



St. Florian Parish

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



A Parish of the
Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania
Charitable Trust

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 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

Phone Numbers:

Administrative Center:
(724)423-4431
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(724)423-4438
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423-5087

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Activities Bldg. 423-4437

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8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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Staff:

Pastor:
Rev. William C. McGuirk
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



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MASS INTENTIONS

- 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; +William Bilik by Children
- Monday, Jan. 12** 8:00 AM +Dorothy Richard by Family
- Tuesday, Jan. 13** 8:00 AM +Michael Tandaric by Bill & Gloria Daugherty
- Wednesday, Jan. 14** 8:00 AM +Paul J. Bitner by Leona Weir
- Thursday, Jan. 15** 8:00 AM +James Rinier by Dolores & Renny Rinier
- Friday, Jan. 16** +George Palcic by Marge & Agnes Palcic
- Saturday Jan. 17** 5:00 PM +Joseph Tirdil by Wife Betty & Sons; +Paul J. Bitner, First Anniversary by Wife Pat, Children & Grandchildren
- Sunday, Jan. 18** 9:00 AM +Terry Lucotch, Anniversary by Lucotch Family; +Walter Herczyk by Mr. & Mrs. John P. Rusnock & Family
- Sunday, Jan. 18** 11:00 AM +Elizabeth Feddock by

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, January 17, 2009 ~ 5:00 PM

Lector..... T. Chovanec
 Eucharistic Ministers J. Lawrence, D. Dickinson, D. Gardner, J. Lesko
 Altar Servers..... N. & J. Chovanec, A. Miscovich

Sunday, January 18, 2009 ~ 9:00 AM

Lector..... L. Yanetsky
 Eucharistic Ministers C. & J. Myers, M. Yuhas
 Altar Servers..... J. Lucas, A. & T. Salopek

Sunday, January 18, 2009 ~ 11:00 AM

Lector..... D. Shimko
 Eucharistic Ministers M. Klimchok, M. Ceroni, E. Zider, J. Mizikar
 Altar Servers..... J. Scekeres, F. & L. Severa

THIS WEEK

Rite of Welcoming Sunday, 11:00 Mass
 Festival Committee Meeting Monday, 7:00 PM
 Prayer Shawl Tuesday, 1:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

Sunday: Is 42:1-4,6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5,11/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20/
 Jn 1:35-42

*In addition to the above, you can find weekday Psalms in Gather at #1103 and on Sunday, #984.

DID YOU KNOW THAT STEWARDSHIP IS AS EASY AS...

RECYCLING YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Sanctuary Light , Week of January 11 2009
 In Memory of

Carl Raishart
 By Wife Mary Ann



Those in the hospital including John Vidakovich, Mary Forish



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**The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2009**

A voice came down from the heavens, saying
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”
Matthew 3:17

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

SEEKING SOLUTIONS

I have a cousin in Butler County who uses GEO-THERMAL energy in heating his home. He and his wife have a large pond and have run pipe into the pond which circulates 55 degree water into the furnace. This means the house would stay at 55 degrees even if the gas were turned off. They save money because their furnace heats the 55 degree water rather than say 32 degree cold air. This softens their carbon footprint.

The last Sunday of Advent I distributed the economic report for the parish. Roughly 1/3 of our billing is connected to energy costs. Imagine if we could come up with ways like my cousin and his family to save energy and to save money.

If you use solar or geothermal methods at home or in your business the Finance Council and I want to hear from you. If you have other similar ideas, please submit them in a one page letter to me or directly to the Finance Council by Sunday, 4 February 2009.

New Ideas Going Forward

We would like to start to offer families the opportunity to contribute floral arrangements each weekend in honor of/in memory of a loved one. This will give you another option if a date is not available for a Mass intention. We are working with a local florist to determine the costs and other details. We hope to have the details in place in the near future so watch the bulletin for specifics.



We welcome to the Church, through the sacrament of Baptism, Harlen Joseph Brehun, son of Joseph and Stephanie (Proud) Brehun.

Please keep this young family in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

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.

Altar Servers: If you are unable to minister at the scheduled time, please contact a replacement.

