



St. Florian Parish

The new St. Florian...
Good ideas going forward



A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2009

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 PM
Sunday, 9:00 and 11:00 AM
Weekdays: 8:00 AM
Holy Days: As Announced

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4 - 4:40 PM

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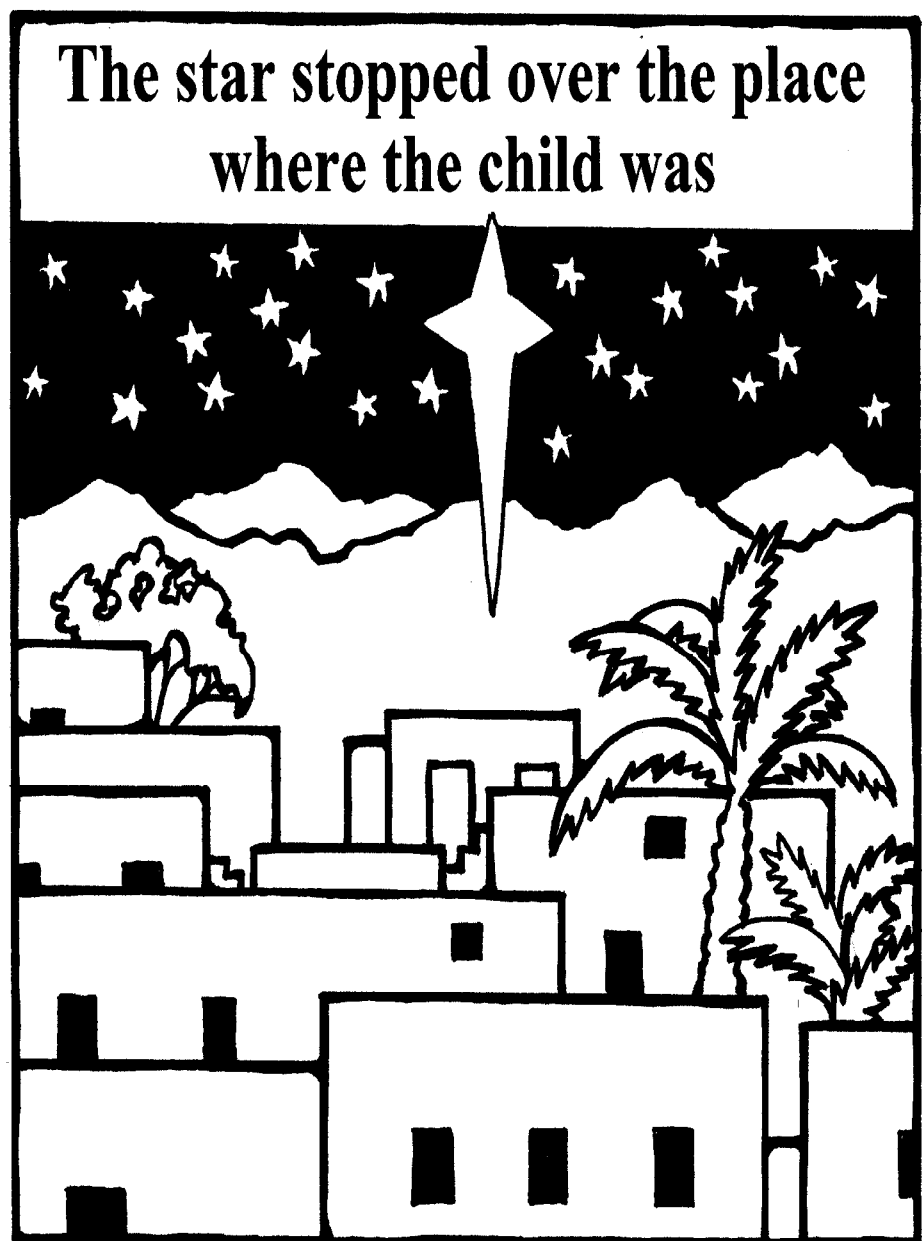
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8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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Staff:

Pastor:
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Business Mgr: Jerry Spallino
Directors of Faith Formation:
Toni Chovanec & Ruth Apone
Organists:
Mary Jane Makar,
Asst. Choir Director
Steven Makar
Dr. Steve Whisdosh,
Choir Director
Preschool, Dir: Lottie Hirak
Preschool, Aide: Karen Dlugos
Parish Secretary: Pat Lucas




