grade 8 are now being accepted. Tuition assistance is available for qualified applicants through the Children's Scholarship Fund.

VCHS NEWS

Registrations for the 2010-2011 school years are now being accepted. For more information, call the school at 677-3098 or visit vchsinfo@gmail.com. Tuition assistance is available for qualified applicants through the Children's Scholarship Fund.

A CASINO BUS TRIP to Seneca Allegany Casino is set for August 19. Cost is \$30 (bonus given at the casino is \$35 in slot coin. The bus departs VC parking lot at 9 a.m. and from the casino at 5 p.m. Contact Connie Sporer at 673-5225 to reserve your seat.



FESTIVAL WINNERS: Congratulations to the following winners at our parish Festival last weekend: The quilt was won by Joan Sonoski. The Big Money was won by Agnes Moffett, Sue O'Neil and Brandon Kennedy. 50/50 winners were: Lucille Szalawicz-Thursday Linda Staup-Friday and Vic & Lynn Mutz-Saturday. The Pittsburgh Baskets were won by Connie Sporer; Jen Williams, Jennifer Flannigan and Sue Winger. The leather Steeler jacket was won by Fran Kleszc.

Winners of the Chinese Auction items were: Home interior Pkg.-Tina Deeter; Wilton Armetale Serveware-Carl McClain; Steeler Snowman jacket/gloves-Georgine Lastoria; Kids summer beach pkg.-Paula Eismont; Pampered Chef glasses-Joe Reinsel; electric grill-Kelly Harris; Handmade purse-Matt Basil; Inspirational basket-Joseph Bechtel; Childs desk w/easel-Amber Oakes; Little Tikes hauler-Karlye Gelts; Travel Tote and Avon Watch-Malachy McMahon; Cooper baseball glove, balls and Pirates t-shirt-Diana Langford; Spilling the Beans Basket-Lisa Roess; Blue necklace/earring set-Pam Shefchunas; Cuisinart toaster-Jane Bell; picture frame basket-Karen Koyack; \$30 Citgo gift card-Kathy Lynch; \$50 Giant Eagle/Get Go gift card-Deacon Reed; \$25 Bob Evans gift card-Michelle Farren; \$50 Savings Bond from First United National Bank-Connie Hall; \$25 Applebee gift card-Matt Durney; \$25 Bath/Body gift card-Paula Eismont; \$25 Giant Eagle-Get Go gift card-Erica Haubrich; \$35 Riverside Drive Car Wash gift certificates-Dot Monahan; \$25 Red Lobster Gift Card-Max Ryczko; \$25 Gift card to Jessica Young's Massage Therapy-Louanne Fletcher; Ladies Spa basket-Kristen Kluck; Creative Memories Keepsake display-Dawn Salata; Black metal hanging candle w/globe-Sherry Miller; Fire bowl wood outside wood burner-Susan Gault; MP 3 player-Erica Haubrich; 3 Thomas Kinkade Old World Santa's-Steve Eismont; 31 piece "her tools" with case-Cindy Brzezinski; Pfister chrome bathroom faucet-Malachy McMahon; Waterpik Sensonic professional toothbrush-Dale Olson; 16 pc. Temp-tations oven to table set-Mareeta Durney; Rachael Ray stoneware casseroles/cookbook-Pat Strickenberger; kitchen basket-Carolyn Watson; Tote bag on wheels and wet pack carrier-Evelyn Wheeler; cooler on wheels-Melanie Deeter. The 32" Samsung TV was won by Dot Monahan.

A NEW PRAYER PETITION list will be in the Baptistry for pick up after ALL MASSES this weekend.