Youth Ministry Meeting will be on Sunday, January 25 from 6:00 – 7:30 in the youth room. All youth in grades 5 – 8 are invited. Upcoming activities and the schedule for 2009 will be discussed.

The Conversion of St. Paul will be the topic of our Family Faith night that will be held from 6:30 – 7:45 on Monday, January 19th. All youth enrolled in our Religious Education program and their families should plan to attend.

MEALS ON WHEELS BAKERS

The following are scheduled to bake for Meals on Wheels for the week of January 19, 2009:

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| Marge Appleby | Gloria Balog | Teresa Banks |
| Ann Beveridge | Pat Bitner | Betty Bohatch |
| Louise Brehun | Diane Bulebosh | Pat Bush |

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...

Dorothy and Nick Vidakovich



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!

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 by phone or e-mail (plucas@dioceseofgreensburg.org) You will be able to pick up your records at the back of church beginning January 17, 2009.

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:

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| 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. |
| <i>Posthumously</i>
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

- ◇ **Afternoon Bingo** ~ Tuesday, January 13th @ 3:00 PM ~
At 1133 Village Way, Latrobe ~ Benefits Adelphoi USA
~ Free dessert and coffee
- ◇ **Christians Uniting Meeting** ~ Thursday, January 15, 7:00
PM @ Pleasant Unity United Methodist Church
- ◇ **All-You-Can-Eat Pancake, Egg & Sausage Breakfast** ~
Sunday, January 18, 8 AM - 12 noon ~ @ Visitation Com-
munity Center, Mt. Pleasant ~ Adults: \$5; Children, 10 &
under: \$2.50; toddlers: Free ~ Buckwheat cakes and take-
out available ~ Tickets can be purchased @ door

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HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL INVITATION

The Saint Luke Society of the Diocese of Greensburg will have their meeting Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. at The Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. Membership and dues are now being accepted for the year 2009.

All Catholic health care personnel are encouraged to attend. For further information call 724-837-3805.

Letter from Catholic Charities:

"This holiday season is especially difficult for many families trying to provide for their children. Catholic Charities would like to thank you for the sincere gestures of hope and love you have displayed through the donation of gifts for the children at Christmas. You have helped many restore the hope that kindness continues to exist in our world. We appreciate being the beneficiary of your kind heart and goodwill and the opportunity to pass these gifts along at this very special time of year."

The Baptism of the Lord

FRIEND OR FOE?

Water is a rich and potent symbol. We all know that no life on earth would be possible without it. We use it for our sustenance, our cleansing, our relaxation; it touches nearly every facet of human life, and its absence is soon noted. Without it, the grain, wine, milk, and other "rich fare" from Isaiah would not be possible. The messianic age is characterized as a time of abundance and fertility, not attainable without water. It was a precious commodity in Jesus' world. Water has its dark, dangerous side as well—the chaos of the dawn of creation was symbolized by water, the earth was destroyed (and still knows destruction) by the waters of the flood. Israel risked it all in the waters of the Red Sea as they fled Egypt and entered the desert. In similar fashion, today Jesus risks it all in his calling as Son of God and, like the Israel whose son he also was, he will enter the desert in the next few verses of Mark's Gospel.

THICKER THAN WATER

Another powerful life symbol is blood. Like water, it is essential. John's letter today tells us that three things testify to Jesus as the Son of God: water, blood, and the Spirit. Today's feast forms a hinge of sorts between the two great "water and blood" moments in the life of Jesus. It is the culmination of the season of the Nativity, the time when we remember and celebrate that Jesus came into the world as a fully human being, in water and blood. It is also the day on which he begins his public ministry of calling Israel to repentance by proclaiming the reign of God, a ministry that will ultimately end in water and blood as he is crucified. But hovering over all of this is the Holy Spirit. It is by the Spirit that Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary; it is the Spirit who guides his entire ministry from Jordan to Calvary; and it will be the Spirit who brings his resurrected life back to the world, who continues it to this very day in the waters of baptism and the blood of disciples, by which his Body, the Church, is still proclaiming the reign of God to the world.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11