The star stopped over the place
where the child was

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Jan. 3 5:00 PM +John Patrick Altman by Sharyn & Terry Jackson; +Robert Klinchock, 30th Anniversary by Mary Ann Klinchock & Family
Sunday, Jan. 4 9:00 AM +Richard C. Barnhart by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mizikar; +Gerald Farzati by Ed, Karen & Megan
Sunday, Jan. 4 11:00 AM +Joe Swiderski, Birthday Remembrance by Family; +Agnes Pinskey by Dorothy (Pinskey) Bray
Monday, Jan. 5 8:00 AM +John Altman by Patty Boric
Tuesday, Jan. 6 8:00 AM + Agnes Sickora by Marjorie Wierzbowski
Wednesday, Jan. 7 8:00 AM +Regis Adamrovich by Mr. Mrs. Dick Mizikar
Thursday, Jan. 8 8:00 AM +Lib Hubert by John & Florence Dzuban
Friday, Jan. 9 +Ann Yarabinec by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hricik
Saturday, Jan. 10 5:00 PM +Ralph Richard by Family; Pauline Yanetsky by Larry Yanetsky
Sunday, Jan. 11 9:00 AM +James Budney by Jack & Ellen Eisaman; +Michael Mizikar & Anna Mizikar by Thomas & Ellona Pendrick & Family
Sunday, Jan. 11 11:00 AM +Mary Stefl by Mary Stefl & Fred; +Ted Suscovich by Ron and Anna Mary Somers

Sanctuary Light , Week of January 4, 2009
 In Memory of
Adam Skowronski
 By Bertha Lewis

 The soul of William Bilik
 Pray for ... Those in the hospital including Helen Kashin, Lillian Cervenak, Ruth Apone

PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE
 As a society, during these days we can be in something of a “postpartum” depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression “partners in the promise.” This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 3, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM
 Lector..... H. Rylander
 Eucharistic Ministers ... K. Kelly, T. Jackson, D. Shimko, J. Lesko
 Altar Servers..... Bitner Family
Sunday, January 4, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM
 Lector..... B. Mizikar
 Eucharistic MinistersJ. Macey, J. Lawrence, D. Mizikar, D. Dickinson
 Altar Servers.....A. & H. Macey, R. Dickinson
Sunday, January 4, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM
 Lector..... J. Mizikar
 Eucharistic MinistersM. Klimchock, C.&J. Myers,C. Stercho
 Altar Servers.....T. Stercho, H. Kromer, J. Prue
Saturday, January 10, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM
 Lector..... R. Mizikar
 Eucharistic Ministers J. Mizikar, K. Kelly, H. Rylander, J. Lesko
 Altar Servers..... N. Hicks, K. Bulebosh, B. Fullman
Sunday, January 11, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM
 Lector.....D. Dick
 Eucharistic Ministers T. Jackson, D. Shimko, E. Zider, W. Bossart
 Altar Servers.....E. Uhrin, M. Juliano
Sunday, January 11, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM
 Lector.....M. Johnson
 Eucharistic Ministers S. D’Amico, S. Makar, K. Johnson , L. Yanek
 Altar Servers..... L. & Z. D’Amico, K. Johnson

THIS WEEK

Faith Formation Classes Resume Monday, 6:30 PM
 Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting Wednesday, 7:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17,23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4,6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1087 and on Sunday, #900.


DID YOU KNOW THAT STEWARDSHIP IS AS EASY AS...
GETTING ON BOARD AT THE NEW ST. FLORIAN



The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2009
 All kings shall pay him homage,
 all nations shall serve him.
 — Psalm 72:11

*Don't forget -
 Make your reservation for
 the St. Florian
 Discipleship Award
 Dinner.*

SEEKING SOLUTIONS

"IF WE ARE THE BODY"

A parishioner recently gave me the following which is based on James 2:1-9 and 1 John 5:19-21. The words are by Mark Hall.

It's crowded in worship today
 As she slips in trying to fade into the faces.
 The girls' teasing laughter is carrying farther
 than they know.
 Farther than they know.

*But if we are the body
 Why aren't His arms reaching?
 Why aren't His hands healing?
 Why aren't His words teaching?
 And if we are the body
 Why aren't His feet going?
 Why is His love not showing them there is a way.?
 There is a way.*

A traveler is far away from home.
 He sheds his coat and quietly sinks into the
 back row.
 The weight of their judgmental glances
 Tells him that his chances are better out on the
 road.

Jesus paid much too high a price
 For us to pick and choose who should come
 And we are the body of Christ.
 Jesus is the way.

Faith Formation classes will resume on Monday, January 5 at 6:30 PM.

Blessing of the Home The blessing of the home is a tradition that comes to us from the Eastern Churches. Part of the legend of the Magi deals with their visits to many homes on the way to Bethlehem. They were in search of the child and were offered hospitality by some. If you would like a blessing packet to initiate this tradition in your own home, contact Toni Chovanec, Director of Faith Formation, at 724-423-5087.

2008 CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

Anyone wishing to receive a record of their 2008 contributions to Forty Martyrs, St. Florian or St. Stanislaus for tax purposes is asked to please, contact the office. You will be able to pick up your records at the back of church beginning January 17, 2009.

FINANCE & PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

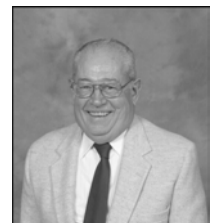
There will be a brief meeting of both councils on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at 7:00 PM in the rectory conference room. Please make every effort to attend.

TIME AND TALENT REGISTRY

If you did not have an opportunity to complete your Time and Talent form, please do so as soon as possible. There are extra forms available at the back of church. We will be collating the lists for the various areas within the next week and want to give the ministry coordinators complete lists at that time. **REMEMBER: YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR EACH MINISTRY YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN EVEN IF YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED PREVIOUSLY.**

*GOD CALLS YOU
 BY NAME...*

John Vidakovich



THANK YOU!

To all who helped decorate the church, inside and out, for Christmas!

MISSION TRIP DONATIONS

Mark D'Amico, one of our parishioners and a junior at St. Vincent College will be traveling to Sao Paulo, Brazil on a mission trip with St. Vincent's Campus Ministry in February. He would kindly like to ask for monetary donations to help with the funding of the trip, and would greatly appreciate any assistance provided to help spread the word of God and attempt to bring some joy to some of the less fortunate people of the world.

ST. VINCENT GET ACQUAINTED DAY

HIGH SCHOOL juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, on Sunday, January 18. Registration is from 11:30 to 11:45 a.m., followed by an introduction to Saint Vincent College and a student panel as well. The day will conclude at 3 p.m. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. For information or reservations, phone 1-800-782-5549, e-mail admission@stvincent.edu, or register online at www.stvincent.edu.

The New St. Florian "Discipleship Award"

Every day of every year, there are individuals who give their time and talent to our church for no pay and with little recognition. I'm sure all of you can think of individuals from all three parishes -- and even people in the community outside of our church -- who stand out because they go the extra mile to help us in some way. I wish we would recognize every one. Instead, we are inviting all parishioners to a thank-you dinner to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism that keeps our church running, and to present "The New St. Florian Church Discipleship Award" for exemplary service. In the future, we will present this highest volunteer award to one person each year. In this the first year of the program, we will be honoring more than one individual so that all three former parishes are represented.

Congratulations!

An ad hoc committee representing all three former parishes selected four individuals who have made exemplary contributions of time and talent to their church. The 2008 recipients are:

Annamarie Grec

A longtime member of Forty Martyrs, Annamarie is known for her cooking and her commitment to serving her church as well as many community organizations for more than 60 years;

Georgann Malesky

Although she has been a member of St. Florian all her life, Georgann has provided important service to all three of our churches as a volunteer for our pre-school program;

Juanita Mizikar

A member of St. Florian, Juanita is a go-to person for everything from baking to office help. She recently took it upon herself to organize and coordinate the cemetery records.

Posthumously

The late Leo Sroka

As the longtime custodian for St. Stanislaus, Leo was the faithful first contact for everything that took place at the church -- from special occasions and festivals, to the simple but vital task of making sure the doors were opened and locked as needed. He held more than the keys to the church; he continues to hold a special place in the hearts of all who knew him.

You will be hearing more about all of these individuals in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, please join me in congratulating our four award recipients and their families, and please plan to attend the Vigil Mass and Dinner Reception on **Saturday, January 31** as we say thank-you to all of you for all that you do.

-- Father McGuirk

The New St. Florian Church "Discipleship Award" Dinner Reservation Form

Name _____ Number attending _____
(Please Print)

Phone number _____



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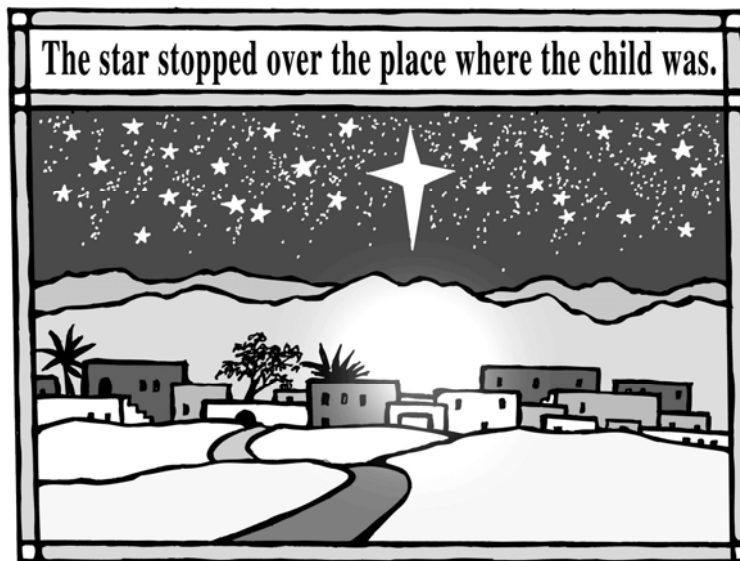
COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ◇ **St. Cecilia Church Bingo** ~ Sunday, January 4 ~ Doors open at 1 PM; bingo starts @ 2 PM ~ Mystery Jug, Specials, 50/50 & more ~ Refreshments available
- ◇ **Afternoon Bingo** ~ Tuesday, January 6th @ 3:00 PM ~ At 1133 Village Way, Latrobe ~ Benefits Adelphoi USA ~ Free dessert and coffee

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Anyone interested in helping to plan this year's festival, please come to an important meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009 @ 7:00 PM in the social hall.

Come help to determine the date for the festival!



The Epiphany of the Lord

WHAT WILL THE NEIGHBORS THINK?

It must have been quite a sight on the streets of Bethlehem as the magi, those star-searchers, made their way to the house of Joseph (in Matthew's Gospel the Holy Family are residents of Bethlehem until the flight to Egypt). Imagine the wonder that filled the eyes of the neighborhood children as this caravan made its way. Matthew doesn't tell us many specifics about them (he never numbers them as three or calls them "kings"), but travel was hard in that time, and "safety in numbers" was the rule for making a long trek. Most likely it was a lengthy cortege that wound its way under the guidance of that star. If the celestial phenomenon that guided them there hadn't already excited the village, the arrival of these women and men (in the ancient world astrologers and sign-readers were frequently female) with their dromedaries, unusual clothing, foreign ways—and gifts!—certainly would have roused the neighbors. News travels fast in small towns, and imagine the surprise when it was learned where these travelers stopped.

DON'T BE FOOLED

We can include the magi on our list of role models in faith for the season. They were not Jews, but were willing to follow a route that led to an insignificant and troublesome Roman province. When they were led to the Holy Family's humble abode in Bethlehem they did not say, "No way! This can't be the place. It's too lowly, they're not affluent enough." They simply bowed down and worshiped Jesus the Christ, in a scene that prefigures the disciples bowing to worship him later in Matthew's Gospel after his resurrection. These sign-seekers were willing to be led by their wonder, ready to persist in their journey, not knowing where the quest for their revelation would lead them, but open to its possible presence anywhere. We, like they, must be ready to seek the *epiphania*, the manifestation of God, earnestly and honestly, and be prepared to bow in worship when we find it.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12